



# BRANCHES



## PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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### October 2020

**SUNDAYS at 10:00 am**  
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#### **OCTOBER 4 FOOD AND CULTURE**

Rev. Rachel Christensen; with Worship Associate John Barr  
What are the elements of our personal and American culture that shapes our choices in food? And how do our choices in food shape our relationships, our ways of being together?

#### **OCTOBER 11 OPEN MINDEDNESS AND THE ART OF LISTENING**

Rev. Rachel Christensen; with Worship Associates Tricia Most and Diana McFadden  
UUs pride themselves on being open to learning. How might we improve on our listening skills? In the time of Coronavirus, we find ourselves more focused on what is really important, and how we might bring profound change to the things that matter. How can our deep listening help us in this work?

#### **OCTOBER 18 LIVING WITH THE UNCERTAINTY PRINCIPLE**

Rev. Rachel Christensen; with Worship Associates Clark Ritz and Nori Myrdon-Ward  
The results of the vote after the polls close may be unclear for days or perhaps weeks. What will that look like and how do we navigate it?

#### **OCTOBER 25 HONORING OUR ANCESTORS AND ANTICIPATING OUR DESCENDANTS**

Guest Speakers Penny Hughes and Eldritch; with Worship Associates Ebony Contreras and Clark Ritz  
After the Autumnal Equinox, cultures in the Northern Hemisphere deeply felt the waning of Summer and the coming of Winter. Taking inspiration from nature, Celtic, Slavic and Germanic cultures recognized this time of year as the turning of a new year, a time to reflect on what was lost and what would come. We consider honoring our Ancestors and anticipating our Descendants through celebrations of Samhain, All Souls Day, All Hallow's Eve and Halloween. Penney and Eldritch follow a Pagan path and are coordinating this service. They ask you to consider something serious (sending in names of family and friends you have lost this past year) and something festive (send photos of your Halloween costumes) to Worship Associate Ebony Contreras at [etaras1@yahoo.com](mailto:etaras1@yahoo.com). (No need to wear costumes for the service, just send photos to Ebony in advance, please).

### MINISTER'S NOTES



Dear Ones,

I feel like I am reeling from the state of the world right now. The fires in California and the huge number of hurricanes, both clearly affected and made more prevalent by Global Warming. Continuing protests about the risk of living while Black, and the dribbling out of news from one city after another about a Black man who was killed in police custody. On-going violence or suggestions of violence, claiming it in the name of law and order, when the actions of such violence are the antithesis of law and order. Active efforts to limit who gets to vote, to undermine voter confidence in the voting process, and to limit the counting of mail-in ballots. Threats to the peaceful transition of power and the office of the Presidency, and the corresponding planning of what to do if that appears to manifest. The rush to confirm a new Supreme Court Justice so that the sitting court will be in place to rule on the outcome of and potential challenge to the election. Ongoing deaths from Coronavirus, and still no clear overall policy to limit its spread and document cases.

Whew! It is sometimes overwhelming and we each have to find a way to cope. I see an analogy here to Ebony Contreras' sermon, where she urged us to engage Black Lives Matter one person, one neighborhood at a time. Find one thing you can do, one thing I can do, to engage with the state of the world and act to move things to a more positive standing.

We bought a flag. We bought and mounted an American Flag and hung it on our porch, because it seemed to me that the image of patriotism has been politicized and is being used divisively. I wanted to provide a demonstration of our hope and belief in our American system of laws and voting. We hung the flag next to a sign supporting my preferred candidate for President. Two flags, two images. One small thing we have done. Not enough, not all, but something.

May you find your way to doing something to help you find a place of hope and possibility in your life in the days and weeks to come.

In love,

*Rev. Rachel* [minister@pbuuc.org](mailto:minister@pbuuc.org)

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## PBUUC Leadership Directory

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Exploration Team (MRET)	Kathleen Bartolomeo
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### 🌀 Groups and Activities 🌀

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Community Learning Center	Carmelita Carter-Sykes
Creative Force Writers Group	Ebony Contreras
Food for Thought	Mary Rooker
Handcraft Circle	Ebeth Porter
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Men's Group	Keith Miller
Mental Health Support Group	Alice Tyler
Mom's Group	Penney Hughes
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Quest Discussion Group	Tess Morrison
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SAC Special Collections Coordinator	Carmelita Carter-Sykes
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The Rev. Rachel Rudd Christensen

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<a href="#">Church Administrator</a>	Charles D. Bury, MBA
<a href="#">Bookkeeper</a>	Hannah Oshin
<a href="#">Administrative Assistant</a>	Philip Browne
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### Office Volunteers

Elizabeth Scheiman & Mary Massey (Alternating Tuesdays)	Janet Overton (Fridays)
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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Happy Fall Members and Friends of Paint Branch,

As we enter into the fall season, we welcome Reverend Rachel back from her vacation and look forward to this year's annual auction beginning in a few weeks. We hope that you all will join us for one or more of the virtual auction sessions. It is a time of fun and fellowship for our Paint Branch family. It is also an important fundraiser for our congregation. Our first virtual auction in the spring was a big success, and I expect that this one will be just as fabulous. We thank all those helping to make this annual event happen.

This month the Board of Trustees continued to discuss when and how we will begin to hold small meetings of members at Paint Branch. At this time, we reconfirm that we will not be approving any further PBUUC in-person events for now. This includes any event held by members or friends on the property of Paint Branch or events held elsewhere that are led or facilitated by Paint Branch staff or leadership. We recognize that this may be unwelcome news for some, but the safety and well-being of our members and friends is our top priority. We look forward to a time in the not-too-distant future when we can once again see each other in person.

The board also established a team to work towards investigating how to respond to incidents on our property that may, in the past, have led to immediate police contact. It is our responsibility to respond in a way that both affirms our values as UUs and considers the safety of all persons who may be involved in any given situation. As we end a summer when we have witnessed police violence that resulted in a lack of appropriate accountability, the General Assembly adopted an Action of Immediate Witness Calling for systematic change in policing and the interactions our congregations have with police, and our own DARRT committee adopted the 8th UU Principle and pledges to begin a conversation for congregation-wide adoption, it is time that we take these steps to make sure we are fully living into our values. The established team will explore best practices and reach out to Paint Branch staff and committees for insight and recommendations. How we respond matters.

The Board also continues to work towards making the governance systems of Paint Branch and the Board itself clear and transparent. We look forward to our Leadership Retreat happening on October 17th and have heard updates from our board working groups on Governance, Standard Operating Procedures, and Growing a Thriving Congregation. Please review the board reports for this month if you are interested in learning more about this important work.

Finally, as I end my letter, I want to thank all those who responded to the vandalization of our Black Lives Matter Sign. Thank you to Chuck, who created a temporary repair until something more permanent could be established and filed a report with the authorities. Thank you to the members of

BAG and DARRT for working together so quickly to replace the damaged sign and making recommendations about future steps we can take to increase security and visibility for this important physical statement that we affirm the dignity and worth of every human. We will not let hate win at Paint Branch. I am blessed and humbled to be a part of this congregation full of people working tirelessly for justice in our community and world.

With hope,

*Melissa Graham*, Chair, Board of Trustees

## Fall aUUction 2020

### Enjoy Four Entertaining Afternoons in October and November



We recommend that you take some breaks from worrying about the state of our nation's democracy, from the worry about contracting a deadly virus, from the stress of home-schooling while working from home, and from the humiliation of standing up to reveal that you are only professionally dressed from the waist up while on a Zoom job interview. Our prescription is that you plan to attend all four zoom auction events because we will be focused on amusing you with Paint Branch-oriented entertainment. We are hoping that some performances will warm your heart and your sense of connection, and that other performances will provide belly laughs.

Meanwhile, the online auction will still be a fundraiser. The catalog donations will be creatively different during this 2020 Autumn Auction, and some of us may not be doing much bidding. Come anyway and enjoy Paint Branch-style comradery. The 2020 Autumn Auction will be a kind of celebration of who we are and why we are UU's and, especially, why we love this Paint Branch community we continue to create together, despite adversity. The dates of our Sunday 4 o'clock online auction events are October 18, October 25, November 8, and November 15. Please reserve these times for some fun.

The link to the 2020 [Autumn Auction website](http://charityauction.bid/2020AutumnAuction) (which, I realize doesn't look like a web address, but I swear it works) is <http://charityauction.bid/2020AutumnAuction>

We are still entering donations into the catalog, including those you have yet to email to [Patricia\\_Most@msn.com](mailto:Patricia_Most@msn.com)

The 2020 Autumn Auction includes a 'Paddle Raise' with the goal of raising \$4,750 to enhance Paint Branch's online presence through the purchase of new equipment; professional services to improve our website; and the professional recording of three chalice dances in the Glen. You can go to <http://charityauction.bid/2020AutumnAuction> the [aUUction website](http://charityauction.bid/2020AutumnAuction) and follow instructions there on how to contribute to this 'Paddle Raise' goal.



## RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

### Family Worship Topics in October

Please plan to zoom into our fun, informative, and informal 4 o'clock Saturday Family Worship planned for the month of October.

**This Saturday, October 3**, at 4 pm, Kathy Darlington is leading "Minecraft Mythology." Please note that the recipes and equipment lists for our "Books and Cooks" planned for later in the month on October 17 will be discussed so that families can plan ahead to have all the needed ingredients on hand.

**On October 10**, the topic for our Family Worship will be led by Kathy Darlington and will focus on Hispanic Heritage Month. A Dia de Los Muertos video will be included.

**On October 17**, our Family Worship "Books and Cooks" will be led by Caroline Ritz and Kathy Darlington and will include an apple-oriented recipe and the story and legacy of Johnny Appleseed.

**On October 24**, our Family Worship topic will be LGBTQ+ history and will be led by Reese Myrdon.

**On October 31**, Kathy Darlington will lead us with Grandpa's Ghost Stories and a virtual Halloween Party. Attendees are encouraged to wear costumes, funny hats or mismatched clothes.

~ Kathy Darlington & Tricia Most, MRET CoChairs

## You're Invited to Light the Chalice



Lighting the chalice is a sacred ritual that we hold dear at Paint Branch. Many consider it an honor or a meaningful way to connect and fellowship with the rest of our community. The Worship Associates want to invite interested congregants (individuals and families) who have never lit the chalice before to light a chalice during Worship Services.

The Worship Associates will provide all the support needed. If you don't have a physical chalice, you can light a virtual chalice by changing your Zoom background to the image of a lit chalice (images can be found through Google). You can also use a candle placed on a saucer, use the virtual chalice lighter found on the [WorshipWeb smartphone app](#), draw a picture of a chalice, or you may have another creative idea. Please know that 'live' Chalice Lighters are asked to attend a brief rehearsal that starts sometime between 11 am and 2 pm on the Saturday prior to the service. An alternative to participating in a 'live' chalice lighting during the worship service is to videotape yourself lighting and reciting the words. Please email [WorshipAssociates@pbuuc.org](mailto:WorshipAssociates@pbuuc.org) to discuss when you are available to light the chalice during a worship service.

## Social Action Committee

### SAC Special Collections

SAC has decided that the recipient of the October 2020 Special Collection will be Community Ministries of PG County. Date will be announced in ContinUUm. Please remember that collections during online services should be sent directly to the recipient organization by mailing a check directly to the address or online using the web link provided in ContinUUm and the online order of service. After making your donation, please email [cartercarmelita@aol.com](mailto:cartercarmelita@aol.com) so SAC can track donations made as part of this ministry.

### Call for Candidate for November 2020

If you have a worthy recipient for the SAC Special Collection for November 2020, please send your candidate along with your rationale and their contact information to [cartercarmelita@aol.com](mailto:cartercarmelita@aol.com) and [kbar-tolo30@gmail.com](mailto:kbar-tolo30@gmail.com). SAC will be meeting the 3rd Saturday in October to select the recipient. Thank you.



## Wheel of Life

We will hold a memorial service for Sarah Coupe, Lynn Louison's daughter, on Saturday, October 24 at 3 pm using Zoom. More information and the Zoom link will follow in upcoming ContinUUs.

### We have recently learned of the

### passing of former member Marysol DeSeabra Scott in April.

Marysol was a member of Paint Branch from 1970 to 2016. Marysol was a linguist who had worked for Portuguese Embassy, then for the State Department, translating and interpreting in Spanish, Portuguese, and French. In 1964 she married Gordon Scott, a linguist at the National Security Agency. He predeceased her. She was an active member of several different Unitarian Universalist churches in the Washington DC area at different times in her life: All Souls, Paint Branch and most recently, Cedar Lane. She advocated for the Grey Panthers on social justice issues of aging. She also loved dogs. A Facebook page has been established by her family to post remembrances: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MarisolSeabraScott/> A celebration of Ms. Scott's life will be held at a later date at Cedar Lane UU Church. A remembrance donation may be made to Cedar Lane UU Church of Bethesda, MD: 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814.





## Diversity/Antiracism Transformation Team (DARTT)

**October OpEd:** This month's OpEd is by Ebony Contreras, Trustee and Worship Associate. It is a reprise of her September 13, 2020 Sermon at Paint Branch. DARTT is always looking for someone (member, friend, guest) to write one of our monthly OpEds reflecting on / illuminating some aspect of anti-racism and anti-oppression. If you're interested, please connect with DARTT at [dartt@pbuuc.org](mailto:dartt@pbuuc.org)

### **Black Lives Matter: One Person and One Neighborhood at a Time** by Ebony T. S. Contreras

Two weeks ago our Black Live Matter banner was vandalized. They cut out the word "Black" as if they want to cut black people out from their divine humanity. Next time we see our BLM banner, may it be whole again.

This is about our first and second principles: Right now black people and people of color in general do not experience their inherent worth and dignity in the United States of America. We must give black people more than knees on our necks, 7 bullets to the backs, and murder in our own homes. Death sentences for jogging while black.

Right now we have systematic, institutionalized racism in our country. We have what many scholars call the NEW Jim Crow which is – modern day slavery, mass incarceration, police brutality, and court decisions and policies that strip many colored people from their rights.

People of color bear the brunt of our country's problems. For example, in California right now, inmate fire fighters get paid an average of \$3.63 per day and earn an additional \$1 per day when deployed to an active fire. This is modern day slavery. Inmate fire fighters are putting their lives at risk to save homes in neighborhoods they probably would never be welcomed into.

Dr. MLK Jr said: "Laws cannot make a man love me but they can keep him from lynching me, and I consider that as pretty important also." I agree. We need the laws to support everything we've been protesting about. The truth is we cannot change people's values – but we can make it illegal and provide protection for those at the brunt end of hateful values in action.

It's a privilege to feel safe and welcomed in your own neighborhood. There are too many instances where black communities have been torn to pieces. Racist don't want blacks to feel safe or free. The stress of being black is indescribable and generational. We have modern lynching and the new Jim Crow making mockery of our 1st and 2nd principles.

History has not been kind to black people. The pandemic of racism can be invisible; it can be overt. But it always destroys. It snatches babies from their mother's arms before being locking them in cages. Rips people from their land; innocents shoved onto reservations and fed lies. To Puerto Rico being treated like second class Americans because they are primarily colored people. Racism is cruel. Racism is deadly. Racism is the opposite of everything we envision to be as Unitarian Universalists.

Racism is powerful. But it's not invincible. The great mystery of love and light is more powerful. More powerful than Racism. More powerful than hate.

Case in point: My neighborhood has had racist covenants since the 1940's. I recently reminded my neighbors of this and was shocked at their positive response. As a community we pushed beyond excuses, limitations, and discomfort to get our covenants changed. The humble invitation to my neighbors resulted in positive change. I'm still surprised, but I'm even more grateful.

Here at Paint Branch – we can also do small things that result in positive change. For example, we could adopt the 8th Principle of Unitarian Universalism. Many congregations have already adopted it. The 8th principle is about building a diverse multicultural Beloved Community. The 8th principle is love in action.

In this season of disgust – let's remember: Racism and hate are not invincible. We shall overcome. We will get through this. Not only will we survive, LOVE will THRIVE. LOVE needs us to Speak Up. To Act. To VOTE.

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### **DARTT Monthly Meeting. Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 7 pm To 8:30 pm**

DARTT was chartered by the Board of Trustees in 2007 to facilitate the congregation's commitment to becoming a multicultural beloved community. We usually meet on the third Wednesday of the month; meetings are open to members, friends, and visitors. We are planning or already embarked on programming for the year, including: Indigenous Peoples' Day (Kay McGraw); Welcoming Congregation Renewal, including Transgender Day Of Remembrance (Eldritch); Kwanzaa (Carmelita Carter-Sykes); Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service (Ebony Contreras); a Bookread featuring African-American women authors (Lula Beatty); support of returning citizens in Prince Georges County (Carolyn Byerly); a study of the 8th Principle with an eye toward its adoption by the congregation (TBA). DARTT adopted the 8th Principle at its September Meeting. Come join us and bring your energy and ideas. Details about these activities and events including the agenda and Zoom access for the October meeting will be in upcoming Bulletins/ContinUUa. If you'd like to be on our mailing list, or have questions, please connect at [dartt@pbuuc.org](mailto:dartt@pbuuc.org)



## The Wider Unitarian Universalist Universe

### Events and News from the Central East Region.

Paint Branch belongs to the Central East Region (CER) of the Unitarian Universalist Association. CER stretches from the Canadian border of New York State to the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area, from the Atlantic Ocean to western Ohio. Within the region there are about 200 UU congregations and covenant communities with some 34,750 members. CER has the most individual members of the six regions of the UUA.

CER publishes a monthly [newsletter](#) of events, opportunities for learning and news of interest to people in the pews and congregational leaders. This month's newsletter is brimming with opportunities for learning and connection. Click [HERE](#) for a copy of the [newsletter](#).

**Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 7 pm - 9 pm EDT. Webinar On Alternatives To Calling The Police. Hosted By Paula Cole Jones, ADORE Creator.**

*"As Unitarian Universalists we commit to shaping a world in which love and justice may thrive, where Black leadership, creativity, and resilience is celebrated while Black grief is honored and held with love."*

In June, the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) voted to adopt a call to action "to engage in the larger movement to end anti-Blackness and defund the police." ([see the text of the AIW](#)) What does "defund the police" mean? Last month, we held a conversation to examine the racist role of police through US history, particularly in modern times. ([watch the video](#))

On Tuesday, October 6th, we will discuss alternatives to calling the police and over-policing communities. India Harris and Rev. Jason Lydon will be joining us. India Harris serves as Co-chair of the UUA General Assembly Safety Committee. Rev. Jason Lydon introduced the Action of Immediate Witness, Amen to Uprising, which was passed at this year's General Assembly. We have seen too many examples of policing that ends up destroying life or bodies. What alternatives do people have?

[Read the UUA Call to Stop Calling the Police](#)

**Register Now:** <https://uua.wufoo.com/forms/z12g2litowjtheo/>

Registration for this gathering at \$10 to pay for the labor and expertise of the speakers. However NO ONE will be turned away.



Unitarian Universalists  
for Social Justice  
in the National Capital Region

### Want to "be the change?"

We know that UUs love to advocate for social justice topics and many of us go beyond the talk and walk the walk. Join us **Saturday, October 10, 1 pm – 4 pm**. In advocacy work, it often seems stories move hearts and then hearts move minds. We want to help boost your efforts in advocating legislators to create change in line with UU values. This can be through in-person meetings, public speaking, letter-to-the-editor, and op-ed writing. Join us for a digital workshop on personal storytelling, and effective advocacy – **Your Story Can Create Change!**

**Saturday, October 10, 1 pm – 4 pm** take UUSJ's "Storytelling for Advocacy" Zoom online workshop. The workshop was developed with a grant from the UU Funding Program so there is no charge for participating. [Register Here](#) If you have any questions, contact [Advocacy@UUSJ.org](mailto:Advocacy@UUSJ.org). [Workshop Flyer](#)

## BREAKING NEWS: Paint Branch Black Lives Matter Banner Rehung!



Thank you, ChuckBury, for the temporary repair, and Peter Wathen-Dunn and Mike McMenamin for the purchase and installation of our brand-new replacement and for touching up the frame.



## Upgrading PBUUC's Website

Several of us have been working on a new website for way too long. And there is much interest in getting the new one up and running. The new site is envisioned to be easily edited by our membership, within the framework that is established and can be expanded by our tech people.

I am in the process of forming a committee to take this over, and move the new website into full use by the church. So here is an invitation if you know someone who might be willing to serve on the team. The work is not necessarily tech or web work, but rather looking at it with fresh eyes and thinking through the function of the site.

Later, we will ask for a person from each team or committee who would be willing to learn how to maintain their own page or pages, within the style and parameters established for the website. This person can be responsible to that committee as to content, and updating. The skills are fully learnable - I was able to learn how to make updates and there are folks on each committee who could do this.

Are you interested? Please contact me at [minister@pbuuc.org](mailto:minister@pbuuc.org)

Thanks!  
Rev. Rachel

## In and Around Paint Branch

### Quest Discussion Group

This This Sunday, October 4, 2020, Quest Discussion Group will meet via Zoom at 11:45am-1pm during Enrichment Hour to begin the process to decide on our next book. For more information about Quest or how to join the Zoom session, or receive the list of books that we will be reviewing, please contact Tess at [tmorriso@illinois.edu](mailto:tmorriso@illinois.edu)

### Men's Fellowship Breakfast online:

Our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be back at the usual 2nd Saturday: 10 am Saturday, October 10. While we're isolating, have your breakfast at home and share video online via Zoom of yourself eating it. Come share food and conversation. This event is sponsored by the Paint Branch Men's Group. Please contact [mensfellowship@pbuuc.org](mailto:mensfellowship@pbuuc.org) for more information and Zoom Meeting password.

Invitation from Zoom: Keith Miller is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic:** Men's Breakfast

**Time:** October 10, 2020 10 am Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Second Saturday, until January 9, 2021, four occurrences

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/409162940?pwd=bXJnTlBBd1BLRWVwL0dpVCgLYXdxdz09>

Meeting ID: 409 162 940

Call in from any phone for audio only: +1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

**Virtual Third Wednesday Lunch:** We'll meet online again Wednesday, October 21 at 1 pm. Have your dining area and your lunch ready to show off.

If you know someone who hasn't come to the lunches recently because of physical restrictions, encourage them to try this. My cell phone number (which I won't use to log on) is 443-690-8345 in case of problems. Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/636354510?pwd=R2ZsK3lkZmpvbERTcitZUFBkLWZz09> Meeting ID: 636 354 510 Please contact Keith Miller at [keithanddebra@verizon.net](mailto:keithanddebra@verizon.net) in advance for the Zoom meeting password.

### Would you prefer to get a printed copy of BRANCHES mailed to you each month?

Paper copies of BRANCHES are available for a suggested annual donation of \$25 to cover postage and printing costs. Contact the BRANCHES editor at [Branches@pbuuc.org](mailto:Branches@pbuuc.org) or 301-937-3666 for more information.



**Orange Coast UU Church invites you to their 3rd annual Wild and Scenic Environmental Family Film Festival.**

This year, it is VIRTUAL, so fellow UU's from all over can watch high quality films about the environment from the safety and comfort of their homes. We embrace social activism, our 7th Principle, and fun! Here's the link to get started! <https://www.wildandscenicfilmfestival.org/events/orange-coast-unitarian-universalist-2-2/>

The films in the festival range from a few minutes to 20 minutes and all are included for a very reasonably priced ticket, starting at under \$20 - for the whole household! The proceeds go to our New Sanctuary fund.

### Note to Our Readers:

The Church Administrator is responsible for the production of the newsletter.

**SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES FOR BRANCHES:** All submissions for inclusion in Branches should be submitted by email to: [branches@pbuuc.org](mailto:branches@pbuuc.org).

**The Leadership Directory**, (on page 2 of this issue), will contain names only. For more contact information, please consult your Membership Directory or call the Church Office at 301-937-3666. All submitted articles will contain phone numbers and/or email addresses for contact if listed. You may choose to list your email address only as a point of contact, and if requested, a pbuuc.org email specific to individual PBUUC committees, groups, or teams can be created.

### Editorial Guidelines

- The deadline for submission of articles and other content to Branches is on the **20th day of every month**, except during the holidays.
- Articles should be submitted in their final form and content should be **200—600** words. Please submit the name of the author and any other contact information as necessary. **Reminder: Articles significantly over the word limit may be returned to the author for re-editing.**
- The deadline for submission of announcements and other content to appear in the Sunday Order of Service Bulletin is **every Wednesday at 12 noon**. Announcements received by the deadline will be included in the ContinUUm weekly email. **Short announcements to be read by the Worship Associate during the Sunday Service are also due then.**
- **Sunday Bulletin announcements** should be submitted in their final form to [bulletin@pbuuc.org](mailto:bulletin@pbuuc.org). Content should be **120** words or less. Please try to keep announcements one paragraph with a clear headline or topic sentence. Please include day, date, location, time, and contact information. Announcements should be PBUUC related; non-PBUUC events must have an explicitly stated UU connection. Up to one paragraph more may be added for use in the ContinUUm weekly email.

All deadlines are now on the web calendar. Go to [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org). Scroll down to “This Week” and click on

“More Upcoming Events.” Click on the Calendar grid to the left to advance to the next month.