

UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Newsletter for church members
and friends

March 2015

CONTACT



Lent is now in full swing, and I for one have experienced some of Lent's somehow always less than expected gifts. There have been interruptions, some of them not unusual, as daily "to do" lists are replaced with pressing needs. But others more so - with the illness of my father-in-law and the interruption of worship when Robin lost consciousness on Sunday. (FYI - As of this writing Robin is at home and doing well.) All of these are reminders of what is most important in any given moment. There have been some interruptions as well to my chosen Lenten disciplines, reminders, each one, of the need not just to forgive others but to forgive myself and move on.

Perhaps the same has been true for you.

And so here, in the middle of Lent, I offer to you another revision of one of William C. Martin's meditations in [The Art of Pastoring: Contemplative Reflections](#). As I said last month, this little book has been a spiritual companion of mine for some time. In it Martin "translates" the Eastern wisdom of the [Tao Te Ching](#) into meditations (or what he calls "Thoughts") for ministers, connecting the 81 chapters of the [Tao Te Ching](#) to what he describes as Jesus' "far more Eastern.. teachings than we often realize."

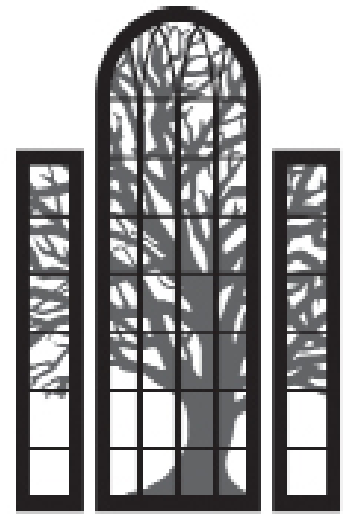
The "rich austerity" in Martin's "translations" continue to guide. The following revised excerpt from "Thought 64 - Small Steps" might be a good reminder at this time in Lent.

Whenever you see kindness and love,
nourish these seeds.
Seeds of love can only be fed and watered;
they cannot be forced to grow.
The wise person waters and waits.
He does not have to teach the seed to grow;
it grows because of what it is.
She does not have to plan her own growth;
she only has to remember who she is.
We are never impatient,
for the only step necessary in the thousand mile journey
is the next one.

One foot in front of the other, no matter what, and the seed of life in Christ will grow,

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 2nd Sunday in Lent** - *Patti Snyder preaching,*
 8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Church School
 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 12:15 p.m. Christian Ed Children's Ed Subcommittee - Library
 4:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous - Library
- 3** 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Conference Room
 10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Conference Room
 Noon Al-Anon - Dorm Living Area
 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - 584 Albert Hart Drive
 7:30 p.m. UPC Book Group - 2285 Cedardale
- 4** 9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel
 Noon Staff Meeting
 Noon UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
 6:00 p.m. Taizé - Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 5** 5:00 p.m. Lenten Small Group "Soul Tending" - Parks Wilson Room
 5:30 p.m. Bible and Brews - Corporate Brew and Draft, 2561 Citiplace Ct
 6:00 p.m. NAMI Family 2 Family Class - Conference Room
 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
- 6** 8:30 a.m. United Christian Women Day of Prayer - 930 N. Blvd.
- 8 3rd Sunday in Lent** - *Sam Adams preaching*
Daylight Savings Time Begins
 8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Church School
 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 Noon Potluck Lunch/Joanna Adams Presentation - Fellowship Hall
 4:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous - Library
 5:00 p.m. Sam Adams Panel Discussion - Fellowship Hall
- 9** 5:15 p.m. Worship Committee - Conference Room
 7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Conference Room
- 10** Noon Al-Anon - Parks Wilson Room
 7:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Com. - 213 Univ. Highlands Ct.
 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 11** 9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel
 Noon UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
 Noon Staff Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Property Committee - Conference Room
 6:00 p.m. Taizé - Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 12** 12:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Conference Room
 5:00 p.m. Lenten Small Group "Soul Tending" - Parks Wilson Room
 5:30 p.m. The Gathering - TBD
 5:30 p.m. Bible and Brews - Corporate Brew and Draft, 2561 Citiplace Ct
 6:00 p.m. NAMI Family 2 Family Class - Conference Room
 7:00 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
- 15 4th Sunday in Lent** - *Mike Watson preaching*
 8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Church School
 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 12:15 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
 4:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous - Library
- 17** 10:00 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room
 Noon AlAnon - Parks Wilson Room
- 18** 9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel
 Noon UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
 6:00 p.m. Taizé - Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 19** 5:00 p.m. Lenten Small Group "Soul Tending" - Parks Wilson Room
 5:30 p.m. Bible and Brews - Corporate Brew and Draft, 2561 Citiplace Ct
 6:00 p.m. NAMI Family 2 Family Class - Conference Room



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OFFICE NOTES



PRAYER LIST.....

Please contact the church office if you have a prayer request you would like printed in the Sunday bulletin. Also, please remember to update your prayer concerns.

WHAT'S THAT YOU SAID?.....

Hearing assistance devices are available in the hall outside the Sanctuary. Please feel free to borrow one if you have a difficult time hearing in church and return the device to the table when the service is over.

GREETERS NEEDED.....

Friendly faces are needed to greet people as they arrive for both services of worship. Our expanded space calls for more greeters. If you would be willing to be a greeter on one Sunday a month at either 8:30 or 11:00 Worship, please contact Peggy Carroll at 225-695-6661 or email peggoc@eatel.net.



March 12 & 26

5:30 -7:30 p.m.

Please e-mail Marissa (mcbaham@gmail.com) or Candace (cchri03@yahoo.com) for more information

DAY CIRCLE NEWS

The PW Day Circle welcomes women and men to its monthly Bible Study and Fellowship. Please join us on Tuesday, March 3, 10:00 a.m., in the Parks Wilson Room as we explore Lesson 6, *The Aroma of God Among Us*, led by Linda Walker. Refreshments will be provided by Eleanor Canon and Jan Boydston.

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS (continued)

- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
- 21 8:00 a.m. Church Work Day
- 4:00 p.m. Young Adult Volunteer Fundraiser
- 22 **5th Sunday in Lent** - *Patti Snyder preaching*
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Church School
- 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:30 p.m. Membership Committee - Conference Room
- 4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
- 4:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous - Library
- 5:00 p.m. High School Youth Group
- 6:45 p.m. Session Meeting - Conference Room
- 24 Noon AIAnon - Parks Wilson Room
- 7:00 a.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 25 9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel
- Noon UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
- Noon Staff Lunch
- Noon "Hope for the Children" Luncheon - 259 E. Blvd.
- 6:00 p.m. Taizé
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 26 5:00 p.m. Lenten Small Group "Soul Tending" - Parks Wilson Room
- 5:30 p.m. The Gathering - *TBD*
- 5:30 p.m. Bible and Brews - Corporate Brew and Draft, 2561 Citiplace Ct
- 6:00 p.m. NAMI Family 2 Family Class - Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
- 27 Youth Retreat - Feliciana Retreat Center (*thru 3/29*)
- 6:00 p.m. New Member Party (*tentative - location TBD*)
- 29 **Palm Sunday** - *Patti Snyder preaching*
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Church School
- 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- Noon Caregivers Support Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 4:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous - Library
- 31 Noon AIAnon - Parks Wilson Room
- 5:30 p.m. Christian Ed Youth Ed Subcommittee - Library

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel
- Noon Staff Meeting
- Noon UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 2 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship
- 3 DAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship
- 5 **Easter Sunday** - *Patti Snyder preaching, Communion*
- Special Offering "One Great Hour of Sharing"*
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Easter Brunch Potluck/Egg Hunt
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 4:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous - Library

**APRIL
CONTACT
DEADLINE
MARCH 23**

WEEKLY IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2015

Amount actually received - \$4,785
Budget amount needed - \$10,055
Year-to-Date Giving: amount actually received \$64,642
Budget amount needed - \$70,387

Courtyard Collage

Are you a Musical Maniac? Are you a Comedy Kingpin? A Powerful Poet? Perhaps you are an Oscar-worthy Actor or Actress? Or maybe you enjoy singing, dancing, performing, or just want a place to share a special talent or interest? We will have another Courtyard Collage this spring and are looking for interesting (interested) individuals! Please contact Skeeter Cedars at henry_cedars@yahoo.com for more details!



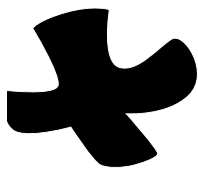
Caregivers Support Group

The Caregivers Support Group at UPC meets on the last Sunday of the month right after church. It is available to all who are caregivers to elderly parents, friends, or adult children. The next Caregivers Support Group meetings will be after church on March 29. If you have any questions or would like to have a particular topic of interest scheduled for a Support Group meeting, feel free to call Jane Smith at 315-4946 or Pam Bartlett at 925-2693.

EXPERIENCE

the stillness
the music
the prayer

for a whole new season



Taizé

Sung Prayers

in the form of the ecumenical
prayer community in Taizé, France

Taizé services are held every
Wednesday during Lent
at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.
*Make Taizé a part of your Lenten
preparation.*

Taizé 6:00 p.m., Wednesdays *March 4, 11, 18, 25*

Devotional Booklets/Reading Suggestions

Copies of the Lenten devotional books can be picked up in the welcome center for a suggested donation of \$5. We will be reading Interruptions by Jacob Armstrong.

As another option for your Lenten devotions, suggested texts for reading through the gospel of Mark during lent are at the end of each pew. This gospel will be the focus for worship during the season.

Lenten Small Groups

Small Groups are still going on throughout the season of Lent, and you are welcome to join in if you are interested. Contact the group facilitator for more information. Groups will run through March 26.

Bible and Brews

Thursdays 5:30-7:30 p.m., at Corporate Brew and Draft (2561 Citiplace Ct)

Facilitators – Mike Watson and Louie Eckhardt

Intimidated by the idea of a “Bible study?” Throw all those preconceived notions out the window for a new way to explore meaning, depth, and mystery within Scripture. This group will meet in a pub, but please know that consuming alcohol is not a requirement of this group although this group will be limited to those who are 21 and older.

Contact Mike Watson if you are interested: mwatson@upcbr.org

Soul Tending *Thursdays 5-7 p.m. at University Presbyterian Church*

Facilitators – Jan Boydston, Ava Haymon, and Victoria Robertson

We all need to give our souls a little attention every now and then. Join us as we discuss and practice a variety of spiritual practices, some Christian, some from other traditions, all very interesting and fulfilling.

Contact Jan Boydston if you are interested: janboydstun@aol.com

Palm Sunday March 29

Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 p.m., April 2

A Service of Word and Sacrament centered on the events of this sacred evening

Good Friday Service 7:30 p.m., April 3

The Service of Tenebrae (the extinguishing of lights)

Easter Sunday April 5

A Service of Word and Sacrament - Join us for this celebration of resurrection life and commitment! The One Great Hour of Sharing collection will be taken at both services. The choir will sing at both services. Everyone is encouraged to bring flowers to add to the cross. An Easter potluck brunch will be held at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring their favorite brunch items to share! During the brunch, the children will gather for our annual Easter Egg hunt.

Christian Education at UPC Spring 2015

Church School Offering

The Church School offering this year will go to Park Elementary, one of our mission partners in Baton Rouge. Please take some time each Sunday morning to bring along extra cash to help out young students in our city. This gift is a great expression of our connection to our community.

Pre-K and Kindergarten (Ages 4 to Kindergarten) "Godly Play"

Room 105. Teachers: Pat Strain and Mary Mikell

Elementary (1-5th Grade) "We Believe"

Room 213. Teachers: Betsy Wilks and Ed Britton

Middle School (6th-8th Grade) "Faith and Sacraments"

Room 203. Teachers: Amy Vidrine, Jill Clemmons, and Kelly Kerr

Senior High (9th-12th Grade) "Love Wins"

Room 206 (gathering location). Teachers: Joe Skillen and Linda Babin

Adult Parks Wilson Class

Islam

Join us as we continue in conversation with guest speakers from the Islamic Center of Baton Rouge. We will spend 6-8 weeks together learning about the basics of Islam, connecting their stories with ours, and hearing some personal testimonies about opportunities for interfaith dialogue. Hope to see you there!

March 1 History, Sects, and Divisions

March 8 Charity and Justice

March 15 Jesus and Islam

March 22 Conversation about hope and interfaith opportunities

Adult Bible Study Class

"Interruptions" February 22-March 29

Join the Bible Study class this season of Lent as we explore how we can respond to interruptions in our lives. Where do we see God's presence? What might God be saying to us through these interruptions? Various members of the class will be leading us through meaningful and spiritually engaging chapters in our lenten devotionals together.

Wealth and Poverty from the Old Testament to Today

UPC will host two special guests on Sunday, March 8. Rev. Joanna Adams has served in a variety of urban ministry capacities around Atlanta, Georgia, for many years. Dr. Sam Adams, Old Testament professor at Union Presbyterian Seminary, and son of Joanna Adams, has recently written a new book, Social and Economic Life in Second Temple Judea. Both will be leading us this day through preaching, lectures, and a panel discussion with Baton Rouge community leaders. Check out the following schedule of events for details. Note that all events are free and open to the public; however, you are invited to bring a dish to share for our potluck lunch that day.

8:30 a.m. Early Service, Dr. Sam Adams preaching

9:45 a.m. Church School: Parks Wilson Islam class will focus on charity/justice with Sam Adams as a guest

11:00 a.m. Regular Service, Dr. Sam Adams preaching

12:00 p.m. Potluck Lunch with Joanna Adams lecture/discussion (bring a dish to share)

5:00 p.m. Lecture and Panel Discussion led by Dr. Sam Adams and community leaders

6:30 p.m. Reception (light snacks provided)

Youth Group

The Youth had a fantastic experience at the Leo Butler Community Center in Old South Baton Rouge, hearing stories from a married couple who were among five African American students first integrated into Baton Rouge High. We learned a lot as we remembered what it means for us to be seekers of justice in our own schools today. This month, the youth group will be preparing for our upcoming Youth Retreat at the end of the month.

March

8 High Schoolers at Sam Adams Panel Event

14 (Saturday) St. Pattys Day Parade (at the Robinson's House)

22 Youth Retreat Planning (4 p.m. Middle School, 5 p.m. High School)

27-29 (Friday-Sunday) Youth Retreat at Feliciana Retreat Center

NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the number of pieces of mail and the increased costs of postage, the February issue of Contact was the last issue to be mailed to everyone. Beginning with the March issue, Contact will be available on the first Sunday of each month when folks enter worship. It will also be posted online on our web site (www.upcbr.org) and copies will be available in the Welcome Center for you to pick up throughout the month. If you would rather have your Contact emailed than pick it up at church, please notify Caralyn Durham (cdurham@upcbr.org).



The **UPC Book Club** meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. 2285 Cedardale.

March 3 To Dance with the White Dog by Terry Kay

April 7 Half Broke Horses by Jeannette Walls

The One Community Book for 2015 is John Kennedy Toole's A Confederacy of Dunces, which the Book Club likely will reread. Join us for "valuable" door prizes, yummy desserts and grad school level discussions (well, fun discussions).

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME BASEBALL?

Your Fellowship Committee is sponsoring the annual UPC night at Alex Box Stadium, Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 p.m., LSU vs. Tulane. All tickets for this game are \$ 4.00 each (new special pricing for groups at midweek games). UPC will be sitting in section 223. Purchase your tickets before or after the church school hour any Sunday in March, or e-mail Barbara Hoffman at bhoffman51@cox.net.

**PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY!!
DONATIONS
ARE NEEDED!!
The Greater
Baton Rouge Food
Bank needs your
help!**

Please place your contribution in any of the orange barrels located around UPC or bring it to the front of the sanctuary during service.

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Marissa Baham

Marissa is from Husser, LA. (AKA God's Country). She has two sisters ,Odessa and Cheyenne. Marissa is a Study Abroad Coordinator at LSU. She sends young people out to explore the world. Marissa also enjoys traveling every chance she gets. She's an active member of the community working with many groups to help create a stronger Baton Rouge. She currently has a battery operated parakeet named Polly. She also enjoys other people's children and pets but does not currently have any of her own other than low maintenance Polly.

Marissa found UPC randomly through an algorithm of luck and Google. The community of open-mindedness for different faith journeys, the people, and a dashing redhead caused her to stay. She likes the network of support that nurtures and sustains her.

Marissa has many talents, including being nice to people who try her nerves and picking the wrong guy at every chance. She hopes to one day be the host of her own talk show!

Anne and Andy Maverick

Los Angeles native Andy and Milwaukee/St Louis native Anne moved to Baton Rouge from St. Louis in 1987. The Mavericks have two children. James is at Indiana studying music, and Emily is at Colorado State studying Neuro-science while her dog stays at Anne and Andy's.

Anne substituted at UPC as an organist before taking the position full time in 2012. She was drawn to the preaching, theology, and warmth and friendliness of UPC. Either she chose UPC or the Spirit chose her, and Andy followed. Either way, we're glad they came.

Andy teaches chemistry at LSU and is the acting associate dean in the College of Science while Anne is the librarian at McKinley High. They enjoy playing bridge, hiking and camping in Colorado, and traveling. They have a shared talent for eating leftovers so might be helpful when your fridge needs emptying!

Mary Anne Sheffield

Mary Anne was born in Raleigh, North Carolina, but has lived in Prairieville for almost seven years. She is a freshman at Dutchtown High School. She has two dogs, Maggie and Bella. Mary Anne's hobbies are dancing and netflixing. Her special talent is that she can put her legs behind her head. When she's not doing that special talent, Mary Anne helps at her dance studio with two to four year olds three times a week. Mary Anne hopes to one day marry Nico James! Mary Anne came to UPC with her mom and her favorite thing about UPC is the coffee!

UPC OFFICERS... MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We're going to do a retreat in three parts this year!

Saturday, May 9 part one (service/Project Homecoming)
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday, August 28 part two (conversation/stewardship)
evening

Sunday, November 8 part three (leadership/discipleship/spirituality)
afternoon

Heard of Stephen Ministries?

Stephen Ministry is Christ caring for people through people. Stephen Ministers are often called the “after people.” They are the people who come alongside you- or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, relatives – and provide support and comfort after a crisis, illness, significant life change, death of a loved one, etc. for as long after as needed. The Stephen Series® is a complete system for training and organizing laypeople to provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in and around a congregation. UPC does a great job supporting and caring for those around us who are struggling, yet our Nurture Committee is wondering if this system would expand and enrich our ministry, and therefore we are pondering enrollment. Is this something you think would be beneficial for UPC? Have you had previous experience with Stephen Ministries? Would you be interested in learning more about this and possibly become a Stephen Minister? We need your feedback! Please contact Juliana Sheffield (juliana421@hotmail.com or 225-313-3728) with your thoughts, suggestions, interest, and general feedback. For more information, go to www.stephenministries.org.

MISSION & PEACEMAKING FOCUS

One Stop Homeless Services Center

One Stop Homeless Services Center is facing a challenge – in the best sense of the word! And UPC is helping meet that challenge. In November, the Huey and Angelina Wilson Foundation awarded the Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless a \$25,000 “Challenge Grant.” Simply put, the foundation will match dollar-for-dollar all contributions to the One Stop Homeless Services Center up to \$25,000.

In February, UPC’s Mission & Peacemaking Committee, which oversees UPC’s benevolences, authorized a \$500 one-time donation to One Stop to help meet the Challenge Grant. This donation is in addition to UPC’s budgeted annual support for One Stop.

UPC’s benevolent giving has benefited the One Stop in each of its first three years of existence. UPC Youth cleared the land for the One Stop Community Garden, and a number of members have made both cash and in-kind donations.

This grant will help CAAH with the funds to operate the One Stop and to provide the space necessary for 12 service providers and 21 programs to continue. In 2014, CAAH served 2,450 homeless clients. Some of the notable client outcomes included 44 receiving SSI benefits; 20 were employed; 34 received ID documents, and 440 were placed in some type of housing.

While your UPC pledge helps to support the One Stop Center already, individual contributions to help them meet this challenge goal would be gratefully appreciated by the organization. All donations are tax deductible and can be made either by going to www.homelessinbr.org and clicking on the PayPal link, or by mailing your contribution to CAAH, 153 North 17th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

“Help Wanted”

NOW - volunteers to be Reading Friends at Park Elementary (requires only 1 hour a week) are still needed (contact Karen Foote)

Any time - volunteers to join a team of gardeners to work on the small planting areas of our new landscaping (contact Griff Cambell)

Every month - around the last day of the month, for a few hours in the morning–volunteers to help in folding and assembling the Contact newsletter (contact Mary Wardlaw)

Adults to help with Kids’ Night Out

-2 Thursdays a month (5-8 p.m.)
-Parents provide food; you provide entertainment
-Contact Candace Wright (cchri03@yahoo.com)

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One Great Hour of Sharing
Special Offering
Sunday, April 5

Day of Prayer

United Christian Women (UCW) Day of Prayer will be held on March 6 at First Methodist Church (930 N. Blvd.) at 8:30 a.m. The topic is "Do you understand what I have done for you?" (Jesus' words to the disciples after washing their feet.) For more information contact Glenda Carlile at 225-753-2227

"Hope for the Children"

Fundraising Luncheon

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) will hold its 1st Annual "Hope for the Children" Fundraising Luncheon on March 25 at The Women's Club (259 E. Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA) at 12:00 p.m. Contact Lynn Howard at 225-276-1421 or Jan Boydston at janboydstun@aol.com by March 9.

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH LOUISIANA FEBRUARY MEETING

Many of you know that the Presbytery of South Louisiana, of which UPC is a part, meets three times a year for worship, to hear and act on reports from Presbytery committees, and to reconnect to our joint mission. Occasionally we also vote on proposed amendments to the PC(USA) constitution. Our meeting on February 24th at First Presbyterian, Lafayette was one of those meetings.

Our denomination's constitution has two parts. The first part, the Book of Confessions, is changed by a rather long process, including the action of the General Assembly to send the proposed confession to the church for study, the approval of two successive General Assemblies, and a two-thirds majority vote of the 171 Presbyteries in the denomination. The *Confession of Belhar*, which was written in response to the realities of Apartheid in South Africa. The text for the confession can be found at the PC USA website (<http://www.pcusa.org/resource/belhar-confession/>) At our February 24th meeting, the Presbytery of South Louisiana voted to approve the *Confession of Belhar* for inclusion in our Book of Order.

The second part of our Constitution, the Book of Order, is changed by a simpler process, but we're Presbyterian, so there's still plenty of process! This year there are seven proposed amendments to this part of our constitution on which our Presbytery voted on 2/24. These changes to the constitution require only one General Assembly's approval and a simple majority of the Presbyteries to concur in order to become part of our constitution. You can find text for all of the proposed amendments at <http://www.pcusa.org/resource/ga221-proposed-amendments-constitution>. At UPC we have been particularly interested in the proposed change to the Directory for Worship segment of the constitution. This change would change the language describing marriage from being between "a man and a woman" to being between "two people." This, in states where it is legal, would allow a pastor's discretion in performing a marriage ceremony for two persons of the same gender (just as we have discretion in performing marriages for those of the different genders) and a session's discretion in allowing same gender marriages to be performed in their churches. On 2/24 the Presbytery of South Louisiana approved this amendment, amendment 14-F, by a vote of 53 in favor to 20 against.

Please join me in prayer for all whose lives will be changed by the Spirit's movement in the church of Jesus Christ as we seek to express God's love in the fullest measure. If you have questions about the amendments or the actions of our Presbytery please do not hesitate to contact Patti Snyder (psnyder@upcbr.org)



Join us Saturday, March 21 at 8:00 a.m. as we get the church and grounds shipshape for Easter! Please watch your bulletin for further announcements about tools and supplies. For more information contact Griff Campbell at gcampbe@lsu.edu.

Pray For . . .

- Gerri Ward • Dorothy Bankston • Lynda Perry • Cecil Jarreau
 Ralph Brewer • Dan & Ruth Bivins • Pat Kennedy • Tristyn Bemis
 Tabitha Lewis • Nita Rossman • Betty Campbell • Jim Johnson
 Gerard Klein • Kent Walker • Helen Fant • Joyce Kuyper • Robin Carroll
- Bill Behrmann, OLOL
 - David Hall and Robin Patty upon the death of their sister, Kitty
 - the family of Fred Heroman upon his death on February 19
 - Matthew Shipe, nephew of Kathy Perry, hospitalized with a bullet wound to his lung
 - Kathy Perry, going through difficult times
 - Linda Hubchen, undergoing chemo for Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
 - George Clark, Betty Silvey's brother-in-law, recovering from a stroke
 - Dottie Quartararo, Phil's wife, undergoing testing for a mass on her kidney
 - Nancy Pensis, aunt of Linda Clark, diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease and undergoing chemotherapy
 - Glenna Henderson, aunt of John Grubb, diagnosed with breast and lung cancer
 - Laura Prescott-Landry, sister of Patti Jarreau, recovering from a mastectomy
 - James Hanifen, father of Jim, in rehab following a series of minor strokes
 - Nancy McCracken, The Haven Assisted Living
 - Kay Nizolak, sister of Robbie Phillabaum's neighbor Evelyn Randolph, with lymphoma
 - Randall Lewis, brother of Donna Thrasher, with sepsis
 - Faye Boyd, grandmother of Cheri Strain
 - Kyle Craig, cousin of Melody Joachim
 - Alan Williams, brother of Virginia Davis, diagnosed with Parkinson's
 - Karen Paterson, recovering from shoulder surgery
 - Kristi Hammatt, friend of Katie Watson, recovering from surgery
 - Michelle Sager, friend of Katie Watson, in Rocky Mount, NC
 - Midge Reed, mother of Barbara Hoffman, in assisted living in Baton Rouge
 - Marcia Campbell, friend of Robbie Phillabaum, with lung cancer
 - Peggy Ourso, sister of Susan Ourso
 - Beth Whelen, friend of Debbie Abernathy
 - Nic and Rachel Ciraldo, friends of Griff Campbell, and their 5-year-old son, Luca, who has kidney cancer
 - Charles Grenier, friend of Jerry Kennedy, in rehab following a stroke
 - Lois Liggett, mother of Sarah Kennedy, undergoing chemotherapy
 - Sue Candler, with Presbyterian Women of S. LA, recovering from surgery for bladder cancer
 - Rev. John Bade, husband of Rev. Robin McCollough-Bade
 - Molly Kennedy, our seminary student
 - Marla Kerr-Lawson, Kelly Kerr's sister
 - Edna Faust and her son Gregory, friends of Kay Lindsey
 - Joyce Kuyper, mother of Lois Kuyper-Rushing, in assisted living
 - Kelly Kerr's aunts, Mary Jane and Carolyn
 - Rayne Nelson, friend of Donna Thrasher, with an aggressive malignant brain tumor
 - Katie and Henry Nelson, parents of Bizza Britton
 - Margarita Suarez, friend of Robbie Phillabaum, in hospice care
 - Cathy Paterson, who has Huntington's Disease; Karen Paterson, her mother; and all H.D. families
 - Brandon Dove, grandson of Ben Payne, with thyroid cancer
 - Camille Beck, friend of Katie Watson, with thyroid cancer
 - Jessica Meehan, friend of Erik and Emily Strain, with breast cancer
 - Ken Jeansonne, friend of Charley Fisher, with Parkinson's
 - Maurice Pecquet, grandfather of Brittney Shelton
 - Anne Stewart, mother of Kathleen Richey, diagnosed with stage three cancer
 - Baker, Broadmoor, and Highland Presbyterian, as they move through pastoral transitions
 - All those who suffer with mental illness and emotional disorders
 - Oncology patients of Debbie Abernathy
 - Men and women serving in the armed forces
 - Those who are going through separation or divorce
 - Those who are affected by domestic violence
 - Those who are affected by alcoholism and addiction
 - Our partner church, La Iglesia Presbiteriana, in San José de los Ramos, Cuba, and its pastor, Armando Guedes



HOSPITAL VISITS BY UPC OFFICERS

- 1 OPEN
- 2 OPEN
- 3 OPEN
- 4 OPEN
- 5 Juliana Sheffield
- 6 Barbara Hoffman
- 7 Lori Tucker
- 8 Jeff Perry
- 9 OPEN
- 10 Griff Campbell
- 11 Pat Ho
- 12 OPEN
- 13 Henry "Skeeter" Cedars
- 14 Doug Walker
- 15 Kay Lindsey
- 16 Katie Watson
- 17 Beth Paskoff
- 18 Brannon Costello
- 19 Joe Skillen
- 20 OPEN
- 21 OPEN
- 22 Ann Miller
- 23 OPEN
- 24 OPEN
- 25 John Cogburn
- 26 Mary Wardlaw
- 27 Linda Babin
- 28 OPEN
- 29 Jerry Kennedy
- 30 Tom Shelton
- 31 OPEN

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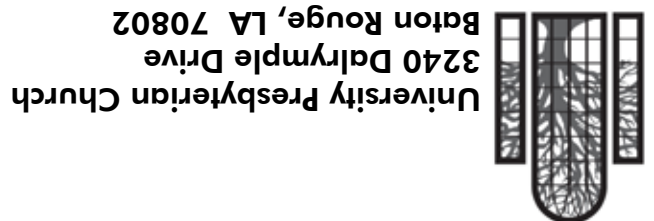
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Carol Dollar Nicholas Paubel | 8 Brandon Reeves Chris Richardson | 18 Linda Babin Kathryn Murchison Nita Rossman | 24 Rachel Sheffield Jack Watson Katie Strain Watson Mike Watson |
| 2 Marissa Baham Kevin Black George Hudson | 9 Katheryn Barry | 20 George Armstrong Josie Costello Adam Knapp Terry Miller | 25 Nancy McCracken |
| 3 Teri Fritsma | 10 Kate Goodrich John Mazoch | 21 Andy Maverick | 26 Gus Britton Samantha Guidry Phil Quartararo |
| 4 Alisa Gambrell | 13 John Ford | 22 Faimon Roberts II | 29 Cameron Motsenbocker Emory Wright |
| 5 Johnny Cook | 16 Claire Gellrich Debbie Serra Fred Wiegmann | 23 Mary Collier Wilks | |
| 6 Molly Hoffstetter Gabi Perry | | | |

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 In response to God's grace,
 University Presbyterian
 Church of Baton Rouge
 seeks creatively – through
 nurture, education, worship
 and community outreach
 – to sustain an inclusive,
 compassionate family of
 faith; it seeks to promote
 spiritual growth by
 awakening souls to God's
 infinite mercy embodied in
 the reconciling love of Christ.
 --Adopted by the Session
 December 1995



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