

UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Newsletter for church members and friends

CONTACT November 2015



It certainly isn't original, it being Thanksgiving month and all, but I have gratitude on my mind. Perhaps some of you remember years ago when Oprah encouraged folks to join her in keeping a gratitude journal, recording every day a few things – large or small – for which she was grateful. I never did it, but I've always liked the idea.

The idea of gratitude came up more than a few times in the recent small group that Melody Joaquim and I facilitated on Wednesday evenings. No matter the theme of the evening, in our reflection on spiritual practices, gratitude was always – even if it was simply gratitude for that evening's gathering - part of the light we shared. At our last gathering we spent some time engaging in the Ignatian practice of daily Examen. Examen is a practice of mindfulness prayer wherein one reflects on the events of the day in order to discern God's presence, gifts, and direction. Traditionally a Roman Catholic practice, it seems to me to embody much of the Reformed emphasis on life as a response to God's gifts. This idea of works as a response of gratitude seems to embody the essential humility and joy found in the good news of Christ.

So, I thought you all might like to know more about the practice of Examen. Check out the article on page 7 of this edition of contact for the simple steps to following this rich practice. We often, particularly during Advent and Lent, engage in daily devotionals. Perhaps the practice of Examen would be a good discipline for the month of November? Let me know if you give it a try.

With prayers for peace and lives made rich with gratitude,

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following who have been elected officers at the Called Congregational Meeting held on October 25, 2015

Elder Class of 2018

Daniel Burch
Leslie Green
Jane Smith
Andreas Giger
June Klimash
Jerry Trahan

Deacon Class of 2018

Bizza Britton
Bunny Heroman
Alicia Lewis
Larry Reynolds
Michael Strain

Elder Class of 2016

Victoria Robertson

Deacon Class of 2016

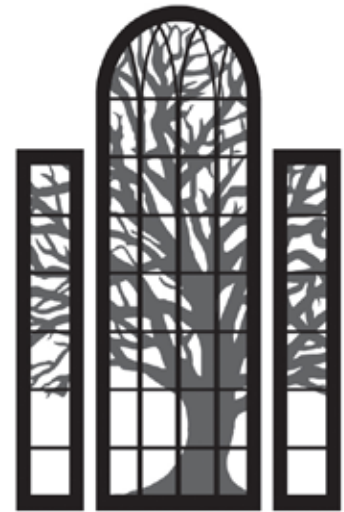
Marien Richardson (youth)
Robbie Phillabaum

OFFICERS MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

The 2016 Officer Retreat will be held at Feliciana Retreat Center on Friday, February 26, 2016 and Saturday February 27, 2016

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 All Saints Sunday**
Mike Watson preaching, Daylight Savings Time Ends
 8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 Noon Visitor Drop-in - Parks Wilson Room
 Noon Wayside Altars - Conference Room
 12:30 p.m. The Great Pumpkin Chase with University Methodist Youth
 1:30 p.m. Music Club of BR Rehearsal - Choir Room
 4:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous - Library
- 3** 8:00 a.m. Nurture Committee - Conference Room
 10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Parks Wilson Room
 Noon Al-Anon - Library
 7:30 p.m. UPC Book Group - 2285 Cedardale
- 4** 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
- 5 Covenant Network Conference - Denver (thru November 7)**
 5:30 p.m. The Gathering - City Pork - Jefferson Hwy.
 6:00 p.m. NAMI Family 2 Family - Conference Room
 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 6** 9:00 p.m. Church Women United - Parks Wilson Room
 9:30 a.m. Sign Language Testing - Conference Room
- 7** 8:00 a.m. Day School Teacher Training - Fellowship Hall
 8:00 a.m. Church Work Day
- 8 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Patti Snyder preaching, Stewardship Dedication, Blood Drive
 8:30 a.m. Blood Drive - Bloodmobile
 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. Membership Committee - Conference Room
 1:30 p.m. Music Club of BR Rehearsal - Choir Room
 4:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous - Library
 7:30 p.m. Common Tables - University Methodist
- 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
 6:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Com. - 213 University Highlands Ct
 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 11** 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
- 12** Noon Widows Support Group - Parks Wilson Room
 12:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Conference Room
 6:00 p.m. NAMI Family to Family Class - Conference Room
 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 13** 6:00 p.m. Courtyard Collage - UPC Courtyard
- 14** TBA LSU vs. Arkansas (*PARKING*)
- 15 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
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. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
 12:15 p.m. Elementary School Fest. - 584 Albert Hart Drive



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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.

VISITORS DROP IN.....

Have you been visiting UPC and want to have a chance to meet a few more people and perhaps ask a few questions about the church? Stop by the Parks Wilson Room (the living room type space near the entrance to the sanctuary) Sundays November 1 and December 6, immediately following worship and chat it up with our pastors and a few church members.

WIDOWS SUPPORT GROUP.....

The Widows Conversation Group will meet on the second Thursday of each month at noon in the Parks Wilson Room. The women that gathered in October included widows of five months to twenty-four years. There is no structured program, just a time to visit with others who have similar conversation needs. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us for an hour. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Carroll at (225)695-6661 or peggoc@eatel.net.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED.....

There will be a Church Women United meeting at UPC on Friday, November 6. Registration and coffee begin at 9:30 a.m., with worship and program at 10:00 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Betsy Irvine, who will share information on the work of Louisiana Delta Corp in our communities. The theme of the meeting is "World Community Day: Our Journey Together." All are invited to attend.

- 1:30 p.m. Music Club of BR Rehearsal - Choir Room
4:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous - Library
6:30 p.m. Session Meeting - Conference Room
- 16 **CONTACT ARTICLES DUE**
- 17 10:00 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room
Noon Al-Anon - Parks Wilson Room
- 18 Noon Staff Meeting
Noon UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 19 11:00 a.m. Day School Thanksgiving Feast
5:30 p.m. The Gathering Friendsgiving - TBD
6:00 p.m. NAMI Family 2 Family - Conference Room
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 22 **Christ the King/Reign of Christ**
Patti Snyder preaching, Communion
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Church School
10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship
Noon Youth Cuba Lunch Meeting - Conference Room
1:30 p.m. Music Club of BR Rehearsal - Choir Room
4:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous - Library
- 24 Noon Al-Anon - Parks Wilson Room
7:00 p.m. NAMI - Library & Conference Room
- 26 **Thanksgiving Day**
DAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- 27 DAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- 28 TBD LSU vs. Texas A&M @ LSU (*PARKING*)
- 29 **1st Sunday in Advent**
Mike Watson preaching
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship
Noon Directory Photos - Parks Wilson Room & Classroom (*'till 6:00 p.m.*)
Noon Caregivers Support Group - Library
4:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous - Library

HUNGER WALK.....

November 1 is the Annual Hunger Walk. Meet at Catholic Life Center, 1800 South Acadian Thruway. Registration and activities begins at 1:30 p.m. with a kick-off rally at 2:15 p.m. Proceeds benefits Holy Grill and the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank.

DAY CIRCLE NEWS.....

The PW Day Circle meets on Tuesday, November 3, 10:00 a.m., in the Parks Wilson Room. Mary Wardlaw will lead a discussion of Lesson 2, Life-Giving Waters. Jan Boydston and Barbara Hoffman will provide refreshments. PW will receive the Thank Offering at this meeting. Please make plans to attend, and enjoy fellowship, Bible study, and mission. All are invited to attend.

FALL 2015 COURTYARD COLLAGE.....

Join us on Friday, November 13th, from 6:00-8:00pm in the courtyard for another fantastic evening of music, dance, and spoken word. We'll have some warm gumbo and hot apple cider to keep the Autumn weather at bay. Bring chairs, blankets, and make yourself comfortable as musicians and artists from the UPC community provide entertainment. This event remains free of charge. Interested in sharing your talent? Contact Barbara Hoffman: bhoffman51@cox.net



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

the gathering

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY AT UPC

The Gathering meets every other Thursday for some post-work wind down time from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Gathering is a social group generally for mid-twenties through forty-somethings, married, single, with kids, work out of the home, stay at home parent, grad students, or regular ol' worker bees, yet feel free to self identify! There aren't any age, professional, marital, or offspring restrictions. Babysitting is offered at the church when our wonderful volunteer sitters are available. If you would like more information, contact Jill Clemmons at jclemm1@lsu.edu.

Our next gatherings...
November 5
 City Park
 7327 Jefferson Hwy.

November 19
 Annual Friendsgiving Dinner



The Back Fence

Congratulations!

- **Jennifer and Brett Dietz** (and big brother Owen) upon the birth of Tessa Dietz on Sunday, October 18.
- **Andy Maverick**, Associate Dean for Student Services, College of Science, who has been selected as one of four faculty selected to represent LSU as SEC Academic Leadership Development Program Fellows.

Youth Group.....

This month, the senior high and middle school youth groups will be taking part in the first installment of "University Youth," a new collaborative ministry with University Methodist Church and University Baptist Church. We'll be doing a lot of fun things together, giving opportunities to meet new friends and connect with other congregations. Come check it out!

Cuba International Youth Trip 2016

Preparation for our international trip to Cuba next summer has officially begun! We have twelve youth and four adults signed up and are very excited. We met last month to begin some basic Spanish lessons and to have a conversation with our Cuban partner Daniel Izquierdo. We meet again later in November. Prayers for support are certainly welcome as we continue the process of trip preparation.

November

- 1 (12:30-2:30 p.m.) The Great Pumpkin Chase with University Youth
- 8 Discussion Night
- 14 (Sat) Game day Parking - Arkansas
- 15 Service Activity
- 22 (12:30-2:30 p.m.) Cuba Training
- 28 (Sat) Game day Parking - Texas A&M
- 29 NO YOUTH GROUP

December

- 4 (Fri) Lock-Out with University Youth at Area 51
- 13 Christmas Caroling

Fall Blood Drive.....

The Fall Blood Drive at UPC will be on Sunday, November 8, from 8:30 to noon. Each donation can help up to three recipients. If you can donate that day, please email Beth Paskoff at bpaskoff@lsu.edu. Include your preferred time to donate so she can add you to the schedule.

If you cannot give on November 16, you can also donate at United Blood Service, 1 Calais, Baton Rouge. Call them at 225-769-7233 to schedule an appointment. Please be sure to tell them that you want your blood donation credited to University Presbyterian Church.

Their website has lots of information about why you should donate and what the process is like.

<http://www.unitedbloodservices.org>



GAME DAY PARKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Once again UPC will open its parking lot for LSU Football Game parking. For several years we have provided this service, which doubles as a fund raising event with proceeds going to support youth, education, and mission projects. The home game schedule is:

- November 14 Arkansas
- 28 Texas A&M

Game times are subject to change due to television. Typically, volunteers arrive four or five hours before game time, and we are done an hour before kickoff. To volunteer, contact Randy Nichols at 241-6374 or rknichols@homelessinbr.org.



Christian Education at UPC 2015-2016

Church School Offering

Church school classes this year will be collecting an offering for Heifer International. Each class will be choosing animal gifts that their money will go towards. They'll even be naming their animals and giving them a little personality! Look out for the thermometer graph in the Welcome Center showing the progress each class is making toward their goal. Also, look for an Alternative Giving Fair to be held at UPC during the Advent season.

Pre-K and Kindergarten (Ages 4 - Kindergarten) Room 105

Curriculum: Grace and Gratitude, "Ages 3-5," a quarterly curriculum that will help transform the lives of children and those who love them, shaped by grace and gratitude. Each session shares a Bible story that reveals God's grace for us. Through fun, age-appropriate activities, and prayer, children and their leaders will celebrate the meaning of this grace in their lives as they encounter a living God.

Teachers: Pat Strain, Barbara Gray, Griffin Campbell

Elementary (Grades 1-5) Room 213

Curriculum: Grace and Gratitude, "Multi-age 5-10," a quarterly curriculum that will help transform the lives of children and those who love them, shaped by grace and gratitude. Each session shares a Bible story that reveals God's grace for us. Each class begins with a time of singing together before moving to a time of exploring a Bible story, doing crafts, and praying together.

Teachers: Betsy Wilks, Christine Russell, Lynne Wallace, Linda Walker, Robbie Phillabaum

Middle School (Grades 6-8) Room 203

Curriculum: Feasting on the Word, a lectionary-based curriculum that provides intentional connections between education and worship. Youth are figuring out who they are as they search for whose they are. Feasting on the Word materials provide opportunities for this age group to explore their personal and communal identity in Jesus Christ through meaningful community-building experiences, engaging Bible study, and relevant learning activities.

Teachers: Kelly Kerr, Jill Clemmons

Senior High (Grades 9-12) Room 206 (gathering location)

The Senior High church school class continues its tradition of faith walks to a caffeinated holy place (Highland Coffees).

Curriculum: Contemporary Issues: Living Your Faith and Moral Questions, "The Thoughtful Christian" downloadable studies created by church leaders. Remember Jesus' call to love God with our minds as well as our hearts and souls (Matt. 22:37).

Teachers: Amy Braymer, Jennifer Bravinder, Melody Joachim, Stephanie Launey

Adult Bible Study Class Conference Room (122)

Through November 22 The adult Bible Study class will continue its study of "Dwelling with Philippians, a conversation with Scripture through image and word" into the Fall. Through a rich and inviting curriculum, we will explore Paul's letter to the Philippians through evocative juxtapositions of visual images, poetry, and other worship-related arts with theological meditations, prayers, and more. This class takes a multidimensional approach leaving space for contemplation, reflection, and discussion. Together we will slow down and be drawn into the deeper message of Paul's letter.

Adult Parks Wilson Class Parks Wilson Room (108)

Through November 22 "Meeting the Old Testament Again for the First Time" with Randy Nichols and Meredith Veldman. We will spend five classes exploring "The Sins of the Fathers: What Should We Do with the Patriarchs." If you enjoyed VBS this summer, this is the class for you.

Advent Bible Study (combined adult classes) Conference Room (122)

November 29th through December 20th

"Mary Had a Baby", an Advent Bible study based on African American Spirituals.



Food Drive - Beat BAMA!

We have been CHALLENGED by First Presbyterian Church in Tuscaloosa to a food drive competition. The rules are simple: bring as many canned or packaged goods as possible to church on Sunday, November 8, and deposit them in the red barrels. The food will be donated to the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. The church that has collected the most will win bragging rights... even if the football game the night before doesn't go as hoped. But of course we're expecting to win in both categories. Geaux Tigers!



Common Table

"Food at the Table" will be held on Sunday, November 8, 7:30 p.m. at University Methodist Church. LSU students are invited to join Common Table for a conversation on low access to healthy food in Baton Rouge and how people of faith are called to respond. We will hear from Edgar Cage, Chair of Together Baton Rouge's Food Research Action Team. Join the conversation on how we can respond! See you at the table. FREE dinner included.



We want you!

Picture Makeup Day!

If you didn't have your picture made for our new pictorial directory, WE WANT YOU! The makeup date is scheduled for Sunday, November 29, from noon to 6:00 p.m. Sign up is available online through our website www.upcbr.org under the EVENTS link. For questions, please contact the church office.

Helping Hands Happenings.....

In 2015 Helping Hands made and donated 41 baby gowns, 32 stuffed animal toys, 48 baby blankets, 36 knitted infant caps, and 7 quilts to the following organizations: Su Casa de Esperanza (Texas border ministry), PCHAS (Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (Baton Rouge Child and Family Program), One-Stop Homeless Services of Baton Rouge, and Cancer Services of Baton Rouge. In addition, lap quilts were given to UPC folk to comfort them in time of illness or bereavement. Thank you to all who participated in making these items for Helping Hands. Please continue to check the Helping Hands basket for kits and supplies to make these and other items. And join us on the third Thursday of the month in the Conference Room to work on projects and enjoy fellowship together as we sew, knit, and crochet a variety of needed items.



Join us Saturday, November 7, at 8:00 a.m. as we get the church and grounds shipshape for Advent and Christmas! For more information, contact Griff Campbell at gcampbe@lsu.edu.

Taizé

A time for reflection, meditation, and reverence

Songs for wholeness and peace

For oneself, others, and the world



Taizé is an ecumenical worship service consisting of quiet meditation, songs, and silent prayer.

Join us this advent to celebrate the season or any time. All are welcome.

Starting December 2, services are held every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

through December 16

Call 383-0345 for more information

or visit the official Taizé website at www.taize.fr



The UPC Women's Retreat is scheduled for January 15-17, 2016 (MLK Weekend) at Feliciana Retreat Center.

Thanks to everyone for your generous contributions and pledges to both the UPC operating and capital campaign budgets!

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS (as of 10/21/15)

Amount actually received - \$8,512

Budget amount needed - \$10,055

Year-to-Date Giving: amount actually received \$421,085

Budget amount needed - \$422,321

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE 2 GIVING STATUS

Amount actually received - \$795

Total amount pledged - \$900,455

Year-to-Date Giving: amount actually received - \$285,927

Inception-to-Date Giving: amount actually received - \$658,968

**DECEMBER/JANUARY
CONTACT DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 16
(due to holiday schedules,
no exceptions)**

PRACTICE OF EXAMEN

1. Become aware of God's presence.

Look back on the events of the day in the company of the Holy Spirit. The day may seem confusing to you—a blur, a jumble, a muddle. Ask God to bring clarity and understanding.

2. Review the day with gratitude.

Gratitude is the foundation of our relationship with God. Walk through your day and note its joys and delights. Focus on the day's gifts. Look at the work you did, the people you interacted with. What did you receive from these people? What did you give them? Pay attention to small things—the food you ate, the sights you saw, and other seemingly small pleasures. God is in the details.

3. Pay attention to your emotions.

One of St. Ignatius's great insights was that we detect the presence of the Spirit of God in the movements of our emotions. Reflect on the feelings you experienced during the day. Boredom? Elation? Resentment? Compassion? Anger? Confidence? What is God saying through these feelings?

God will most likely show you some ways that you fell short. Make note of these sins and faults. But look deeply for other implications. Does a feeling of frustration perhaps mean that God wants you consider a new direction in some area of your work? Are you concerned about a friend? Perhaps you should reach out to her in some way.

4. Choose one feature of the day and pray from it.

Ask the Holy Spirit to direct you to something during the day that particularly important. It may involve a feeling—positive or negative. It may be a significant encounter with another person or a vivid moment of pleasure or peace. Or it may be something that seems rather insignificant. Look at it. Pray about it. Allow the prayer to arise spontaneously from your heart—whether intercession, praise, repentance, or gratitude.

5. Look toward tomorrow.

Ask God to give you light for tomorrow's challenges. Pay attention to the feelings that surface as you survey what's coming up. Are you doubtful? Cheerful? Apprehensive? Full of delighted anticipation? Allow these feelings to turn into prayer. Seek God's guidance. Ask him for help and understanding. Pray for hope.

End the Daily Examen with a conversation with Christ. Ask forgiveness for your sins. Ask for his protection and help. Ask for his wisdom about the questions you have and the problems you face. Do all this in the spirit of gratitude. Your life is a gift, and it is adorned with gifts from God. End the Daily Examen with the Lord's Prayer.

Based on <http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-examen/how-can-i-pray>

FLOWER COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

The UPC Flower Committee has been pruned drastically! We are in need of more church members to arrange flowers and someone to oversee the whole committee.

If you agree to arrange flowers for weekly services, you are usually assigned an entire month. For that month you would buy and arrange the flowers and have them in church for the 8:30 am service. Usually, this means you come in on Saturday and arrange the flowers using vases we already own or bring in vases of your own. A key to the church is made available for your convenience. The church reimburses you for the price of the flowers you buy. The church secretary generally reminds you of your month and sends you a list of the members who have paid for the flowers that month and makes note of any specific requests (color, flower, etc) they may have specified.

If you agree to coordinate the flower committee, you contact members to fill the monthly slots and you make sure things run smoothly regarding flowers. Sometimes this person is contacted to help with funerals or receptions or other special events at church. They in turn solicit help from the other flower committee members.

Neither of these are difficult jobs. If you enjoy working with flowers, they are fun! Currently we have eleven members on the committee. Three or four of our current members have asked for a break from flower arranging. Some of these men and women have been serving the church in this capacity for more years than they can remember. It may be time to rethink how UPC does flowers or whether or not fresh flowers each Sunday are an important part of worship.

If you are interested in taking on either of these jobs, please contact Joe Skillen, Chair of Worship Committee. The committee is good for the remainder of 2105, however, the new year is just around the corner!



DAY SCHOOL THANKSGIVING FEAST NOVEMBER 19

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! This annual celebration allows all the children in the Day School to invite their parents to share the Thanksgiving Feast with them. Usually there are around 250 people served and a fine time is enjoyed by all. The Day School would be most grateful for help in providing this dinner. Volunteers are needed to help with set up and serving between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19. Anyone who can spare 2 or 3 hours during this time would be a great help. Another way to help is to volunteer to cook a turkey or make corn bread to be used in the stuffing. If you are not a baker, providing a container of chopped onions or canned green beans or cranberry sauce would be most welcome. To volunteer for any of this, please contact Mary Russo in the Day School office, 225-344-8077.

COVENANT NETWORK NATIONAL CONFERENCE



unity **MATTERS**

November 5-7, 2015
Central Presbyterian Church
Denver, Colorado

It's a new day in the church. LGBTQ people are able to be ordained. Same-gender marriages are permitted. But we are not all together.

Lines of race, ethnicity, gender, economic status and more separate us, even—especially?—in the church. Theological differences define and divide us. And even with the progress we have seen, there is still much work to do to ensure LGBTQ people are fully welcomed in every part of our denomination.

The 2015 conference will explore the fullness of the unity of the church. Inspired by the Confession of Belhar—which has been approved by the presbyteries and will likely become part of the Book of Confessions next year—we consider how the church can fulfill its call to justice and reconciliation. How can we understand our mission and ministry differently and live differently to become the truly inclusive church God is calling us to be? Challenging keynotes, powerful preaching, and the warm fellowship of partners in this journey will all be part of this biennial event.

The conference will take place at the historic Central Presbyterian Church, a welcoming and inclusive congregation serving Denver's downtown community for more than 150 years. Worship and plenary sessions will happen in its historic sanctuary, with workshops and meals elsewhere in the fully accessible building.

UPC has been a member congregation of the Covenant Network since the late 1990s. Patti Snyder, Jill Clemmons, and Kelly Kerr will be attending the conference on our behalf.

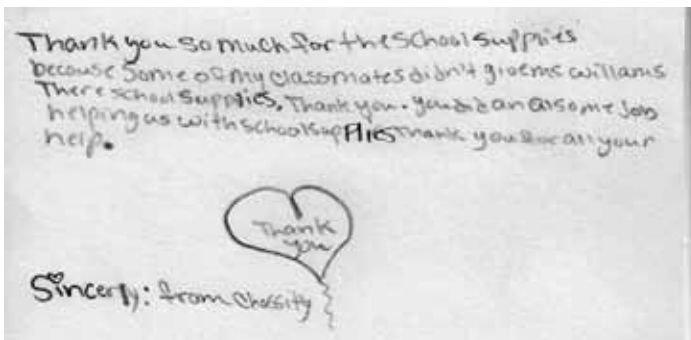
THANK YOU FROM PARK ELEMENTARY!



"Hi, I'm in the 4th grade, at Park Elementary. I just want to say thank you for the school supplies you gave me and my peer in the 4th grade. We just can't thank you enough for what you have done!"



"Thank you for the supplies and I really want to meet you. We are thankful for the supplies. You gave us a big hand. Now it is our turn to give you something, like this card and a big, big, big hug. We all love you and thank you. - Joseph"



"Thank you so much for the school supplies because some of my classmates didn't give Ms. Williams there school supplies. Thank you. You did an awesome job helping us with school supplies. Thank you for all your help. Sincerely: from Chassity"

Pray For . . .

Gerri Ward • Dorothy Bankston • Cecil Jarreau • Ralph Brewer • Sue Candler
Dan & Ruth Bivins • Pat Kennedy • Tristyn Bemis • Tabitha Lewis • Joyce Kuyper
Betty Campbell • Jim Johnson • Gerard Klein • Kent Walker

- **Helen Fant**, in hospice care
- **Mary Timmons**, recovering at home after a brief hospitalization
- **John Garton**, Ron's dad, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer and is in home hospice care
- **Glenda (Garton) Mathis**, Ron's sister and dad's primary caregiver, had an auto-immune paralysis event and is now out of intensive care and in rehab.
- **Graham Nichols**, at Woodlake Addiction Recovery Center. Graham would appreciate cards: send them to The Center, 3015 Hwy 956, Ethyl, LA 70737.
- **Charley Fisher**, recovering from spinal surgery
- **Rick Richard**, suffering from cancer, and his wife and caretaker, **Cathy Richard**, friends of Kathy Poché
- **Rene Benoit**, cousin of Travis Thompson, with brain cancer
- **Nancy McCracken**, in hospice care
- **De Ingraham**, mother of Patti Snyder
- **Marion Boyd**, grandfather of Cheri Strain, in ailing health
- **Nita Rossman**, Regency Place Nursing Home
- **Midge Reed**, mother of Barbara Hoffman, in hospice care
- **Danny Farris and his family**, friends of Robbie Phillabaum. Danny is recovering from extensive reconstructive surgery at home.
- **Mike and Gwen McDaniel**, friends of Diana Reynolds. Gwen has been diagnosed with leiomyosarcoma, a rather rare and aggressive cancer.
- **Kay Collier**, friend of Betty Armstrong, being treated for cancer
- **Linda Hubchen**, undergoing chemo for Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- **Paige Christian**, cousin of Mike Watson, recovering after a double mastectomy
- **Lisa Stoddard**, wife of Linda Walker's nephew, healing from 3rd degree burns
- **Becky Tucker**, sister of Lori Tucker, with a broken leg
- **Gordon and Alice Holcomb**, friends of many at UPC, who were struck by an oncoming vehicle while they were crossing the street
- **Kyle Craig**, cousin of Melody Joachim
- **Alan Williams**, brother of Virginia Davis, diagnosed with Parkinson's
- **Michelle Sager**, friend of Katie Watson, in Rocky Mount, NC
- **Marcia Campbell**, friend of Robbie Phillabaum, with lung cancer
- **Peggy Ourso**, sister of Susan Ourso
- **Charles Grenier**, friend of Jerry Kennedy, in rehab following a stroke
- **Lois Liggett**, mother of Sarah Kennedy, undergoing chemotherapy
- **Rev. John Bade**, husband of Rev. Robin McCollough-Bade
- **Molly Kennedy**, our seminary student
- **Marla Kerr-Lawson**, Kelly Kerr's sister
- **Felicia Lewis**, sister-in-law of Donna Thrasher, diagnosed with lupus
- **Bill Galbreath**, Lois Kuyper-Rushing's brother-in-law, with a recurrence of lymphoma, and his wife **Ellen**, who cares for him
- **Matthew Shipe**, nephew of Kathy Perry, recovering in a facility in PA
- **Edna Faust and her son Gregory**, friends of Kay Lindsey
- Kelly Kerr's aunts, **Mary Jane** and **Carolyn**
- **Katie and Henry Nelson**, parents of Bizza Britton
- **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
- **Anne Stewart**, mother of Kathleen Richey, diagnosed with stage three cancer
- **Val and Dan Johns**, friends of Patti Snyder. Dan is undergoing chemotherapy.
- **Kristi Hammatt**, friend of Katie Watson, and her 18- month-old daughter dealing with serious heart and lung problems
- **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
- **Baker, Broadmoor, Scotlandville, and Highland Presbyterian**, as they move through pastoral transitions
- **Hospice patients of Life Source Hospice**
- **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 Chris Whittington
- 2 Marissa Baham
- 3 Meredith Veldman
- 4 Ed Green
- 5 Juliana Sheffield
- 6 Barbara Hoffman
- 7 Lori Tucker
- 8 Jeff Perry
- 9 Gus Rowland
- 10 Griff Campbell
- 11 Pat Ho
- 12 Adam Knapp
- 13 Henry "Skeeter" Cedars
- 14 Doug Walker
- 15 Kay Lindsey
- 16 Katie Watson
- 17 Beth Paskoff
- 18 Brannon Costello
- 19 Joe Skillen
- 20 Susan Ourso
- 21 Robin Patty & David Hall
- 22 Ann Miller
- 23 Kelley Massengale
- 24 Kelly Kerr
- 25 John Cogburn
- 26 Mary Wardlaw
- 27 Linda Babin
- 28 Johan Skillen
- 29 Jerry Kennedy
- 30 Tom Shelton
- 31 Kathy Poché

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Ian Lewis | 13 Wright Kennedy
Katie Olinde Lyon
Malcolm Reynolds | 21 John Grubb |
| 3 Stacie Bemis
Collin Murchison
Dean Murchison | 14 Holly Carruth
Silas Freeman
Jill Ratcliff | 22 Lilly Bridwell-Bowles
Vivian Fortier
Jalynn Terry |
| 5 Thelma Berg | 15 Dorothy Bankston
Andy Kopplin | 23 Candace Wright |
| 6 Sarah Hughes | 16 Nicholas Knapp
Alyssa Reeves | 24 Chadwick Chapman |
| 7 Drew Trahan | 17 Jack Perry | 25 Sarah East |
| 10 Eugene Berg | 19 Gaines Foster
Victoria Robertson | 27 Michelle Zerba |
| 11 Gus Rowland
Ken Stubblebine | 20 Miranda Kilgore Moore | 28 Julian Murchison |
| 12 Jerry Trahan | | 30 Tristyn Bemis
Cindy Hartgerink
Richard Jarreau |

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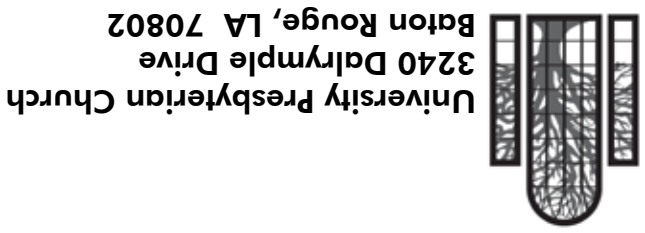
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Mission Statement

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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