



UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Newsletter for church members and friends

CONTACT
March 2016



Today I cleaned up a bunch of stuff in my office. In a way it was an avoidance technique. This letter was looming. In a way it was preparation, I guess.

Behind the door to the credenza there were CD's for printers I no longer have. In my desk files there were multiple copies of things I didn't need a first copy of. The trusty stack on my desk where I put things I'm currently in the midst of had gotten so high I had no idea what was in there. I know one person who would make his stack wait until everything was so out of date and overdue that he just recycled all of it. Mine wasn't that bad, but it was time.

Spring cleaning is an old tradition. I read somewhere that it began in the Jewish tradition as in preparation for the Passover folks turned their houses inside out looking for any leavened bread crumbs. Since the Hebrews had only unleavened bread at the time of the Exodus, when they were particularly dependent upon God and needed to move at a moment's notice to follow (i.e. no time for bread to rise), keeping leavened bread during Passover was considered ungrateful and arrogant. I like the idea of spring cleaning.

Some of you are pros at cleaning (you know who you are). I am not. But I do like the thought, particular in Lent, of ridding ourselves of those things – tangible or in – that weigh us down, clearing the deck of that which takes up unnecessary time, space, and energy. There is so much that is extraneous. And besides, cleaning up makes room.

Recently a visitor told me that he was glad that my office wasn't neat; he didn't trust anyone with a neat office. I tend to agree. There's something almost inhuman about having nothing extraneous or out of order. There's something wrong about having no crumbs around. Although I cleaned my office this morning, my visitor needn't worry. I am by no means done cleaning up my office. Come see me and you'll see. Talk to me and you'll know. There are plenty of ways I could still make more room for the things that Lent prepares in us. You?

May the blessings of Spring cleaning be yours.

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.

SUNDAY FLOWER DONATIONS.....

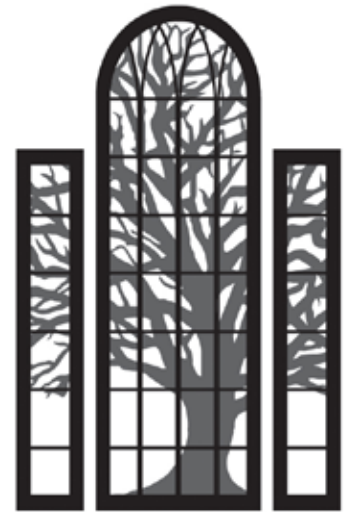
Memorial Flower Donation envelopes for 2016 are available in the pews to fill out to reserve flowers for 2016 Sunday services. Available dates for donation can be found in the Sunday bulletins or by contacting the church office. Place your completed envelope in the offering plate, and we will take care of the rest. Thank you for making Sunday services so beautiful.

WIDOWS SUPPORT GROUP.....

Our Widows Support group will meet on Thursday, March 10, at noon in the Parks Wilson Room. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch. If you haven't tried the group yet, we hope you will join us. It is a relaxed time of conversation that flows with whatever is needed. If you have any questions please call Peggy Carroll (726-7856).

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Conference Room
 10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Conference Room
 Noon Al-Anon - Library
 5:30 p.m. Lenten Small Group - 836 N. 7th Street
 7:30 p.m. UPC Book Group - 2285 Cedardale
- 2 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
- 3 10:00 a.m. Lenten Small Group - Louie's Cafe
 7:00 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 5 8:30 a.m. Day School Teacher Training - Fellowship Hall
- 6 4th Sunday in Lent** - *Randy Nichols 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. Lenten Small Group - Fellowship Hall
 12:15 p.m. Kids Book Group - Library
 4:00 p.m. Middle & High School Youth Field Trip
 4:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous - Library
- 8 Noon Al-Anon - Library
 5:30 p.m. Lenten Small Group - 836 N. 7th Street
 6:30 p.m. TBR Monthly Meeting - UPC Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
 7:45 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Parks Wilson Room
- 9 9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel
 Noon UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
 Noon Staff Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Taizé - Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 10 10:00 a.m. Lenten Small Group - Louie's Cafe
 Noon Widows Support Group - Parks Wilson Room
 7:00 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 13 5th Sunday in Lent** - *Patti Snyder 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 Renewal Grant Potluck Lunch - Fellowship Hall
 12:30 p.m. High School Youth Group Cuba Meeting - Conference Room
 4:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous - Library
- 14 7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Conference Room
- 15 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room
 Noon AlAnon - Parks Wilson Room
 5:30 p.m. Lenten Small Group - 836 N. 7th Street
 6:00 p.m. University Outreach Committee - Conference Room
- 16 9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel
 Noon UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
 Noon Staff Meeting
 4:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Conference Room
 5:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Adult Ed. Subcommittee - Library
 6:00 p.m. Taizé
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 17 10:00 a.m. Lenten Small Group - Louie's Cafe
 7:00 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
- 19 9:00 a.m. UPC Cook Day - UPC Kitchen
 2:00 p.m. Newlywed (Mike & Melody) Open House - 672 Nelson Drive
- 20 Passion/Palm Sunday** - *Mike Watson preaching, Communion*
 8:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Church School
 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal



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Congratulations

On February 7 during the Congregational Meeting, an election for representatives to the Congregational Nominating Committee for 2016 was held. The following people were elected and agreed to serve:

Gaines Foster
 Jerry Kennedy
 Jan Boydston
 Peggy Carroll
 Jackson Reynolds

These individuals will be joined by two representatives from the Session and one from the Diaconate in selecting the slate of officer nominees for the Class of 2019.

Interfaith Federation Sounds of the CommUNITY Concert

The 26th Annual Sounds of CommUNITY Concert will be held on Sunday, April 10, 4:00 p.m. at Greater New Guide Baptist Church, 3445 Fairfields Ave. The concert features Howard Thurman's reflections on well-known spirituals sung by HERITAGE as well as diverse music from local faith communities. Following the concert, the Interfaith Federation will host a 3-week series (based on Thurman's writings) held at various locations throughout the city. Watch for more info on www.ifedgbr.com

Are You Ready for Some BASEBALL?

Your Fellowship Committee is sponsoring the annual UPC night at Alex Box Stadium, Tuesday, March 29, 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.



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

March 1: Postmark Bayou Chene
 by Gwen Rowland

	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:15 p.m.	Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
	4:00 p.m.	High School Youth Group
	4:30 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous - Library
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting - Conference Room
22	Noon	AIAnon - Parks Wilson Room
	7:00 a.m.	NAMI - Conference Room & Library
23	9:30 a.m.	Day School Chapel
	Noon	UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
	Noon	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
24	7:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service <i>Communion</i>
	25 Good Friday	Day School & Church Office Closed
	7:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service
	27 Easter Sunday	<i>Patti Snyder preaching, Communion</i>
		<i>One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering</i>
	8:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	8:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Brunch/Egg Hunt
	10:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	4:30 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous - Library
29	Noon	AIAnon - Parks Wilson Room
	6:30 p.m.	UPC @ Alex Box for LSU Baseball
30	9:30 a.m.	Day School Chapel
	Noon	UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
	Noon	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
31	7:30 p.m.	New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal

SABBATICAL LEAVE POLICY

At the Church Officers Retreat in 2013 there was discussion of a renewal leave for University Presbyterian's Senior Teaching Elder, brought to the officers by the Personnel and Administration Committee and to be funded by a potential Lilly Foundation Grant. A proposal to apply for such a grant was approved by the Session the next month but not acted upon. The Personnel and Administration Committee discussed both this grant and a sabbatical leave policy from time to time over the next two years. In that time they discovered that many congregations have adopted a sabbatical leave policy. In 2015 the committee decided to proceed with crafting a sabbatical leave policy prior to moving forward with funding options for a particular leave.

Acting on this decision, the P&A Committee, with the invaluable help of Cecil Eubanks, contacted the PC(USA) denominational offices and five congregations with sabbatical leave policies to begin formulating a policy for UPC. The P&A Committee presented a draft policy to the Session in August of 2015. A sub-committee of the Session was formed consisting of the Worship Committee chair (Joe Skillen), Stewardship & Finance Committee chair (Beth Paskoff), Mission & Peacemaking Committee chair (Jerry Kennedy), and P&A Committee chair (Ann Miller). The Senior Teaching Elder (Patti Snyder) was consulted about denominational requirements. As considerations about funding potential sabbaticals entered into the discussion, the committee also met with Thom Shuman, Barbara Hoffman's brother, who shared his experience as Lilly Grant recipient. The refined Sabbatical Leave Policy you received via e-mail was presented to the Session in September and was adopted. The Sabbatical Leave policy was added to the Terms of Call for both our Senior Teaching Elder (Patti) and Associate Teaching Elder (Mike) by a vote of the congregation at the Congregational meeting on February 7, 2016.

At the February meeting of the Session, Patti Snyder's request for a sabbatical leave in 2017 was approved by the Session. One of the key components of our grant submission to the Lilly Clergy Renewal Foundation is congregational activities that might take place while our pastor is on sabbatical leave. The grant committee will be hosting a Pot Luck Lunch on March 13 following the 11:00 a.m. service so that members of the congregation can share ideas of activities that we might plan during Patti's sabbatical. We look forward to hearing from YOU!

Open House

The UPC congregation is invited to celebrate the marriage of

Melody Joachim & Mike Watson

Saturday, March 19, 2016

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

672 Nelson Drive

Home of
Ava and Cordell Haymon

NEW
LOCATION



Please bring your favorite dessert recipe to share with the newlyweds.

Special Offering March 27

One Great Hour of Sharing

Started in 1949, One Great Hour of Sharing is a long-standing ecumenical effort aimed at raising the funds necessary to provide relief and reconstruction for communities in the aftermath of disaster. What started as an hour-long radio appeal has evolved over the years, varying from eight to 29 participating denominations, and has become the most participated-in Offering in the PC(USA). Today, projects supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are underway in more than 100 countries.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

- Works within communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters
- Receives 32% of funds raised

Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP)

- Takes action to alleviate hunger and its systemic causes and helps create access to healthy food for entire communities
- Receives 36% of funds raised

Self-Development of People (SDOP)

- Partners with people and communities with tools for development and education to alleviate poverty, oppression, and injustice
- Receives 32% of funds raised

There are three ways you can give:

- through your congregation
- text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10
- presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs

COMING ALIVE IN LENT

"We want to be alive. To feel alive. Not just to exist but to thrive, to live out loud, walk tall, breathe free. We want to be less lonely, less exhausted, less conflicted or afraid...more awake, more grateful, more energized and purposeful...The quest for aliveness is what we're hoping for when we pray. It's why we gather, celebrate, eat, abstain, attend, practice, sing, and contemplate."

We Make the Road by Walking: Seeking Aliveness

by Brian D. McLaren

This Lenten Season, our spiritual practices in worship and small groups center on this idea of coming alive! As we move from Ash Wednesday through to resurrection Sunday, the themes of what makes for death and what makes for real life are rich. We hope that you will join in as we open ourselves to the new life God's Spirit has in store.

Small Groups

Small groups are studying the idea of "seeking aliveness" by following a devotional book by Brian D. McLaren. Groups are exploring Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in the gospel of Matthew. Groups began on February 14th and will run throughout the season of Lent.

Sunday Morning Worship

During Lent this year our worship centers around texts from the Sermon on the Mount:

3/6 Matthew 6:19-7:12

3/13 Matthew 7:13-29

These are the same texts that are used in the small groups, worship serving as a "prelude" to the small group discussion for the week.

Taizé

Once again we are joining together to worship in the Taizé style of sung prayer each Wednesday during Lent. In keeping with our emphasis on new life, each week we hear and meditate upon one of the biblical stories of new life. Taizé services are every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude on March 16.

Devotion Box

What thoughts, meditations, prayers have come to you during this Lenten season? What images shape your experience of coming alive during this season? You can anonymously share your devotions with your church family by writing them down and placing them in the Lenten devotion box in the Welcome Center. Pieces of paper are available beside the box, at the ends of the pews, and in the Meditation Room. You can also email your thoughts to upclent@gmail.com. Messages will be anonymously posted to UPC's Facebook page and on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center.

Meditation Room During Lent

The small classroom on the 2nd floor (that used to be the middle school room - Rm. 104) is set up for meditation. Music, yoga mats, meditative art, reading material, and more make this quiet spot perfect for a few moments on Sunday morning or anytime during the week when the building is open. Stop by and find ways to enhance your journey.



Youth Group

UPC Youth had a fantastic weekend at Feliciana Retreat Center for our Cuba Training Retreat. Each youth shared a brief presentation on an aspect of Cuban life. We discussed our motivations and reasons for going to Cuba. We challenged and conquered the challenge course. Finally, we had a lot of fun playing outside and eating delicious meals. We get more and more excited as the trip gets closer!

March

- 6 Field Trip (Senior High and Middle School Combined)
- 13 Cuba Training Session (Sunday, 12:30 p.m. in the Conference Room)
- 20 Discussion Night
- 27 NO Youth – Easter

April

- 3 NO Youth – Spring Break
- 10 Cuba Training Session (Sunday, noon in the Conference Room)
- 17 Earth Day Festival (High School and Middle School combined)
- 24 Service Day

Christian Education at UPC 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 for the thermometer graphs in the Welcome Center showing the progress each class is making toward its goal.

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 Christian Education

Adult classes will run **THROUGH** March 20. There will be no church school classes on March 27 due to the Easter Sunday brunch.

Bible Study Class

We Make the Road by Walking by Brian D. McLaren

This Lenten Season, small groups will study this idea of "seeking aliveness." Following a devotional book by Brian D. McLaren, groups will explore Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in the gospel of Matthew. This church school class will function as a small group.

Parks Wilson Class

Poets on Death: Faith and Doubt in Antebellum America

Teacher: Jerry Kennedy

This class will focus on Biblical passages on death, decay, and resurrection as they illuminate poems by Bryant, Longfellow, Emerson, Sigourney, Poe, Dickinson, and Whitman. The focus will be on religious revivalism, the rise of science, the onset of skepticism, and varied poetic responses to death and the afterlife.

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 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! If you would like more information, contact Jill Clemmons at jclemm1@lsu.edu.

Our next gatherings...

March 10

Tokyo Café, 7584 Bluebonnet Blvd. Ste. A

March 24

Breck's Bistro, 3930 Burbank Dr. Ste. F



The Back Fence

- Congratulations to **Rick Pitcher** and **Martha Robson** upon their retirements from active service as ministers in the PC(USA). A celebration of their gifts to the church was held at the February meeting of the Presbytery of South Louisiana.
- Congratulations to **Emily Cogburn** on the printing of her novel Louisiana Saves the Library.

Do you have an announcement for "The Back Fence?" Send your great news to Caralyn at cdurham@upcbr.org by the 20th of every month.

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS

(as of 2/26/2016)

Budget amount needed - \$9,932
 Year-to-Date Giving: amount actually received \$78,422
 Budget amount needed - \$79,457
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE 2 GIVING STATUS
 Total amount pledged - \$900,455
 Year-to-Date Giving: amount actually received - \$65,706
 Remaining loan payable - \$616,232

APRIL CONTACT DEADLINE MARCH 21



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 20, 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Peace March: Telling the Story of Reversal

"Caesar's kingdom, the empire of Rome, rules by fear with threats of violence, demanding submission. God's kingdom, the kingdom of heaven, rules by faith with a promise of peace, inspiring joy. Jesus' tears are telling us something: he knows that our leaders aren't going to listen to him. They're going to respond to Caesar's violence with violence of their own, and that's why Jesus just made that dire prediction."

Holy Week begins with a procession for a king. Yet the kingdom Christ embodies is a reversal of what the world had known. Together, we will begin our own Holy Week Palm Sunday journey with a worship service telling God's story of reversal.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.

Seeking Aliveness in Self-Giving

"This meal celebrates a new model of aliveness - a model of service, of self-giving, of being blessed, broken, and given for the well-being of others... Jesus the king of self-giving sets an example of service. And in that context, he asks us to remember him - not primarily for his great miracles, not primarily for his brilliant teaching, but primarily, essentially, for this: that he gives himself like food for us and for the whole world."

Maundy Thursday will acknowledge Jesus' final meal shared with his disciples, a meal in which Jesus embodied service through the washing of his disciples' feet. We will explore what it means to serve one another face to face, embodying the great love Jesus has for each of us.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 25, 7:30 p.m.

The Story of Christ's Betrayal and Death

After gathering together the disciples go out with Christ, but as the events of his impending betrayal and crucifixion unfold they are dispersed into the silence and darkness of the reality of what is happening.

Our Good Friday Service will be a traditional service of Tenebrae (extinguishing of lights) as we meditate on Christ's service and sacrifice of love.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, March 27, 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

New Life When You Least Expect It

"As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man...he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you're looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised. He is not here.'"

We gather with hope in our hearts to hear the good news of Christ's resurrection once again. The choir will sing at both services, communion will be celebrated, and the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected. Our Cuba Mission team will be commissioned at the 11:00 am service. **Everyone is encouraged to bring flowers to add to the Easter cross.**

Fellowship/Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Potluck Brunch will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday between the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring their favorite brunch items to share.

During the Easter Brunch, the children will gather for our annual Easter Egg hunt. Older children and youth will gather around 10:00 to hide the eggs and the hunt will officially start around 10:20. Specific location at the church TBA.

A nursery will be provided for all events.

Prayer Requests

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

- **Cecil Jarreau**, Baton Rouge General Bluebonnet
- **Malcolm Reynolds**, Baton Rouge General Mid City/Promise Rehab
- **John McGregor**, at Ollie Steele
- **Ralph Brewer**, at Promise Rehab
- **Tyke Olinde**, recovering from a broken hip at Baton Rouge Rehab Hospital
- **Cathy Paterson**, who broke her shoulder for the second time
- **Dianne Garton**, recovering from back surgery
- **Sue Candler**, now diagnosed with lung cancer
- **Nita Rossman**, at St. Claire Nursing Home
- **Debbie Vetvick**, daughter of PSL General Presbyter Ron Sutto, recovering from surgery
- **Linda Hubchen**, with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- **Gery Price**, sister-in-law of Betty Burford, hospitalized and in serious condition
- **Jack Tillay**, father of Rachel, diagnosed with cancer
- **Jim Hanifen**, recovering after treatment for prostate cancer
- **Jane Skillen**, mother of Joe, with a recurrence of cancer necessitating another round of chemotherapy, and his father
- **Bill Mathews**, friend of Robbie Phillabaum, recovering from heart surgery
- **Lee Wirth**, brother of Karen Paterson, with Hodgkin's lymphoma
- **Nancy Flournoy**, godmother of Maggie Richardson, undergoing chemotherapy for lymphoma
- **Houston Haymon**, son of Ava and Cordell, undergoing chemotherapy for colon cancer
- **Nancy McCracken**, in hospice care
- **Foster Madeley**, friend of Betty Armstrong, being treated for Mantle Cell Lymphoma
- **Charles Grenier**, friend of Jerry Kennedy, at home following a stroke
- **Paige Christian**, cousin of Mike Watson
- **Lisa Stoddard**, wife of Linda Walker's nephew, healing from 3rd degree burns
- **Kyle Craig**, cousin of Melody Joachim
- **Alan Williams**, brother of Virginia Davis, with Parkinson's
- **Michelle Sager**, mother-in-law of Katie New, in Rocky Mount, NC
- **Lois Liggett**, mother of Sarah Kennedy
- **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
- **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
- **Val and Dan Johns**, friends of Patti Snyder. Dan is undergoing chemotherapy.
- **Kristi Hammatt**, friend of Katie New, and her 18- month-old daughter dealing with serious heart and lung problems
- **Rene Benoit**, cousin of Travis Thompson, with brain cancer
- **Bill Galbreath**, Lois Kuyper-Rushing's brother-in-law, with a recurrence of lymphoma, and his wife **Ellen**, who cares for him
- **Beth Whelen**, friend of Debbie Abernathy
- **Nic and Rachel Ciraldo**, friends of Griff Campbell, and their son, **Luca**, who has kidney cancer
- **Marion Boyd**, grandfather of Cheri Strain, in ailing health
- **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.
- **Broadmoor and Scotlandville 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 Jerry Trahan
- 8 Jeff Perry
- 9 Gus Rowland
- 10 Jane Smith
- 11 Pat Ho
- 12 Victoria Robertson
- 13 Alicia Lewis
- 14 OPEN
- 15 Kay Lindsey
- 16 Daniel Burch
- 17 Michael Strain
- 18 Brannon Costello
- 19 June Klimash
- 20 Susan Ourso
- 21 Robin Patty & David Hall
- 22 Ann Miller
- 23 Kelley Massengale
- 24 Kelly Kerr
- 25 John Cogburn
- 26 OPEN
- 27 Linda Babin
- 28 Bizza Britton
- 29 Leslie Green
- 30 Bunny Heroman
- 31 Kathy Poché

On your chosen date, please remember to contact the church office to check for people to visit!



The Pastor's Discretionary Account is currently low on funds. Please consider a donation.



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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Nicholas Paubel | 9 Katheryn Barry | 20 George Armstrong
Josie Costello
Adam Knapp
Terry Miller | 25 Chadwick Chapman
Nancy McCracken |
| 2 Marissa Baham
Kevin Black
George Hudson | 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
Aden Rowland | 29 Cameron Motsenbocker
Emory Wright |
| 5 Johnny Cook | 16 Claire Gellrich
Debbie Serra
Fred Wiegmann | 23 Mary Collier Wilks | |
| 6 Molly Hoffstetter
Gabi Perry | 17 John Tyler | 24 Katie Strain New
Rachel Sheffield
Jack Watson
Mike Watson | **Please remember to
contact the church office
if your contact
information changes.** |
| 8 Brandon Reeves
Chris Richardson | 18 Linda Babin
Kathryn Murchison
Nita Rossman | | |

**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.




Please remember that the parking spaces in front of the education building and behind the Parks Wilson Room are for persons who are handicapped. If you are dropping something off, please do so quickly; then move your vehicle so those who need the space can park.

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.

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