

**UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

*Newsletter for church members
and friends*

October 2016

CONTACT



I don't know how many times I've answered a question with "I don't know" in the last month. It's been a lot. "How long will Nechama be in our Fellowship Hall?" "I don't know." "What can we do to help?" "I don't know." "How much will it cost to do all the things that UPC is doing for flood relief?" "I don't know." "When will the results of the investigation into the shooting of Alton Sterling be released?" "I don't know." "What should be done to create a safer climate for police officers and African Americans in Baton Rouge?" "I don't know."

You get my drift.

I also don't know when I've been more appreciative for not knowing.

Don't get me wrong. I like being in the know as much as the next person, more than some. I like to plan, to understand things, to set goals and to be in control. However, I'm acutely aware these days of some of what a climate of "I don't know" can bring.

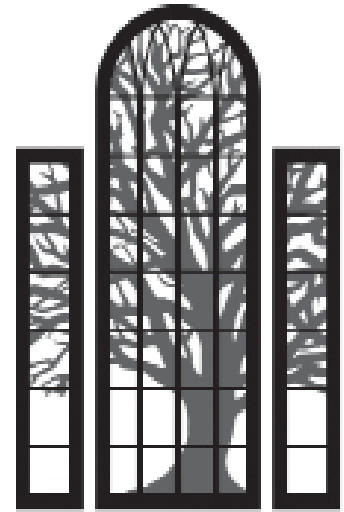
I'm noticing that "I don't know" can be the place where God's Spirit can move. "I don't know" can be the threshold to creativity. I've noticed that "I don't know" can open the door to ideas being freely shared. "I don't know" can usher in a context where collaboration flourishes. "I don't know" may very well be a huge gift. It can be a huge gift if we don't allow our own or other's "I don't knows" to become an end. "I don't know" can be a beautiful beginning to discovering answers together and to trusting that by the grace of God there are enough resources to do what needs to be done.

I think that I'd like to hold on a bit to this climate of "I don't know." I think it's beginning make some amazing answers take shape. What do you think?

With love for you and faith in what the Holy Spirit is doing in our church , our community, and in the world...

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 6:30 p.m. LSU vs. Missouri @ LSU (*PARKING*)
- 2 **World Communion Sunday** - *Mike Watson preaching, Communion*
 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
 12:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
 4:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
 4:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous - Library
- 3 6:00 p.m. Waking up White Small Group
- 4 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Conference Room
 10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Parks Wilson Room
 Noon AI-Anon - Library
 5:30 p.m. University Outreach Committee - Conference Room
 7:30 p.m. UPC Book Group - 2285 Cedardale
- 5 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
- 6 5:30 p.m. Bible Brews Small Group - Corporate Brew & Draft (2531 Citiplace Ct)
 6:00 p.m. Together BR Delegates Assembly - First United Methodist
 6:00 p.m. NAMI Family to Family Class - Conference Room
 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 8 10:00 a.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Retreat - Choir Room & Welcome Center
 11:00 a.m. Family Feliciana Fun Day - Feliciana Retreat Center
- 9 **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time** - *Patti Snyder preaching*
 9:45 a.m. Church School
 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals - UPC Courtyard
 4:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous - Library
- 10 6:00 p.m. Waking up White Small Group
 7:00 p.m. Huntington's Support Group - Conference Room
- 11 Noon AI-Anon - Parks Wilson Room
 6:30 p.m. Together BR Dinner Meeting - TBA
 7:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking - 6630 Boone
 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 12 Noon UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
 5:00 p.m. Property Committee - Conference Room
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 13 Noon Widows Support Group - Parks Wilson Room
 5:30 p.m. Bible Brews Small Group - Corporate Brew & Draft (2531 Citiplace Ct)
 6:00 p.m. NAMI Family to Family Class - Conference Room
 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 14 5:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting - Feliciana Retreat Center (*thru 10/15*)
- 15 TBA
 LSU vs. Southern Mississippi @ LSU (*PARKING*)
- 16 **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time** - *Patti Snyder preaching, Dietz Baptism*
 9:45 a.m. Church School
 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 12:15 a.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
 12:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
 4:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous - Library
 6:30 p.m. Session Meeting - Conference Room
- 17 6:00 p.m. Waking up White Small Group
- 18 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room
 Noon AIAnon - Parks Wilson Room
 5:00 p.m. 75th Anniversary Planning - Conference Room
 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Library



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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.

WIDOWS SUPPORT GROUP.....

Our Widows Support group will meet on Thursday, October 13, 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).

THE NEED IS GREAT!.....

Helping Hands meets on the third Tuesday of each month. We will be making items for those in need. Sewing skills are not essential. We have many projects that don't involve sewing. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.



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

October 4

The Painter by Peter Heller

October CALENDAR *continued*

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| 19 | 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 |
| 20 | 5:30 p.m. | Bible Brews Small Group - Corporate Brew & Draft (2531 Citiplace Ct) |
| | 6:00 p.m. | NAMI Family 2 Family Class - Conference Room |
| | 7:30 p.m. | New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room |
| 22 | TBA | LSU vs. Ole Miss @ LSU (<i>PARKING</i>) |
| 23 | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - <i>Patti Snyder preaching, Communion</i> | |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Church School |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | 12:15 p.m. | Conversation about 8:30 Service - Sanctuary |
| | 4:30 p.m. | Overeaters Anonymous - Library |
| | 4:30 p.m. | High School Youth Group - meet in Welcome Center |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Take Back The Night - LSU Memorial Tower |
| 24 | 6:00 p.m. | Waking up White Small Group |
| 25 | Noon | AIAnon - Parks Wilson Room |
| | 7:00 p.m. | NAMI - Conference Room and Library |
| 26 | 9:30 a.m. | Day School Chapel |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Fishing For Missions - Riverbend Subdivision |
| | Noon | Staff Meeting |
| | Noon | UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room |
| 27 | 5:30 p.m. | Bible Brews Small Group - Corporate Brew & Draft (2531 Citiplace Ct) |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Together BR Citywide Assembly |
| | 7:30 p.m. | New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room |
| 28 | 6:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room |
| 29 | 9:00 a.m. | UPC Work Day - UPC |
| 30 | Reformation/All Saints Sunday | |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Church School |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | Noon | Caregivers Support Group - Parks Wilson Room |
| | 4:30 p.m. | Middle & High School Youth Group Pumpkin Carving |
| | 4:30 p.m. | Overeaters Anonymous - Library |

UPC Feliciana Day Retreat.....

Come have lots of fun and enjoy our beautiful Feliciana Retreat Center on Saturday, October 8th! Members of all ages are planning to come, so please plan to join us and spend some time playing games, hiking, and hopefully trying out archery and canoeing (still looking for certified staff that can be with us) and of course, eating. Come anytime after 10 a.m. (it takes about one hour from BR), bring your own picnic lunch, games and activities in the afternoon starting about 1 p.m. Supper will be provided: grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers with the fixings. (Will be asking \$5 per person or max \$15 per family to help with cost.) Then stay for a bonfire when we'll have a S'mores competition! Bring that special extra you think will make your S'more THE BEST (we'll provide graham crackers, chocolate, and marshmallows! We'll all head home about 8 p.m. - tired, but refreshed by time well spent! "The more, the merrier," so help us plan by sending a reply to bizza.britton@gmail.com to let us know y'all are coming!

Patti Snyder, Mike Watson, and Jill Clemmons will be attending the DISGRACE conference at Montreat October 10-13. This conference is a faithful response to the embedded and structural racism in church and culture. For more information go to <http://www.montreat.org/disgrace/>



Taizé Sung Prayers

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

**Wednesday, October 5,
at 6:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary**



Blessing of the Animals

Join us on Sunday, October 9th, at 4:00 p.m. in the courtyard as we hold a service to honor those who have served as faithful companions - our pets! All animals are welcome. This is a service to show appreciation and gratitude for our pets, service animals, companion animals, and stuffed animals. We will also have a commissioning for the Heifer International animals for which our church school classes have raised money.

**NOVEMBER
CONTACT
DEADLINE
OCTOBER 17**

Youth Group

We're off and running with youth group! We will be spending a lot of time exploring some deep themes of race and hospitality throughout the year in both middle school and senior high youth group. We also hope to do a lot of collaboration with youth groups from other churches throughout the city and presbytery. If your family is not on the youth group mailing list and would like more information, check with Mike!

October Schedule		
	High School Youth Group	Middle School Youth Group
Oct. 2	Discussion Night	Welcome Back Games
Oct. 9	4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals Service – combined activity with church	
Oct. 16	No Youth Group	Service Activity
Oct. 23	Service Activity	No Youth Group
Oct. 30	Halloween Pumpkin Carving - combined event	

2016 Baton Rouge Take Back the Night Sunday, October 23 • 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join over thirty campus and community organizations at LSU's Memorial Tower for the 30th annual Take Back the Night vigil and march. We will honor and recognize those who have lost their lives to gender-based violence, engage our community in culture change, and encourage active bystander intervention.

The event will include:

- Resource fair
- Food and drinks
- Survivor Speak-out
- Live entertainment
- Candlelight vigil
- Community march



SPECIAL OFFERINGS PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

Sunday, October 2



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

October	1	Missouri (homecoming)
	15	Southern Mississippi
	22	Ole Miss
November	5	Alabama
	19	South Alabama

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 225-241-6374 or rknichols@homelessinbr.org.



Church School is at 9:45 a.m. and Worship is at 11:00 a.m.

Out of sensitivity to our shelter guests, concerns regarding the exhaustion of congregation and clergy, and a desire to worship all together as we continue to deal with the effect of the flood, the Session voted to continue with one service on Sundays through October.

Christian Education at UPC 2016-2017

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

Godly Play helps our children to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language, and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Join us on Sundays as we play together.

Teachers: Pat Strain, Griff Campbell, Betty Shelton, Linda Green

Elementary (Grades 1-5) Room TBD

Feasting on the Word for children is a lectionary based curriculum that connects with the church's lectionary cycle. Once a month, this class will focus directly on worship and music. This class will help connect the worship experience in a meaningful way with what is going on in church school. Teacher: Betsy Wilks

Shepherds: Linda Walker, Mary Mikell, Maggie Richardson

Middle School (Grades 6-8) Library

We will be using a new service-learning-based approach that will combine lessons from church school into youth group activities, which will occur monthly. The Middle School offering will be used in conjunction with the service learning projects. We will use Faith Practices curriculum produced by the United Church of Christ.

Teachers: Kelly Kerr, Jill Clemmons

Senior High (Grades 9-12) Gather in Welcome Center

The Senior High church school class continues its tradition of faith conversation walks to a caffeinated holy place (Highland Coffees). We will be following the Feasting on the Word lectionary cycle Bible studies, along with periodical topical conversations.

Teachers: Kurt Ozier, Kelley Massengale, Ed Peterson, Cynthia Peterson

Adult Bible Study Class Conference Room (122)

The adult Bible Study class will continue its journey through Brian McLaren's "We Make the Road by Walking." These classes follow the church year through exploring different Scripture readings as they relate to the roads we all walk in our lives. This class is group facilitated and all are welcome to join at any time.

Adult Parks Wilson Class Parks Wilson Room (108)

Starting Immediately: A History of Race Relations, led by Gaines Foster

With the shooting of Alton Sterling followed by that of three Baton Rouge police officers, our city faces once again the reality of the troubled race relations that have long plagued America. The problems threatening our community and nation have deep historical roots. Race has been at the center of the American experience. This class will provide an overview of the history of the role race and racism, particularly white supremacy, has played in American history from the emergence of slavery in the colonial period to the present, looking particularly at the role of structural racism, violence, and religion.

Starting October 30: TED Talks, organized by Sarah Liggett

TED talks, "ideas worth spreading," will spark UPC members' thinking about such topics as the nature of faith, the power of forgiveness, catalysts for spiritual awakening, and race and gender issues. We will watch a short TED talk followed by discussion. If you have a favorite TED talk you wish to include, contact Sarah Liggett at: enliggett@lsu.edu



UPC loves all LSU students! If you are a student seeking to connect to the life of UPC, contact Mike Watson to learn about opportunities. We are taking a trip to the Montreat College Conference January 1-5, 2017. All students are welcome to join. The price will be very affordable and scholarships will be available. For more information check out the college conference website: <http://www.montreat.org/college/>. Contact Mike if you want to join us!



HUNGER WALK

Join the Greater Baton Rouge community in a walk to fight local hunger. Proceeds benefit the Holy Grill of the Interfaith Federation and the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. This is a great activity for youth groups, families, and people of all ages.

Date: Sunday, November 5, 2016, 1:30 p.m. registration and activities, 2:30 p.m. walk starts

Location: Catholic Life Center, 1800 S. Acadian Thruway

Registration: To register, call Food Bank 225-359-9940. Suggested registration fee: \$15

Information: Call the Federation office (267-5600) or go online at www.ifedgbr.com/rsvp.php



COME TO OUR
BOOK FAIR!
 Your Ticket to Read!

Day School Annual Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is heading our way! The Book Fair will be held on the second floor from October 24-28 and on Sunday, October 30 for our church family. Book Fair hours are 8-10 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. during the week. On Sunday the book fair will be available until 12:30 p.m. The Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read to our school. It offers a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits. Everyone is invited and we can't wait to see you there!

Fishing for Missions.....

UPC's Mission and Peacemaking Committee is hosting the First Annual Fishing Rodeo for residents of St. Anthony's Resident Home on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 10:00 in Riverbend Subdivision. There is a need for UPC volunteers to fry fish, donate side food dishes and desserts, as well as assist the residents with fishing around a stocked pond located in the back of Riverbend Subdivision. Please contact Jan Boydston at janboydstun@aol.com or (225)7668696, if you would like to volunteer for this exciting event. St. Anthony's is a home for AIDS patients and is one of UPC's benevolences.

Fall Blood Drive.....

The Fall Blood Drive at UPC will be on Sunday, November 6, 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>

**IF NOT NOW?
 WHEN?**

YOUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN IS COMING

Giving generously of time, treasure, and talent has long been a part of Christian life. From the 1st Century when early Christians "had all things in common . . . and would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all who had need." (Acts 2:39-41) to the 21st century outpouring of aid in response to the disastrous August flooding in Louisiana, we have seen generosity and faith in action.

This October at UPC, we focus on our Annual Stewardship Campaign, which raises money to support the operations, programs, and missions of UPC during 2017 and beyond. You'll learn more about the campaign through bulletin notices, emails, minutes for mission, and other communications.

On November 6, please plan to attend UPC's Annual Pancake Breakfast during the church school hour. Nourishment for body and soul will be provided along with information on giving. There are rumors that entertainment will be provided! Fun, food, fellowship! What more could you want? Dedication Sunday will be on November 13.

As we enter this Stewardship season, take time to enjoy the gifts which we have received. May we prayerfully consider the gifts that we can give - faithfully, generously, and gladly.

Courtyard Collage.....

Calling all performers! UPC's Courtyard Collage will take place from 6-8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4th in the UPC courtyard. We'd love for you to share your talent with us, whether it be singing, playing an instrument, dancing, reading, displaying works of visual art, or whatever else you feel open to sharing. Contact Mike Watson if you are interested.

Work Day.....

The Property Committee has planned a work day for October 29 starting around 9:00 a.m. Come lend a hand to spruce up the grounds and do some maintenance and cleaning prior to the holiday. Please contact Ed Green at edgree3@yahoo.com to find out what you will need to bring for the work day.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 6
 following the 8:30 a.m. service
Fellowship Hall

**FOOD
 FUN
 FELLOWSHIP**

Gabriel Faure's Requiem

At the 11:00 service on October 30, UPC will celebrate All Saint's Day with a performance of Faure's beautiful and moving Requiem, sung by our choir with soloists Stephen Rushing, baritone, and Katie Rothstein, soprano. The Requiem Mass began as a tradition of the Roman Catholic Church, comprising specific prayers for the repose of the dead. It gets its name from the first line: *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine* (Grant them eternal rest, O Lord).

The Requiem service has inspired many musical compositions. Over time, and across denominations outside of the Catholic Church, and even outside of any liturgical setting, the Requiem has taken on a variety of texts suitable for funerals or for the remembrance of the departed. Gabriel Faure's Requiem is particularly notable for replacing the text *Dies Irae* (Day of Wrath) with the prayer *Pie Jesu* (Pious Jesus). He wrote that his Requiem "is dominated from beginning to end by a very human feeling of faith in eternal rest."

Join us as we celebrate and remember our brothers and sisters who have left us in the past year, and all of those whom we remember on this day.



2016 PARISHWIDE DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, OCT 6TH, 6PM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
930 NORTH BLVD

REGISTER TO ATTEND
AT TOGETHERBR.ORG

WE'LL RATIFY TBR'S AGENDA OF ISSUES FOR EBR
MAYOR-PRESIDENT & METRO COUNCIL ELECTIONS
AND
APPROVE EACH INSTITUTION'S EXEC COMMITTEE
REPS, VOTING DELEGATES, AND DUES PLEDGES
FOR 2017

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Do you remember six years ago when our Capital Campaign began? When we had two separate buildings with a "breezeway"? With no Welcome Center and no Elevator? And the ceiling was falling down in the Sanctuary? Back before the Kitchen and Choir Room were upgraded, before the Columbarium and Ash Garden were added, before the Parking Lot was expanded, and before we improved (just in time) the facilities for our Shelter Guests to include a bath and shower? When children had to cross the entire Parking Lot so carefully to get to the Playground?

All of these, and other, changes have been made. The planning took a lot of work by many UPC volunteers and we had a grand dedication celebration last year. Of course there were bills to pay, and thanks to your GIFTS, DEDICATION AND SACRIFICES we have already paid almost \$2,500,000. The balance on our construction loan is less than \$358,000. After only six years! Isn't that amazing?

We need your help for one more year. In 2017 we will observe our 75th anniversary and celebrate all that this lively and loving congregation has accomplished and will accomplish in the future. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be debt free again as part of the celebration? With your gifts, large and small, we can make that possible.

Please complete the contribution form below and return it to UPC or place it in the offering plate on Sunday or mail it to University Presbyterian Church, 3240 Dalrymple Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Make all checks payable to University Presbyterian Church, designating "Capital Campaign Fund" in the note area.

Thank you for all your gifts to UPC!



Name(s): _____
Address: _____
Signature(s): _____
Date: _____

Additional gift for 2016 \$ _____
Commitment for 2017 \$ _____



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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CUBA CORNER

by Rachel Sheffield

On the first full day of our trip to Cuba, we were greeted with a traditional kiss on the cheek from members of a nearby church in Manguito. We sat down in the pews and introduced ourselves. When it was my turn, I mustered up enough fake confidence to say: "Me yammo Rachel, tango dies-ee-ocho." I looked to our translator, Melissa, and said "I like to knit." Once she translated what I said, a woman in the back of the church named Mary Elisa perked up and said something to Melissa about how she liked to knit, too. I was happy to know that my hobby was something that I shared with someone from Cuba but I didn't think much of it.

Mary Elisa and I talked later on about our love for knitting and crocheting. For me, it is no hobby but in fact an obsession or more kindly put, a life style. Her face lit up when it became clear that our love was the same. Mary Elisa walked Elisabeth, Mary Anne, and me to her home through the little town. We had no translator and the only one of us who'd had any exposure to the language before was Elisabeth, and she'll tell you that class learning doesn't quite cut it in the real world. The most conversation we had was limited to how hot it was and most of that was head nods and hand gestures.

We reached her house where she sat me down in her special rocking chair covered in foam pads in front of the television. I knew just what it was because I have one exactly like it at home. She began pulling out her supplies and bags to show me what she was working on. I wanted to show her my understanding and happiness, so I decided to stick with the smiles and nods but bigger this time. Then she went behind the staircase and came out with a beautiful white lacelike tablecloth. The awe was apparent on my face, and then she said "por tu." I looked over at Elisabeth to confirm what I'd just heard and she nodded with shock in her eyes and said "It's for you!"

The levels of shock and adoration were so high that I couldn't wipe a smile off of my face. *Muchas gracias* just didn't cut it for how I felt but I hoped that if I at least said it a lot she'd understand. While I was admiring my gift she pulled out a shirt for Mary Anne and a purse for Elisabeth.

On the walk back to the church we ran into Melissa and I had her tell Mary Elisa all of what I wanted to be able to say myself. I thanked her and told her, "It was amazing and I will cherish it forever!" Mary Elisa said, looking a little bashful, "Hopefully it will remind you of the love of the Cuban people." She continued, "We could have gone anywhere else in the world, but we chose Cuba and we chose to share ourselves with them."

While in Cuba we experienced the love that Mary Elisa was talking about. The care simply put into our meals was astounding, and the fact that a woman I'd only met twenty minutes ago was bringing me to her home to share her passion with me was beyond amazing. Our connection with Cuba, and particularly San José is one which can never be fully explained without actually going there and experiencing it for yourself. We were welcomed with kisses and open arms. The pure hospitality that we were shown made us all realize the true value of something like a shower or a piece of mayonnaise and bread. The love was apparent when we met these people, and we didn't need a translator to tell us that. To anyone else, this would have just been an old woman giving them a piece of cloth, but to me it was a woman giving me a piece of her life. From my experience, projects of this caliber don't come quickly or easily. What seemed like such a simple gesture changed my whole day and the entire trip. Once you share a part of yourself with someone else it becomes twice as special. If you can take a passion and translate it into a way to make someone else feel welcome and special, then we're on our way to making the world a bit more open, a bit more special, and just a little bit smaller.

TO UPC WITH GRATITUDE

"Thanks for showing compassion and for removing flood damaged furniture, floors, etc... I will forever remember you and all you did. P.S. I enjoyed the chicken and dumplings too!"
- Karen Pride (Faith PC)

"You have showed me and my family so much love... love is an action word and that is what you do, take action. I just can't thank you enough." - Ms. Edith (UPC Day School)

"We just can't express the gratitude and appreciate for all of you that helped in our demo and clean up and the rest of the church family with ongoing prayers and support. We are forever indebted and are looking forward to the time where we can give back." - Jennifer Bravinder & Amy Braymer (UPC)

"Joe was WONDERFUL - he and his teams helped more than I can say - physically and psychologically!" - Daniel Burch (UPC)



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.

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS *(as of 9/22/2016)*

Year-to-Date Giving: amount actually received -
\$367,929

Budget amount needed - \$377,420

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE 2 GIVING STATUS

Total amount pledged - \$900,455

Year-to-Date Giving: amount actually received -
\$186,315

Remaining loan payable - \$355,050

Prayer Requests

To add a name, remove a name, or update information on our prayer list, please contact the church office by noon on Thursday at cdurham@upcbr.org.

**Ruth Bivins • Tristyn Bemis • Tabitha Lewis • Don Snyder
Betty Campbell • Gerard Klein • Kent Walker • Joyce Kuyper
Pat Kennedy • Gerri Ward • Dorothy Bankston • Judy Eubanks**

- **All those who have lost homes and/or businesses in the recent floods and all those assisting with clean up and recovery**
- **Joellen Hawkins**, Aunt of Emily Cogburn, with Alzheimers
- **Jeffrey Thrasher**, husband of Donna, diagnosed with a tumor on one of his kidneys and facing surgery on Monday
- **Bill Galbreath**, Lois Kuyper-Rushing's brother-in-law, in Hospice Care, and his wife Ellen Kuyper Galbreath
- **David Hall**, recovering from surgery on a broken wrist at SAGE rehab
- **Sandy Cochran and her husband**, friends of Diane Garton; Sandy had a massive stroke while traveling in Scotland.
- **Emmitt and Billie Calvert**, in-laws of Marc Poché, Joyce's son, were severely affected by the flood, and Emmitt is recovering from a heart attack.
- **Jitte Vanhaelen**, cousin of Christine Kooi, with bone cancer
- **Talia Daigre**, struggling with mental health issues
- **Betty Brock**, cousin of Jan Boydstun, diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease
- **Val and Dan Johns**, friends of Patti Snyder. Dan is recovering from surgery.
- **Michelle Jeansonne**, daughter of visitor Susan Jeansonne, friend of Linda and Doug Walker, undergoing radiation therapy
- **David Mitchell and David Mitchell Jr.**, father and brother of Margie Mitchell, going through rough times
- **Deborah Landau**, Eleanor Canon's former neighbor, with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- **Melanie Driscoll**, with chronic Lyme Disease
- **Jack Tillay**, father of Rachel, diagnosed with 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
- **Nancy McCracken**, in hospice care
- **Beth Whelen**, friend of Debbie Abernathy
- **Nic and Rachel Ciraldo**, friends of Griff Campbell, and their son, Luca, who has kidney cancer
- **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.
- **Charles Grenier**, friend of Jerry Kennedy, at home following a stroke
- **Paige Christian**, cousin of Mike Watson
- **Kyle Craig**, cousin of Melody Watson
- **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
- **Kristi Hammatt**, friend of Katie New, and her daughter dealing with serious heart and lung problems
- **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
- **Molly Kennedy**, looking for a job
- **Marla Kerr-Lawson**, Kelly Kerr's sister
- **Edna Faust and her son Gregory**, friends of Kay Lindsey
- **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 La Pastora, Leticia Ramos Portieles, serving as its interim pastor**



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 Andreas Giger
- 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 Robbie Phillabaum
- 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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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

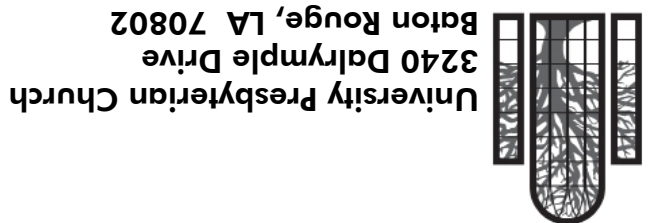
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| 1 | Talia Daigre
Anthony Kniffen | 12 | Linda Walker | 21 | Jane Wallace |
| 3 | Pamela Bistany
Miranda Church
Jon Cogburn | 13 | Drew Bartlett | 22 | Bill Cooper
John Miller
Joseph Tyler |
| 4 | Ross Baringer
Cullen Phillips | 14 | Carter Stone | 23 | Pat Wright |
| 5 | Peggy Carroll
Thomas Cogburn | 15 | Barbara Behrmann
Keith Carruth | 24 | Cathy Paterson |
| 6 | Drew Patty
Scott Phillabaum
Lizzie Redman | 16 | Judith Schiebout | 25 | Ed Britton
Larry Reynolds |
| 7 | Betty Armstrong
Sharon Kelly | 17 | Tessa Dietz
Laurie Gaona
Ann Miller | 27 | Hannah Armstrong
Becca Bartlett
Robert Talley |
| 9 | Linda Green | 18 | Katherine Carroll | 31 | Cecil Eubanks
Claire Shihadeh |
| 10 | Brittany Brown | 19 | Sadie Knapp | | |
| | | 20 | Rick Bowles
Lori Tucker
Doug Walker | | |

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**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.

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



Change Service Requested