

UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Newsletter for church members
and friends

August 2017

CONTACT



You probably know by now, I'm back.

What you may not know is that I've been telling stories from my March to July sabbatical in sermons this summer. There's one I want to make sure you all hear even if you are on vacation, not feeling well, taking care of ailing family members, or just need a Sunday to sleep in.

On the first day of my sabbatical I found myself wanting to find a way to intentionally keep you all in my heart while I was away. I wanted to find a way not to just remember you as a congregation, but each particular you.

And so I went digging in my daughter's collection of old school supplies. I found pencils, pens, markers, and folders but, that wasn't what I needed. Finally, zipped up in a pencil case I found what I was looking for – note cards. I then pulled out my church membership list and began to write. On each card I wrote a name, or a family of names. I then made cards for our staff members and then for our visitors. It was a big stack with the names of folks I haven't seen in a while and those who'd just hugged me goodbye on the previous Sunday. Everyone.

Every day on sabbatical I pulled off the four cards on the top of the pile and thought about what I know about you, your extended families, your work, your commitments to the church, your loves. And if I didn't know much, I just thought about what I do know or wondered why I didn't know much. And then I prayed for you...for peace, for joy, for healing, or for anything else that came to mind. When I was hiking and carrying only the bare minimum, I made a list of who to pray for each day in the back of my journal and kept on praying.

It seemed kind of quirky to me even as I was setting out to do this, but now I'm sure it was the Holy Spirit leading me. It was a huge blessing to take this time every day to "be with" you in a way, to make space for each of you in the sabbatical. I only tell you about this because I want you to know, to paraphrase ee cummings, that while I was gone, I carried your hearts in my heart.

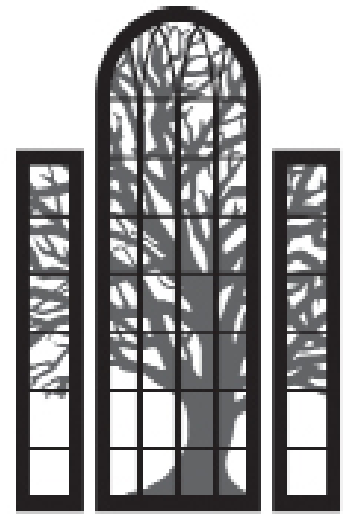
It was true before the sabbatical. It was true on the sabbatical. It is true now.

Thank you, for making the sabbatical possible, but even more for carrying my heart in your hearts all these years.

Love,

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 Noon Al-Anon - Library
7:30 p.m. UPC Book Group - 2285 Cedardale
- 2 Noon UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
6:00 p.m. Taizé - Sanctuary
- 3 DAY SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TEACHER PLANNING
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- 5 8:00 a.m. Kiwanas Club Annual Planning Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- 6 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Patti Snyder preaching, Communion**
10:00 a.m. Worship
- 7 11:30 a.m. Membership Committee - Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Worship Committee - Conference Room
- 8 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Conference Room
Noon Al-Anon - Parks Wilson Room
12:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Conference Room
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Welcome Center
7:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - 6630 Boone
7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 9 10:00 a.m. Technology Committee - Library
Noon UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
Noon Staff Meeting
- 12 8:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women - Parks Wilson Room
- 13 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mike Watson preaching**
10:00 a.m. Worship
- 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
7:00 p.m. Day School Open House
- 16 Noon Staff Meeting
Noon UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
5:30 p.m. Personnel & Administration Committee - Conference Room
6:00 p.m. UPC Fish Fry - Fellowship Hall
- 19 8:00 a.m. Activities Fair Set Up - Fellowship Hall
- 20 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Patti Snyder preaching**
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Activities Fair - Fellowship Hall
12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
6:30 p.m. Session Meeting - Conference Room
- 22 Noon AlAnon - Parks Wilson Room
7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 23 Noon Staff Meeting
Noon UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
- 27 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Patti Snyder preaching**
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Christian Ed. Rally Day - Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Worship
Noon Caregiver's Support Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 29 Noon Al-Anon - Library
- 30 Noon Staff Meeting
Noon UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana



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IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS (as of 7/20/2017)

Amount received this week - \$12,393 Budget amount needed - \$10,005
Year-to-Date Giving: amount actually received - \$294,129
Budget amount needed - \$290,143

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COUNTDOWN GIVING STATUS

Amount received this week - \$0 Total amount pledged - \$143,086
Year-to-Date Giving: amount actually received - \$123,703
Remaining loan payable - \$217,076

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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.

THE NEED IS GREAT!.....

Helping Hands will continue to meet on the 3rd 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.

NEW MEMBER REMINDER.....

New members please remember to turn in your membership forms (*green, yellow, and pink*) that you received in the membership packets when you joined. These forms are held in the strictest of confidence and only used for official church business. Forms can be mailed to the church office in the self addressed stamped envelope included in the packet or you may drop them by the church office.



Taizé

Sung Prayers

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

WEDNESDAY, August 2
at 6:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary



REDSTOCK is a community-wide summer drive campaign designed to increase donations of food, funds, and volunteer hours for the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. Every year, the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank experiences a shortage of food and funds on the shelves during the summer when students are at home and not receiving free or reduced lunch through federal school programs.

Participating in REDSTOCK is easy! Bring your donated food items to UPC and place in any of the orange barrels located around the facility. Get involved today and help us "stock" the shelves for the summer. The REDSTOCK campaign runs through August 31.



DAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our summer program is coming to an end and we have really had a blast. The last day of the Summer Session is August 2, 2017. A big thank you to our staff, parents, day school committee and UPC Church family! We deeply appreciate all your efforts and contributions that make our school a success.

Important Dates to Remember:

- Closed August 3rd and August 4th for teacher planning and work days.
- Fall 2017 Session begins Monday, August 7, 2017
- Fall 2017 Open House -August 15, 2017
- Closed September 4, 2017-Labor Day Holiday

Your continued support for our program is appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or come by the school office.



2017
Fish Fry
Wednesday, August 16 - 6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
Cost: Adults \$5 Children \$2 • No family pays more than \$20



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

August 1

Mrs. Kimble by Jennifer Haigh

**DAY SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE
TUESDAY
AUGUST 15
7:00 - 8:00 PM
(FOR PARENTS)**



RSVP online at www.ifedgbr.com
or call 225-267-5600

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY PRAYER
BREAKFAST**

Date: Thursday, September 7, 2016,
7:00 a.m. (doors open at 6:30 a.m.)

Location: Boudreaux's, 2647 Govern-
ment St.

Admission: \$20 (tickets need to be pur-
chased by Sunday, September 3, and
are available in the UPC Church Of-
fice or at the Federation office.)



Pencils (and MORE) for Park

UPC Public School Partner, Park Elementary

Park Elementary needs your supply donations. Please bring #2 pencils by Sunday August 13. The school also needs earbuds for their Chromebooks (available for about \$1 at discount stores) as well as black and white composition books. You are welcome to donate other school supplies as well. Please put supplies in the marked container in the Welcome Center. Thank you from the Mission and Peace-making Committee and your partners at Park Elementary!



**Become a UPC Reading Friend at Park Elementary
We Need YOU!**

Connect to your Baton Rouge community by joining UPC members who are each reading a few hours a month with an eager young student at our partner school, Park Elementary, through the Everybody Reads program of Volunteers in Public Schools. Signup for a short training session for this fall, <http://vipsbr.org/everybody-reads-training-registration/> Please call Karen Foote, 387-2594 for help signing up and more info on the UPC Reading Friends.

Presbyterian Women Day Circle Starts September 5

The Day Circle will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 10:00 a.m., in the Parks Wilson Room. Please make plans to attend, for fellowship, Bible study, and shared mission. All are welcome to join! (We even have a few men!)

UPC as an LGBTQ Safe Space

We at UPC have long prided ourselves in being an inclusive church, one that openly welcomes members of the LGBTQ community. Now we have the opportunity to show that we are willing to go the extra mile. The University Outreach Committee, with the support of Christian Education, has arranged for UPC to be registered on the LSU campus as an "LGBTQ Safe Space." In preparation, LSU's office of Student Advocacy and Accountability will offer a safe space training, split into two one-hour sessions, to be held on consecutive Sundays, September 3 and 10, 9:45-10:45 as part of the Adult Parks Wilson Church School Class. No registration is required, but we are hoping for an overwhelming turnout. For more information, see <http://www.lsu.edu/diversity/safespace/training>.



UPC and Interfaith Federation

Thanks to Jan Boydston for serving as our liaison with the Interfaith Federation for many years. Melanie Driscoll is taking on this role, but we need two more folks to join her as delegates to the delegate meetings that happen three times per year. Give Melanie or the church office a ring if you are interested in this opportunity.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS
8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.**

"Won't you be my Neighbor?"



FALL 2017 ACTIVITIES FAIR
Sunday, August 20 | 11:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall
Check out how to get involved in the many different ministries of University Presbyterian Church!



Sunday, August 27 9:45 a.m.

Join us at 9:45am on Sunday, August 27th as we officially launch Church School programming for the year. We'll have some snacks, some fun activities, a bluegrass sing-a-long with the Lewis Family and Friends Band, and we'll be introduced to our classes and course offerings!

Pre-K and Kindergarten (4 y/o to 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.

Elementary (1-5th Grade) Room 213

Holy Moly! Each week, kids watch an animated Bible story video, talk about the story, read their Bible Storybook or Bible, and try a creative leaflet activity.

Middle School (6th to 8th grade) Room 203

Spice Rack covers a large variety of topics and scripture lessons throughout the year, along with engaging crafts and activities.

Senior High (9th to 12th grade) Room 206 (gathering location)

Feasting on the Word coffee walks to our caffeinated holy place (Highland Coffees) resumes. Get your mugs ready!

Adult Bible Study Class Conference Room (122)

We Make the Road by Walking resumes in the group-facilitated Bible Study class. Join us for rich conversation and community building.

Adult Parks Wilson Class Parks Wilson Room (108)

Sept. 3 and 10: Safe Space Training

Members of LSU Safe Space will be training UPC to be an official Safe Space for LSU's campus. We will explore how we can be a better ally to LGBTQ students on campus.

Sept. 17 through October: 500 Years of Reformation

This class will explore some of the history and impact of the Protestant Reformation, whose 500th anniversary we are celebrating this year. Topics will include discussions of Luther, Calvin and Zwingli, as well as the Reformation's influence on Western history, culture, and politics. Short readings of some of the works of the major reformers may be included.

Small Groups



Small groups will resume sometime in September. Stay tuned for more information. If you have an idea for a small group and are interested in serving as a leader, let Mike know!

Youth Group

We will resume youth group activities in September. Stay tuned for more information. Blessings on getting adjusted back to school and see you soon!



Are you a student (undergrad, grad, PhD, etc)? Are you seeking a way to get more deeply connected to a church community? We'd love to meet you! Come by our table at the Activities Fair on Sunday, August 20th at 11am to learn more or reach out to Mike (mwatson@upcbr.org).

University Outreach is also continuing a new practice of getting UPC over to LSU's campus for public events. Stay tuned for opportunities throughout the year!



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:

September	9	Chattanooga
	23	Syracuse
	30	Troy
October	14	Auburn
November	11	Arkansas
	25	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 225-241-6374

or rknichols@homelessinbr.org.



Thank You!

from Rowen, Liam, Bella, and
Elijah Fontenot Stafford

from Patti Snyder...

Thanks for making sure things ran smoothly during the sabbatical!

Sabbatical Committee:

Ann Miller
Leslie Green
Jerry Kennedy
Joe Skillen
Peggy Carroll
Beth Paskoff

Staff:

Rick Pitcher
Mike Watson
Caralyn Durham
Donna Thrasher
Robert Gourques
Terry Iyasere
Lois Kuyper-Rushing
Anne Maverick

And to committee chairpersons, session members, deacons, and everyone else who jumped in when needed!

My time away was restorative but I'm happy to be home with all of you! We'll be planning an event in the fall to share our experiences and photos!

Rowen
Liam thank
you
Bella
EIJAH

Dear church thank you for
the cookies and spaghetti.

thank you ♥ thank you ♥

thank you to Mrs. Marry

I thought that they were yummy

y thank you. I love church ♥

Thanks to everyone who helped with the sorting of school uniforms on July 22. The children who receive the uniforms, St. Vincent dePaul, and Pat Wright really appreciate your help. We completed sorting all the uniforms they sent to us!

Prayer Requests

- Ruth Bivins • Tristyn Bemis • Tabitha Lewis • Don Snyder • Kent Walker
Gerri Ward • Val Johns • Betty Campbell • Gerard Klein
Jonathan Lewis • Joyce Kuyper • Cathy Laufer • Pat Kennedy
Dorothy Bankston • Judy Eubanks • Charles Grenier • Bettye Burford
- **Nena, Milla, and Norma**, three elderly women members of our sister church in Cuba
- **Paul and Molly Manson**, friends of Lori Tucker. Paul is recovering from major surgery for cancer at M.D. Anderson.
- **Lori Tucker**, recovering from surgery
- **Doug Bachmann**, friend of Erin Garton, who suffered a stroke
- **Darla O'Connor**, experiencing health complications as a result of her current cancer treatment
- **Tal Broyles**, friend of Anne Miller, diagnosed with lung cancer and undergoing chemotherapy
- **Elaine Parker**, friend of Rick Pitcher and Debbie Abernathy, recovering from heart surgery
- **Jean Wall**, friend of Jane Smith, beginning chemo treatment
- **Doug Curry**, friend of Mary Wardlaw, with cancer
- **Chip Barber**, son of friends of Robbie Phillabaum, following colon surgery
- **Gus Rowland**, undergoing treatment for colon cancer
- **The parents of former UPC member Patricia Brown** as they experience declining health
- **Barbara Gant**, friend of Dianne Garton, with bone cancer
- **Joellen Hawkins**, Aunt of Emily Cogburn, with Alzheimer's
- **Jitte Vanhaelen**, cousin of Christine Kooi, with bone cancer
- **Talia Daigre**, struggling with mental health issues
- **Melanie Driscoll**, with chronic Lyme Disease
- **Bill Mathews**, friend of Robbie Phillabaum
- **Alan Williams**, brother of Virginia Davis, with Parkinson's
- **Lois Liggett**, mother of Sarah Kennedy
- **Marla Kerr-Lawson**, Kelly Kerr's sister
- **Edna Faust and her son Gregory**, friends of Kay Lindsey
- **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 continues to recover from extensive reconstructive surgery.
- **Cathy Paterson**, who has Huntington's Disease; Karen Paterson, her mother; and all H.D. families
- **Kristi Hammatt**, friend of Katie New, and her daughter dealing with serious heart and lung problems
- **All hospice patients and their families**
- **All those who suffer with mental illness and emotional disorders**
- **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**
- **Rebuilding Together Baton Rouge (www.RTBR), The Ginger Ford Northshore Fuller Center for Housing (gingerfordnorthshore.org), First Presbyterian Church Hammond, and First Presbyterian Church of Lafayette - the other sites and work site coordinators rebuilding our cities after Flood 2016**



HOSPITAL VISITS BY UPC OFFICERS

- 1 Chris Whittington
- 2 Marissa Baham
- 3 Meredith Veldman
- 4 Ed Green
- 5 OPEN
- 6 OPEN
- 7 Jerry Trahan
- 8 OPEN
- 9 Gus Rowland
- 10 Jane Smith
- 11 OPEN
- 12 Carl Motsenbocker
- 13 Alicia Lewis
- 14 Andreas Giger
- 15 Nan Patt
- 16 Daniel Burch
- 17 Michael Strain
- 18 Cordell Haymon
- 19 June Klimash
- 20 Susan Ourso
- 21 Robin Patty & David Hall
- 22 Lee Jenkins
- 23 Kelley Massengale
- 24 Kelly Kerr
- 25 Patti Meredith
- 26 Barbara Gray
- 27 Edward Peterson
- 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.



Check out UPC on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/universitypresbyterian

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| 2 Megan Richey | 16 Priscilla Burch
Pat Cooper
Reily Kennedy
Jane Smith | 23 Rosa Campbell
Sarah Kennedy |
| 3 Linda Benedict | | 24 Lamar Jones |
| 8 Wright Brewer
Emily Cogburn | 17 Elisabeth Baringer
Caroline Robertson | 27 Baldwin Rice |
| 9 Ellen Morgan | 18 Joe Skillen | 28 Elisabeth Davis |
| 10 John Earle
Kyle Reeves | 19 Virginia Davis
Marc El Koubi
Anita Melon | 29 Kerry Everitt
Whitney York Giger |
| 11 Rowen Fontenot Stafford | | 30 Patricia Crowe
Ronnie Mitchell |
| 12 Greg Pitcher | 20 Nik Clegorne
Alan Hale
Mercer Richardson | 31 George Strain
Betsy Wilks |
| 14 Andrea Neighbours | 21 David Hall
Robert Wilks | |

****Please remember to contact the church office if your contact information changes.****



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.

**SEPTEMBER
CONTACT
DEADLINE
AUGUST 21**

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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Change Service Requested