

UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Newsletter for church members
and friends

December 2017
January 2018

CONTACT

This morning there was only a trickle of them, dotted like odd white stumps slanted across University Lake – pelicans, that is. But a few short weeks ago they were a totally different sight.

One day shortly after this year's arrival, in the midst of the gracefully awkward ballet of feeding, resting, and low flying they bring to our neighborhood, I caught a glimpse of them out of the corner of my eye while driving on Dalrymple from the Interstate toward the church. They stretched in a long curving swath, wide at the road and narrowing as they neared the other side of University Lake. There were thousands of them clumped together, a bent wing jutting up here or there, the occasional huge beak poking skyward, flashes of black in an undulating sea of white, their bodies together making a path of sorts, like you might find on a greeting card, disappearing into the distance. I swerved off the road to jump from the car and capture what I'd seen on my phone's camera. Only it was too late; as quickly as they'd formed their lumpy pathway, they'd scattered.

Sometimes it's like that, isn't it? A path forward comes clear if but for an instant before thoughts scatter, hesitations interfere, new information emerges, and things don't look the same. It happens in all sorts of situations - when one is pondering trying something new, when change has shown up on our doorsteps, when life offers up seemingly too many variables or challenges or longings.

As we enter into the season of Advent, awaiting Christ's coming anew into our midst and anticipating the new year, we do so perhaps wondering what path might be made for the hope and peace and joy and love that we look for in this weary world. What roads will we travel together in the new year? Or what path will we take forward following Mike's departure?

The pelican path that I glimpsed, if but for a moment, reminds me that the path forward always is more than what can be seen in a glimpse. The path forward is made up of many, many decisions – like a myriad of pelican backs on which to step - one leading to the next. The path forward for the church and for the large and small neighborhoods of which we are a part is made up of all of our bodies – poking awkward elbows, gaping hungers, black and white and brown together.

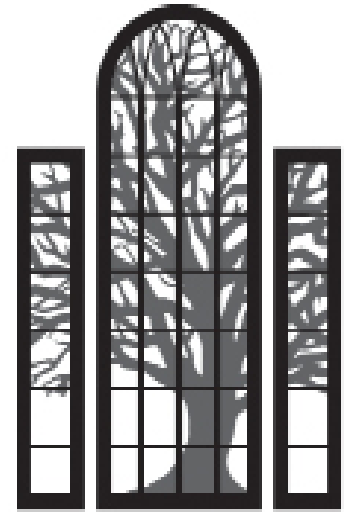
Emily Dickinson said that “hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul.” It is also the path forward.

My love to all of you,



DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2 6:00 p.m. University Outreach - LSU A Capella Choir Candlelight Concert
- 3 First Sunday of Advent**
Patti Snyder preaching, Year B begins, Communion
 8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Church School
 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 Noon Reverse Christmas Pageant and Potluck - Fellowship Hall
 2:00 p.m. Music Club of BR Rehearsal - Choir Room
 3:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 4 11:30 a.m. Membership Committee - Conference Room
- 5 10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Parks Wilson Room
 Noon Al-Anon - Library
 3:00 p.m. Daisy Scouts - Conference Room
 5:30 p.m. University Outreach Committee - Conference Room
 5:45 p.m. UPC Book Group Christmas Party - Parrain's
 6:00 p.m. TBR Delegates Assembly - Shiloh Baptist Church
 UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
- 6 Noon
 6:00 p.m. Taizé - Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 7 1:45 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 8 6:00 p.m. Choir Christmas Party - 623 Woodgate Blvd.
- 10 2nd Sunday of Advent** - *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
 5:30 p.m. Advent Event - Soup, Cookies, and Caroling - Fellowship Hall
- 11 7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Conference Room
- 12 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee Christmas Breakfast - 505 LSU Avenue
 Noon Al-Anon - Parks Wilson Room
 12:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Conference Room
 6:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Star Party - 6630 Boone
 7:00 p.m. NAMI Christmas Party - Fellowship Hall
- 13 Noon UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
 5:00 p.m. Property Committee - Conference Room
 5:30 p.m. Personnel & Administration Committee - Library
 6:00 p.m. Taizé - Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 14 1:45 p.m. Staff Meeting
 6:00 p.m. 2018 Budget Meeting - Conference Room
- 15 6:00 p.m. Staff Christmas Party - 1434 Westchester Drive
- 16 6:00 p.m. UPC Officers Party - 353 Nelson Drive
- 17 3rd Sunday of Advent** - *Patti Snyder preaching*
 8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Church School
 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 3:00 p.m. Violin Recital - Sanctuary
 6:30 p.m. Session Meeting - Conference Room
- 19 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room
 Noon Al-Anon - Parks Wilson Room
 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Conference Room
- 20 Noon UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
 6:00 p.m. Taizé
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 24 4th Sunday of Advent** - *Rick Pitcher preaching, NO CHURCH SCHOOL*
 10:00 a.m. Worship
- CHRISTMAS EVE**
 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols



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OFFICE NOTES



2017 CONTRIBUTIONS DEADLINE.....

Contributions must be received in the church office or postmarked by 12-31-17 to be reflected on your 2017 Contribution Statement. Stock donations must be in UPC's name on 12-31-17 to be counted as a 2017 donation. If you have questions about your pledge status, please contact Donna Thrasher at the church office, ext. 103 or email dthrasher@upcbr.org.

OFFICE HELP NEEDED.....

Help is needed in the office to answer phones while Caralyn is on vacation. Shifts are generally 8:30 - 11:30 and 11:30 - 2:30 but are flexible for volunteers.

Dates needed are:

Wednesday, December 27

Thursday, December 28

Friday, December 29

Tuesday, January 2

If you are able to help, please email Pat Wright at li-mu@att.net or call 225-276-2092.

GUEST SPEAKER.....

The December 11 Huntington's Disease support group meeting will be a dinner meeting sponsored by TEVA, maker of Austedo, a new drug treating chorea, with guest speaker Dr. Gerald Calegan. We will gather at 6:30 pm with a meet and greet, and Dr Calegan will speak at 7:00p.m. This is open for all who are interested; please let Caralyn or Karen Paterson know if you plan to attend.

DIRECTORY UPDATE 2018.....

The UPC membership committee is beginning work on a revised copy of our membership directory for 2018. If you have any changes in your contact information, please call or email church secretary Caralyn Durham (cdurham@upcbr.org; 383-0345).

DECEMBER CALENDAR *continued*

- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- 26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- 31 1st Sunday After Christmas - *Betsy Irvine preaching, NO CHURCH SCHOOL*
10:00 a.m. Worship (ONE SERVICE ONLY)

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- 2 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Conference Room
10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Parks Wilson Room
Noon AIAnon - Library
7:30 p.m. UPC Book Group - 2285 Cedardale
- 3 Noon UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
6:00 p.m. Taizé
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 4 1:45 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7 Baptism of the Lord/Epiphany - *Patti Snyder preaching, Epiphany Stars*
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 8 5:00 p.m. Worship Committee - Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Library
- 9 Noon AI-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. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
7:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - 6630 Boone
- 10 10:00 a.m. Technology Committee - Library
Noon UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11 1:45 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 14 2nd Sunday After the Epiphany - *Patti Snyder preaching*
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
CHURCH OFFICE AND DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
TBA Youth Service Event
- 16 10:00 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room
Noon AI-Anon - Parks Wilson Room
6:00 p.m. 2018 Budget Meeting - Conference Room
- 17 Noon UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 18 1:45 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Hospitality Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 21 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany - *Patti Snyder preaching*
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
4:00 p.m. Youth Group
6:30 p.m. Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- 23 Noon AI-Anon - Parks Wilson Room
7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 24 Noon UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

JANUARY CALENDAR *continued*

25	1:45 p.m.	Staff Meeting
28	4th Sunday after the Epiphany - Patti Snyder preaching	
	8:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	10:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:15 p.m.	Soup & Pie Luncheon - Fellowship Hall
	12:15 p.m.	Caregivers Support Group - Parks Wilson Room
	following Soup & Pie	New Officer Examination - Conference Room
30	Noon	Al-Anon - Parks Wilson Room
31	Noon	UPC Fun Club - BJ's Restaurant - Mall of Louisiana
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

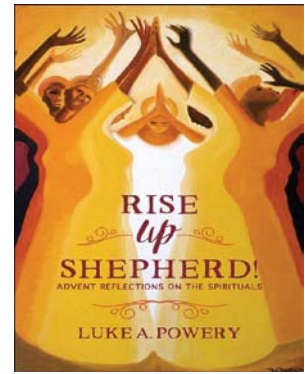
Spread the Joy!

This holiday season UPC is again working with Presbyterian Childrens Home and Services and Catholic Charities to provide Christmas gifts for children. Beginning in mid-November, each Sunday morning Mission and Peacemaking Committee members will distribute names and wish lists of local children for the congregation to shop for. Cash donations also will be used by senior high youth to shop. Each year UPC helps provide a happier Christmas for more than 70 local children. Please stop by the table in the Welcome Center. Name distribution began November 12 and will continue until all the names are taken. **All wrapped gifts must be returned to UPC by December 10.**

Sunday Flower Donations

Beautiful flowers appear like magic every Sunday in preparation for worship. Members of the congregation donate the funds and others purchase and arrange the flowers. We really appreciate our flower arrangers for this year: Beverly Smiley, Eleanor Canon, Kenton Cooper, Anita Melon, Tom and Betty Shelton, Pat Strain, and Peggy Carroll. It is time to make next year's flower calendar. If you would like to join our team, please contact Peggy Carroll peggoc@yahoo.com or call her at 726-7856.

Memorial Flower Donation envelopes are available in the pews for you to fill out to reserve flowers for 2018 Sunday Services. Available dates for donation can be found in the Sunday bulletins (starting December 3) 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.



Daily Advent Devotionals

Pick up your copy of this year's daily advent devotionals book in the Welcome Center. The book is entitled, Rise Up, Shepherd! Advent Reflections on the Spirituals, by Luke A. Powery. Each day provides a series of scripture readings, lyrics to an African American Spiritual, a reflection, and a prayer. There will be a small suggested donation.

TBR Delegates Assembly

Together Baton Rouge will host its annual Delegates Assembly Tuesday, December 5, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church. While there are designated delegates from each TBR Member Institution, everyone is encouraged to attend. Besides celebrating our 2017 accomplishments, TBR will be reflecting on and ratifying certain important proposals, especially surrounding institutional development and a House Meeting Strategy. These past two years have been quite heady for TBR and for the city, and as we process our achievements, we want to recommit to our roots. We hope that you can join us!



Advent and Christmas at UPC

Advent and Christmas Worship

First Week in Advent

December 3 First Sunday in Advent

*Patti Snyder preaching
Communion - intinction*

December 6 Taizé Service - Sanctuary 6 p.m.

A simple candlelit service of sung prayer and intercession

Second Week in Advent

December 10 Second Sunday in Advent

Patti Snyder, preaching

December 13 Taizé Service – Sanctuary 6 p.m.

Third Week in Advent

December 17 Third Sunday in Advent

Patti Snyder preaching

December 20 Taizé Service – Sanctuary 6 p.m.

Fourth Week in Advent

December 24 Fourth Sunday in Advent

10:00 a.m. Service ONLY
*Rick Pitcher preaching
Christmas Joy Offering*

December 24 Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols

5:30 p.m. A family-friendly service that centers on the story and music of the season

December 31 First Sunday in the Christmas Season

*One Service – 10:00 am (no church school)
Betsy Irvine preaching*

Advent and Christmas Season Festivities

December 3 - Reverse Christmas Pageant and Potluck

12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

After church on December 3rd, Christian Education invites you to an advent lunch and reverse Christmas pageant (children read the story, adults act it out!). There will be hot food, adorable children, even more adorable adults, and audience participation galore!

December 6 - Book Club Christmas Dinner - 5:45 p.m.

Parrain's on Perkins

December 7, 2017 - Day School Staff Christmas Party

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

December 10 - Caroling Extravaganza - 5:30 p.m.

It's time for UPC's annual Caroling Extravaganza! We'll gather for soup, and we are also bringing back the Festive Sweater Challenge! The Fellowship Committee will provide the soup. You all are invited to wear your most "festive" sweater and bring your best cookies! We'll load up on sweets before heading out to sing Christmas carols.

- 5:30: Soup and Cookies in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:30: Caroling around the city Falalalala or Bust!

December 12 - Mission & Peacemaking Chili & Star Party - 6:00 p.m.

Jim & Patti's, 6630 Boone

December 15 - Staff Christmas Party - 6:00 p.m.

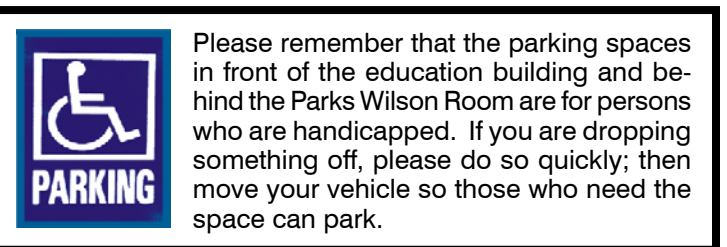
Caralyn & Jeff's, 1434 Westchester

December 16 - Officers Christmas Party - 6:00 p.m.

Drew & Robin's - 353 Nelson



FEBRUARY CONTACT DEADLINE JANUARY 22



IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS

(as of 11/16/2017)

Budget amount needed - \$10,005

Year-to-Date Giving: amount actually received - \$458,128

Budget amount needed - \$460,227

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIVING STATUS

Total amount pledged - \$143,086

Year-to-Date Giving: amount actually received - \$141,618

Remaining loan payable - \$204,836



Join us for our annual Christmas Party at Parrain's on Tuesday, December 5 at 5:45 p.m.

Youth Group Calendar

Our amazing youth advisors will be carrying on the work of youth group at UPC but can always use more help. If you have an interest in volunteering with our youth group, let one of them know!

Victoria Robertson
victoriarobertson@yahoo.com
 Jessica Lavender
Jlavender@centralcss.org
 Steven Hartmann
hartmannsj@gmail.com

Upcoming Youth Events

December 3 3-6 p.m.
Hope for the Holidays Youth Group Christmas Shopping and Wrapping
 December 10
UPC youth will be joining with the church for the caroling event
 Youth Group will take a break for the remainder of December for the holidays.
 January 7
Welcome back games at UPC
 January 15th (Monday)
MLK Holiday Service Event with PSL
 January 21
Discussion Night
 January 28
No Youth Group



Christian Education at UPC 2017-2018

The Church School Offering for the 2017-2018 school year will be dedicated to The One-Stop Homeless Services Center right here in Baton Rouge. This organization provides legal aid, medical care, job counseling, and housing assistance, as well as a safe place where homeless men and women can shower, do laundry, use a computer, rest, and relax.

Pre-K and Kindergarten (Ages 4 - Kindergarten)

Godly Play helps our children to explore their faith through story, gain religious language, and enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play.

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

Elementary (Grades 1-5)

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.

Teachers: Laurie Gaona, Alicia Lewis
Shepherds: Linda Walker, Mary Mikell, Maggie Richardson, Paul Wallace

Middle School (Grades 6-8)

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

Teachers: Linda Babin, Eleanor Canon, Randy Nichols, Barbara Gray, Mary Wardlaw, Amy Vidrine

Senior High (Grades 9-12)

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

Teachers: Kristin Savicki, Morgan Kelly, Edward and Cynthia Peterson

Advent Combined Adult Classes

Advent: Combined Adult Classes
The Bible Study and Parks Wilson Church School classes will be combined in the Conference Room, starting on Sunday, November 26th, and running through the season of Advent. We will be using a discussion guide produced by The Thoughtful Christian that will explore Advent and Christmas themes in all four gospels. Most of these sessions will line up with the lectionary gospel text each Sunday of Advent. This class will be group-facilitated.

Adult Bible Study Class Conference Room (122)

January 7 - February 11: We Make the Road by Walking continues in the group-facilitated Bible Study class. Join us for rich conversation and community building.

Youth Group National Mission Trip 2018

After much time spent discerning and seeking where God is calling us, the senior high youth group members decided to travel to Project Hospitality in Staten Island, NY for the summer mission trip, the week starting June 17th. The youth will be working in food pantries, soup kitchens, and other services reaching out to the urban poor. This trip is open to all current 9th through 12th graders. Stay tuned for more details!

University Outreach Field Trip: December 2

Every year during the Advent season, the LSU A Cappella Choir, joined by the LSU Philharmonic Orchestra, presents a Candlelight Concert at the LSU Student Union. This year's concert will take place on December 2, at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending this annual classic, please contact Andreas Giger (agiger1@lsu.edu or [225] 344-0427), who will purchase the tickets (the price is \$20 per person). The UPC group will gather at the Student Union box office at 7:15 for the distribution of the tickets. If you'd rather not deal with parking on campus, we will arrange for you to be picked up in the UPC parking lot for transportation to the Student Union at 7:00 p.m.

CHOIR has a BABYSITTER!

Parents! Now is a great time to give the choir a try – just in time for Christmas! A UPC babysitter will be on hand fifteen minutes before and after choir rehearsals Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m., November 1- December 20, in room 128. All are invited to come make beautiful music with us!



New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus (NOGMC) takes to the stage once again for their annual Christmas concert Sounds of the Season. Come hear the Chorus sing out traditional Christmas carols, all-time favorite tunes and maybe a twist or two. NOGMC's music will fill your heart with peace and joy! Christmas, here we come! Sounds of the Season will be performed in New Orleans on Friday, December 15, 2017 at the UNO Performing Arts Center Recital Hall and in Baton Rouge on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge, 8470 Goodwood Boulevard. Both shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available online in advance for \$18 or at the door for \$20.



UPC Talent on Display

The niche located by the backdoor in the Welcome Center has displayed a variety of art in 2017. We have enjoyed photographs by John Hartgerink and Kelly Kerr, paintings by Rosemary Goodell and Cheryl Walker Hasten, handwork by Barbara Hoffman and Mary Wardlaw, wood sculpture from Eleanor Canon, Tim Cundiff's pottery from Nan Patt and clay sculpture by Lilly Bridwell-Bowles. If you have something that you would like to share with your church family in 2018, please contact Peggy Carroll peggoc@yahoo.com or 726 7856. Each display remains for one month.

SO, You have some money left at year's end??

OR if you want to commit another generous act of hospitality and gratitude this year, The University Presbyterian Church is ready to accept additional funds to help retire the outstanding \$200,000 congregational debt for the building project that was completed in 2014.

Many people - members, former members, friends, loved ones, and community members - are responsible for paying off a whopping total of \$2,691,743.73, which is above and beyond regular pledges. Congratulations on a phenomenal accomplishment! The improvements to our facility have enabled our church to meet the mission and goals of our session and to share this beautiful facility with our community.

The remaining \$200,000 debt will need to become a line item in our future budgets until this amount is retired. Interest will continue to be accrued on this debt and it will become more difficult to complete the loan payment. Any additional assistance that you can contribute at this time will be greatly appreciated.

Checks or EFT's may be submitted to University Presbyterian Church, with the purpose of "Capital Campaign" and the amount will be credited to the proper account.

Annual Stewardship Campaign Update

It's not too late to make your pledge to UPC's Annual Stewardship Campaign. Pledge cards can be found in each pew. **As of November 29, 2017, we have received 67 pledges for a total of \$384,492.** The church's budget in 2018 will require significantly more in pledges for the year in order to continue our current mission pathways. Make your pledge today for the future ministry of UPC in 2018!

IN MEMORIAM

Sarah East, who died on
November 23, 2017



SOUP & PIE LUNCHEON

Sunday, January 28, 2017

Noon

Fellowship Hall

Breaking News – The University Presbyterian Church’s Biomedical Research Center (AKA the Fellowship Committee) has discovered how to best overcome the Cold and Flu Season. It’s soup and pie! Inoculations will be given on Sunday, January 28, after the 11:00 service. Culinary/medical experts are invited to submit their best medications. The most efficacious remedies will be awarded the coveted Golden Ladle and the Golden Pie Pan. We expect to see you there – you know it’s good for you!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEW OFFICERS

- January 28 - New Officer Examination following the Soup & Pie event
- February 4 - Ordination & Installation (8:30 & 11:00 Services)

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.

Day School News

We would like to thank you for all your help during our annual school Book Fair and Fall Festival. The Thanksgiving Feast was GREAT! Everyone had a wonderful time. The Day School would like to thank everyone for all the help and donations given for the feast. You made our day! Your generosity and the many kind acts always make a beautiful difference. We are so thankful for such great support from the Day School Committee and our church family. Have a Happy and Blessed holiday.

Dates to Remember

- December 7, 2017 - Day School Staff Christmas Party 6:30pm-Fellowship Hall
- December 15, 2017-Day School Classroom Parties
- December 21, 2017- January 3, 2018 – Holiday Break
- January 4, 2018- First day of Spring Session

The festivities of the season and the excitement of the children are always a joy to us. We ask that you continue to tell your friends and others about our school. Your continued support for our program is appreciated. If you have any questions about our program, please call the school office (225-344-8077) or come by.

Feliciana Retreat Center Volunteer Weekend

The Feliciana Retreat and Conference Center will host volunteer days on December 1 and 2. There will be plenty to do even if it rains or turns cold. Some examples of work needed: mop, clean, and wax the floors in the Dining Hall, kitchen, and Lakeview Room; paint floors and porches; pressure wash; cut and stockpile firewood; repair and paint picnic tables (2x6s and long screws needed); clear trails; and clean and organize the Shop Barn. If you arrive before noon on Friday, please Bring your own lunch. The FRC will furnish your Friday evening meal and your breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Work should be through by about 3:30 to 4:00 Saturday afternoon.

SEWING FOR MISSION BY HELPING HANDS

new projects to consider joining in on

PROJECT 1: “Little Hats, Big Hearts Campaign” is a partnership with the Children’s Heart Foundation to celebrate American Heart Month. Knitted or crocheted red baby hats will be provided for thousands of babies born in February 2018 to encourage moms to live heart healthy lives and to help their children do the same. Supplies for the red hats will be available in the Helping Hands basket on the table outside the Sanctuary. If you would like to learn to make the hats we will give lessons at Helping Hands on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

PROJECT 2: “Days For Girls” In many parts of the world – where fresh water, sanitation and feminine hygiene supplies are scarce or nonexistent – girls miss school during their periods. We will be putting together Days for Girls kits which will contain washable supplies along with a bar of soap. This project will begin in January 2018. If anyone is interested, there will be many ways to be involved. Contact Peggy Carroll 726-7856 with any questions.

Prayer Requests

- Ruth Bivins • Tristyn Bemis • Tabitha Lewis • Don Snyder
 Kent Walker • Henry Lanus • Gerri Ward • Val Johns
 Betty Campbell • Gerard Klein • Kemper Bornman
 Jonathan Lewis • Joyce Kuyper • Cathy Laufer • Pat Kennedy
 Dorothy Bankston • Judy Eubanks • Charles Grenier • Bettye Burford
- **Rebecca Day**, wife of Jeff Day, oncology patient
 - **MarMae Burch**, mother of Daniel Burch, struggling with dementia
 - **Fred Kuntz**, uncle of Christine Kooi, with liver cancer
 - **Joanne Ernest**, cousin of Christine Kooi, with breast cancer
 - **Diane Shaw**, recovering at home from knee surgery
 - **Ellen Morgan**, with pneumonia
 - **Alisia Moree**, former Mother-in-Law of Caralyn Durham, with advanced stage four stomach and ovarian cancer, undergoing chemotherapy
 - **Marieke Vanhaelen**, aunt of Christine Kooi, recovering from a serious bicycle accident
 - **Yvonne Bienvenu**, step-daughter of Betty Armstrong, undergoing chemotherapy for ovarian cancer
 - **Joyce Dotson**, friend of Kenton Cooper, undergoing chemotherapy
 - **Jeffrey Thrasher**, Donna's husband, with cancer and undergoing immunotherapy
 - **Elisabeth Davis**, studying abroad in South Korea, and her mother, Virginia Davis
 - **Katie Nelson**, mother of Bizza Britton, with Alzheimer's
 - **Dean Kerr**, father of Kelly Kerr, recovering from a heart cath procedure
 - **Patricia Johnson** and **Chris Hayes**, friends of Mary Wardlaw, undergoing chemo
 - **Jack Maloney**, friend of Mary Wardlaw, recovering from a quintuple bypass surgery
 - **Nena, Milla, and Norma**, three elderly women members of our sister church in Cuba
 - **Doug Bachmann**, friend of Erin Garton, who suffered a stroke
 - **Tal Broyles**, friend of Ann Miller, diagnosed with lung cancer and undergoing chemotherapy
 - **Jean Wall**, friend of Jane Smith, undergoing chemo treatment
 - **Doug Curry**, friend of Mary Wardlaw, with cancer
 - **Gus Rowland**, undergoing treatment for colon cancer
 - **Barbara Gant**, friend of Dianne Garton, with bone cancer
 - **Joellen Hawkins**, Aunt of Emily Cogburn, with Alzheimer's
 - **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
 - **Nic and Rachel Ciraldo**, friends of Griff Campbell, and their son, **Luca**, who has kidney cancer
 - **Cathy Paterson**, who has Huntington's Disease; Karen Paterson, her mother; and all H.D. families
 - **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**



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

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

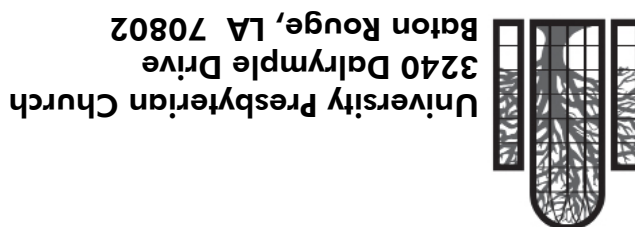
1	Christopher Austin Louie Eckhardt Alexander Gochnour	18	April Armstrong Chase Bemis
2	Ben Fisher	20	Steve Whitting
3	Kathy Perry	21	Jonathan Hoffstetter Pat Strain
4	Veronika Stubblebine	22	Elijah Fontenot Stafford
6	Angela Hoffstetter Linda Lee	25	Leslie Green Layne Motsenbocker
7	Gina Costello	26	Cindy Rice Anna-Karin Skillen
8	Bunny Heroman Hattie Knapp	27	Jakob Hendrix
10	Dorothy Jones Nicholas Patty Jacqueline Samson Jim Serra	28	Eleanor Canon Audrey Cogburn Danielle Terry
11	Joe Scott	29	Claire McKinley
12	Tobie Irvine	31	Silas Irvine Amy Phillips
15	Kelley Massengale		

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Dawn Simpson	22	Griffin Campbell
4	Jo Ann Lea	24	Bill Stubblebine
6	Kathleen Richey	25	Richard Kilgore Lynne Wallace
8	Paul Nguyen	29	Kathy Poché Jan Reeves
9	Dianne Garton	30	Rachel Gellrich Mitch Patty
12	Cordell Haymon Gerard Klein Carl Motsenbocker Jeff Perry	31	Albert Adjaottor Donna Schlotzhauer
15	Deanna Black Jennifer Bravinder		
16	Forest Benedict Lori Hyatt Pilley Darlene Rowland		

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



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