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February 2020

University Presbyterian Church Newsletter for church members and friends

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From My Window

It's happening slowly, but it's that time of year when each day brings more light - more light for being outside, more light for walks and gardening, and more light for errands and soccer practice. I'm a fan of more light. You? Of course, I'm not just talking about the length of the days.

In the church season of Epiphany, which follows Christmas, we remember the light that Christ brings, and we are reminded to place our trust in God in whom there is always more light to shine in our hearts, in the church, and in this broken world. Recently the UPC session voted, at the urging of the Pastor Nominating Committee and the Mission and Peacemaking Committee, to become a More Light Presbyterians congregation. What, you might ask, is More Light Presbyterians?

More Light Presbyterians "traces its history through two distinct pathways; the earliest is through a sign held up at Presbyterian General Assembly in 1974 by the Rev. David Sindt, 'Is anyone else out there gay?' That sign led to the formation of Presbyterians for Gay Concerns, which later became Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns. The second is after the 1978 Presbyterian ruling that openly LGBTQIA+ people could join and participate in Presbyterian churches but not serve in official leadership of the church. Several Presbyterian churches took issue with this ruling and declared themselves to be 'More Light' Churches because there was 'yet more light to shine forth on the scriptures' on, at the time, homosexuality. Years later, the two groups merged to form More Light Presbyterians as a non-profit organization in 1992.¹" More Light Presbyterians continues today, even following the removal of the barriers to both ordination and marriage in the Presbyterian church (PCUSA) for LGBTQ+ persons, to seek "to make the Church a true community of hospitality" working "for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual people in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society." More Light Presbyterians are about the invitation to continue to seek more of the light of God's gracious welcome.

If you've been around Presbyterian circles for a while, you might be wondering the difference between More Light Presbyterians and the Covenant Network, thinking, "Don't both work toward inclusion and welcome in the church?" You'd be right. They do. And they often do so hand in hand. So, the next logical question would be, since we're already a Covenant Network congregation, "Why become a More Light Presbyterian church too?" It's a legitimate question.

The answer is quite simple. It has something to do with history. The history of the two organizations is different. Covenant Network was begun in 1998 by a group of pastors from large, self-described "moderate" Presbyterian Churches in order to organize around changing the denominational rules that created barriers to ordination and then marriage for LGBTQIA+ persons and to provide a deeply reformed theological grounding for that work. The PC(USA) is a big church and unless involved in the denomination on a national level, different folks tend to know about one or the other of the organizations. The historical "base" of each organization is different. One is more connected to what once might have been called the "margins" of the church, the other with the "center."

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February...

2 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Patti Snyder preaching, Communion

- 9:45 a.m. Church School
- 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- Noon Youth Group Field Trip - Celebration Station

3 2:45 p.m.

Staff Meeting

5:00 p.m. Worship Committee - Conference Room

4 8:30 a.m.

Nurture Committee - Conference Room

10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Parks Wilson Room

Noon AIAnon - Library

7:00 p.m. UPC Book Group - 287 Baird Drive

5 9:30 a.m.

Day School Chapel

11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga - Parks Wilson Room

5:00 p.m. Budget Meeting II - Conference Room

6:00 p.m. Taizé - Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

6 11:30 a.m.

Soul Feast Small Group - Library

7 10:00 a.m.

Aphasia Support Group - Conference Room

9 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Patti Snyder preaching

9:45 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Noon Youth Group Game Day (CD Meeting) - UPC

Noon Christian Ed Children & Youth Committee - Conference Rm.

10 2:45 p.m.

Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Conference Room

11 Noon

AIAnon - Parks Wilson Room

Noon TBR Monthly Luncheon - location TBA

7:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - 6630 Boone

7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library

12 11:00 a.m.

Chair Yoga - Parks Wilson Room

12:30 p.m. Technology Committee - Library

12:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Conference Room

5:00 p.m. Property Committee - Conference Room

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

13 11:30 a.m.

Soul Feast Small Group - Library

6:30 p.m. Open Tables - Albasha, 5454 Bluebonnet Blvd.

16 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Patti Snyder preaching

9:45 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Noon Youth Group Service Project - TDB

12:30 p.m. Session Meeting - Fellowship Hall

12:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting - Fellowship Hall

17 MARCH EDITION CONTACT ARTICLES DUE

2:45 p.m. Staff Meeting

Office Notes

•Holiday Closure

The Church Office and Day School will be closed February 24-25 for the Mardi Gras Holiday.

•Sunday Flower Donations

Memorial Flower Donation envelopes for 2020 are available in the pews for you to fill out to reserve flowers for 2020 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.

•Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for 2019 have been mailed, but are also available by checking your Realm account. If you have problems logging in or have questions about your contributions, please contact Caralyn in the church office at cdurham@upcbr.org.

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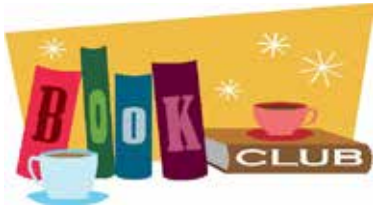
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The **UPC Book Club** meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
287 Baird Drive

Feb 5 The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin

Mar 5 1 Dead in Attic: Post-Katrina Stories by Chris Rose

DID YOU KNOW?

UPC has a medical closet full of donated medical equipment such as wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, bedside commodes, and canes. If you or someone you know has a need for medical equipment please contact Pat Ho.



The niche located by the backdoor in the Welcome Center has displayed a variety of art in 2019. 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 2020, please contact Peggy Carroll at 726-7856 or peggoc@yahoo.com. Each display remains for one month.

February...

- 18 9:00 a.m. Presbytery Meeting - First Presbyterian Church, Hammond
- 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room
- Noon Al-Anon - Parks Wilson Room
- 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Conference Room
- 19 9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga - Parks Wilson Room
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 20 11:30 a.m. Soul Feast Small Group - Library
- 23 Transfiguration**
Patti Snyder preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Church School
- 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 24 DAY SCHOOL and CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**
- 25 DAY SCHOOL and CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**
- 26 Ash Wednesday**
- 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga - Parks Wilson Room
- 5:00 p.m. Personnel & Administration Committee - Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Taizé - Sanctuary (*will include the imposition of ashes*)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 27 11:30 a.m. Soul Feast Small Group - Library
- 29 8:30 a.m. Day School Teacher Training - Fellowship Hall

"From My Window" continued from cover

As someone who has served at one time or another on the board of both of these organizations, I can tell you Covenant Network and More Light Presbyterians are both about the same thing! But in reality, different folks in the denomination and outside of it still tend to know more about one or the other group, and so when folks are looking for a welcoming and safe church community, they might look to the More Light website or the Covenant Network website to find one. UPC's session, in the decision to be a member of both organizations, is saying unequivocally that we are all in. We are all in seeking and trusting the more light that God always has to lend. We are all in for shining that light with theological depth in this covenant community and in the broader community as well.

There is, after all, more light to discover – more ways to discern God's generous and just grace and more ways to share and embody that grace in a world and for people very much in need.

So here's to more light, which means more grace-filled love, this February!

P.S. If you want to learn more about More Light Presbyterians or the Covenant Network of Presbyterians go to mlp.org and covnetpres.org and check them out!

¹More Light Presbyterians website mlp.org/ourstory

Volunteer Opportunities

Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge

Did you know that UPC is a member of the Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge? Well... we are, and have been since it's beginning. In fact, the organization's offices were once at UPC! Our Mission and Peace-making Committee watches over our relationship with the Federation and our connection to the programs offered through them (particularly the annual Community Prayer Breakfast and the Holy Grill summertime lunch program), but we are in need of two folks willing to serve as our liaisons. If interested, contact Melanie Driscoll for more information on the role of the liaisons.



UPC Food Ministry

Many UPC folks have volunteered to provide meals to folks who may be recovering from surgery or illness or welcoming a new baby into their home. If you know of someone who has a need, please contact Rev. Patti Snyder or Pat Ho. If you wish to volunteer for the food ministry, please contact Pat Ho.

**MARCH
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DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 17**



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

Christian Education at UPC Spring 2020

Please join us for Church School every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m.

Pre-K and Kindergarten

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

**To receive text updates on this class, text @upck to the number 81010*

Early Elementary (1st-3rd Grade)

Whirl Curriculum: Each week, kids watch an animated Bible story video, talk about the story, complete a creative leaflet activity, and work on a craft relative to the story.

**To receive text updates on this class, text @upcel to the number 81010*

Upper Elementary (4th-5th Grade)

Whirl Curriculum: Each week, kids watch an animated Bible story video, talk about the story, complete a creative leaflet activity, and work on a craft relative to the story.

**To receive text updates on this class, text @upcel to the number 81010*

Junior High

Making Sacred Art Curriculum: Students will create various forms of art (poems, murals, music, videos, etc.) as they learn important life lessons through the stories of the Bible.

**To receive text updates on this class, text @upcmid to the number 81010*

Senior High

Students will enjoy walks to our caffeinated holy place (Highland Coffees) and take a closer look at what the Bible says on a variety of life relevant issues that they face on a daily basis at school.

**To receive text updates on this class, text @upchig to the number 81010*

Adult Bible Study

The Conference Room class will explore a variety of biblical texts through the Feasting on the Word curriculum.

Adult Parks Wilson Room

February 2 Dr. Zevi Gutfreund, LSU Dept of History. History of US Immigration policy.

February 9 Angela Davis, Immigration attorney and Director of the Ishmael Project, NOLA.

February 16 TBA

February 23 Dr. Jen Scott, LSU School of Social Work. Asylum and detainees in LA.

March 1 Dr. Alex Torres and Youth Panel of English Learners from McKinley HS. "Challenges and Opportunities for Immigrant Youth."

March 8 Dr. Meredith Veldman, LSU Dept. of History. "Images of Jesus in Victorian England."

March 15 "Images of Jesus," Part 2.



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.



Taizé Sung Prayers

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

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Taizé service on Wednesday, February 26, at 6:00 p.m. will include the imposition of ashes.

OPEN TABLES
Albasha's Restaurant
February 13 • 6:30 p.m.



The UPC Society for Levantine Romance (SLR, AKA the Fellowship Committee) invites everyone in the congregation to bring that special someone to our Open Tables extravaganza! We'll meet at Albasha's Restaurant located at 5454 Bluebonnet (between I-10 and Jefferson) on Thursday, February 13 (close enough) at 6:30.

*Our Motto – Nothin' Sez Luvin'
like Hummus and a Lamb
Shank!*

Christian Education Committee

Submitted by Peggy Carroll, chair

The Christian Education Committee work is divided between two subcommittees for adults and children/youth.

The adult subcommittee selected curriculum, subjects, and leadership for the small groups which met during Lent and the fall, for the Parks Wilson Class, and for the Bible Study Class.

The Children/Youth subcommittee selected Cents-ability (a strategy for raising hunger awareness) for the church school offering in the spring but switched to cans of food for our Little Food Pantry in the fall.

Last summer we held three Sundays in June as our VBS. It was intergenerational and we focused on Feeding the Hungry. It was well attended by adults and children.

The Pre-K/K Class continues with "Godly Play" under the leadership of Pat Strain with shepherds Betty Shelton and Susan Siefert. Elementary (1st – 2nd Grades) is taught by Darlene Rowland and Miranda Britt with shepherds Mary Mikell and Jane Snyder. 3rd and 4th Grades is taught by Courtney Dumas and Paul Wallace with shepherds Lois Kuyper Rushing and Rosemary Goodell. Middle (5th – 8th Grades) "Making Sacred Art" is taught by Linda Walker and Ava Haymon with assistance from Jeff Perry, Lily Bridwell-Bowles, Brannon Costello or Rosemary Goodell, Gus Rowland, and Clarence Bahs. The High School Class (9th – 12th Grades) conversation on "Feasting on The Word" is led by Kay Lindsey and Kathy Perry as they take their walk to the coffee shop in Tiger Town.

Participation/attendance varies for adults, children and youth. Sunday mornings might have 35 to 40 adults in two classes or it may have 15 to 20. Children/youth might have 25 or 15 in four classes. The children's classes always involve at least six or eight adults. Small Groups are well attended.

The Middle and Senior High School Youth Group is led by Larry Reynolds and Courtney Dumas. Last summer, two middle schoolers went to Mo Ranch and five High Schoolers went to Montreat. Sunday night programs provide other mission opportunities.

Two members of the C.E. Committee attended the Assoc. of Presbyterian Church Educators Conference in February.

Preparation has been ongoing for the Intergenerational Mission/Service trip to Guatemala June 6 -16, 2020 for 21 participants.

Property Committee

Submitted by Doug Walker and Wes Mainord, co-chairs

It was a very busy year and a lot of hard work was done by each and every member of our committee. Some of the larger projects taken on by the committee this year were:

- Replacing the Day School heater
- All Maintenance contracts were reviewed and agreed on
- Removed Bees around the Day School windows
- Completely re-organized the church keyboard and identified all the locks that they fit
- Added a shower in the downstairs bathroom and replaced the upstairs shower to accommodate Hospitality Hall
- Installed wireless communication for the fire alarm system
- Established a tree pruning cycle for all church trees
- Removed Sweet Gum Trees in Allee that were causing a safety hazard and replaced them with Sweet Bay Magnolias
- We continue to experience issues with our sewer lines and minor issues with air condition and heater units.
- Outdated electrical problems still need to be addressed.

2019 Annual Reports

Personnel and Administration Committee (P&A)

Submitted by Cordell Haymon, chair

P&A held six committee meetings during the year. Committee members were Nan Patt, Gaines Foster, Betty Armstrong, Lamar Jones, Gus Rowland, Steven Hartmann, Patti Snyder, Caralyn Durham, Clarence Bahs, and Cordell Haymon. The following is a list of the Committee's activities during 2019:

- Completed and revised an updated Church Personnel Manual which was approved by the Session.
- Adopted policy on Committee Records and Leadership Transition which was approved by the Session.
- Worked on changes in the structure and role of UPC Finance. The Church Treasurer is now the Chair of the Stewardship and Finance Committee. There are 4 subcommittees on Accounting, Stewardship, Budget and Investments and Insurance, each of which has a subcommittee leader.
- The issue of pension underpayments to staff that took place from 2008-2014 was settled through payments to those staff members.
- Annual staff performance evaluations were prepared and are in the process of being delivered.
- Renewed the agreement with Betsy Irvine to continue her service as Interim Parish Associate.
- Organized a task group on church security, which has begun meeting.
- Recruited Beth Paskoff to replace Pat Wright as the organizer of church office volunteers when the office manager is out of the office.
- Participated in the Moving Forward process, with particular emphasis on the staffing model for UPC.

2019 was a busy year for P&A. The Committee Chair greatly appreciates the consistent attendance by Committee members and their follow through on assignments.

UPC Day School Committee

Submitted by Linda Benedict, chair

The UPC Day School is a state-licensed, nonprofit day care center that continues to be one of the best in the Baton Rouge area, with a capacity for about 150 children and programs for children ages 1 through pre-K 4. The staff includes a director, assistant director, cook, and about 30 teachers and aides. The center's operation is overseen by a Day School committee, which includes church members, a parent representative, a teacher representative and the Day School director. Accomplishments over the past year include the following:

- We have been instituting new financial procedures to simplify payroll and allow for greater accountability.
- We raised staff salaries slightly and also raised the rates to pay for the raises.
- We've awarded scholarships to six families.
- We had another successful book fair, which resulted in replenishing the books in each of our classrooms.
- For the second year in a row, the Day School has received "Honor Roll" status from the Louisiana Department of Education as a result of high performance during the past year.

Goals for the new year include:

- More integration with the church as part of our Moving Forward plan. This would mean helping Day School families learn more about the church and getting more church members involved in Day School activities.
- Updating the Day School's website and social media presence to include more educational information and information about the accomplishments of the center.
- Continue to work on the sustainability and continued safety and maintenance of the playground.
- Update the staff handbook and policies and procedures manual.
- Continue to increase the staff pay, which is still pitifully low.
- Continue to receive high ratings from the Department of Education.

Nurture Committee

Submitted by Mary Mikell, chair

The Nurture committee met monthly over the 2019 year except we did not meet in July. Over the year, the committee has served in UPC ministry through:

- Writing notes each month to members on the Prayer List in the bulletin.
- Providing a monthly lunch with supportive discussions for those who serve as Caregivers.
- Mailing Grief/Loss books to members who had a loved one die. Books were mailed each month for the first year after the death.
- Providing food to members who have had particularly stressful times such as surgery, illness, new baby, death in the family. The committee also hosted a Cook Day at the church for folks to gather and prepare meals for future needs.

- Arranging Church Friends for members who are limited in their ability to participate in church activities.
- Giving rides to attend church for those members who did not have transportation to worship
- Taking communion to members who were not able to attend worship.
- Hosting a reception for the funerals of church members and friends
- Creating Care Teams for church members who needed particular attention during times of specific needs such as illness or surgery.
- Lending medical equipment to others (members and non-members) from our Medical Closet which has wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, and bathroom and shower aids.
- Supporting the work of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) through ensuring that they have monthly meeting space within our church building.

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.

**Lois Liggett • Mary Timmons • Gary Meise • Ruth Bivins
Dean Kerr • Tabitha Lewis • Don Snyder • Gerri Ward
Jonathan Lewis • Bettye Burford • Gerard Klein**

- **Melanie Driscoll**, upon the death of her mother, Pat Graham
- **Alan Tobie**, father of Betsy Irvine, who is peaceful, despite waning health
- **Darla O'Connor**, with broken ribs and a concussion following a snowmobile accident
- **Marla Kerr-Lawson**, Kelly Kerr's sister, undergoing chemotherapy
- **Larry**, a friend of Priscilla Burch, after a serious fall
- **Kim Kirby**, daughter-in-law of Betty Armstrong, in OLOL following another craniotomy
- **David Hoffman**, brother of Paul, recovering from partial hip replacement, and his wife Dee
- **Ethel Foster**, mother of Linda Benedict, recovering from surgery at home
- **Lee Wirth**, brother of Karen Paterson, having his 4th occurrence of lymphoma
- **Gina Tharp**, friend of Ann Miller, undergoing treatment for Stage IV colorectal cancer
- **Charlie Fisher**, recovering from back surgery
- **Phil Quartararo**, at home, continuing his recovery
- **Terry Calendar**, friend of Wes Mainord, seriously ill following a stroke and with advanced cancer
- **Mary**, Kelly Kerr's cousin, recovering from a mastectomy and infection
- Ben Stoker's **Uncle Jody**, with advanced stage cancer
- **Mike and Chip**, friends of Robbie Phillabaum, facing difficult cancer treatments
- **Jerry Fabre**, friend of Susan Seifert, living with ALS
- **Barbara Behrmann**, in hospice care in North Carolina
- **Art Belcher**, Cynthia Peterson's brother, diagnosed with cancer
- **Betty Crawford**, friend of Robbie Phillabaum, recovering from a stroke
- **Melanie Driscoll**, with chronic Lyme Disease
- **Ralph Simone**, friend of Darla O'Connor, undergoing treatment for bladder cancer
- **Kelli Carruth Miller**, friend of Kathy Rossman, undergoing immunotherapy
- **Joellen Hawkins**, Aunt of Emily Cogburn, with Alzheimer's
- **Alan Williams**, brother of Virginia Davis, with Parkinson's
- **Edna Faust and her son Gregory**, friends of Kay Lindsey
- **Norma Fernández**, recovering from a foot amputation due to severe diabetes, from San José de los Ramos.
- **All families affected by Huntington's Disease**
- **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**
- **For people in our partner church in Cuba: Seminary students Merian and Nereida, Marvel Castellanos and her family, and pastor Josué Montejo**



HOSPITAL VISITS BY UPC OFFICERS

- 1 Lois Kuyper-Rushing
- 2 Peggy Carroll
- 3 Doug Walker
- 4 Thomas Shelton
- 5 Betty Armstrong
- 6 Lorinda Sealey
- 7 Steven Hartmann
- 8 Darla O'Connor
- 9 OPEN
- 10 OPEN
- 11 OPEN
- 12 Carl Motsenbocker
- 13 Mary Mikell
- 14 OPEN
- 15 Nan Patt
- 16 Beth Paskoff
- 17 OPEN
- 18 Cordell Haymon
- 19 Kristin Savicki
- 20 Jennifer Bravinder
- 21 Linda Benedict
- 22 Lee Jenkins
- 23 Pat Wright
- 24 Betsy Wilks
- 25 OPEN
- 26 Barbara Gray
- 27 Edward Peterson
- 28 OPEN
- 29 OPEN
- 30 Junita Meier
- 31 Andy Maverick

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

The Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank needs your help!

Please place your contribution in any of the large marked FOOD BANK boxes located around UPC or bring it to the front of the sanctuary during the service.



Check out UPC on Facebook!

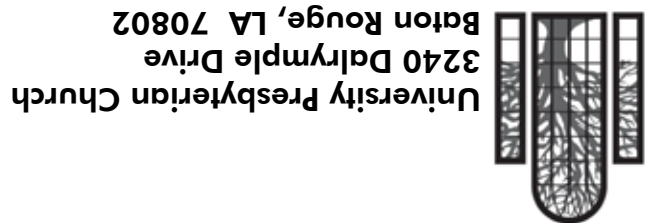
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February Birthdays

2 Ron Garton	10 Ryan Black Amy Braymer	20 Miles Freeman Graham Nichols Ashley Reeves	23 Cheryl Giles Joyce Moreland
3 Margo Brault Ian Strain	11 Andrew Armstrong Pat Ho Kurt Ozier	Greer Rice Timothy Terry, Jr.	24 Janet Whyde
6 Ellen Gochnour April Whitting	12 Clarence Bahs	21 Stuart Dameron Robin Patty	25 Dana Trahan
7 Barbara Gray Robbie Phillabaum Shannon Stafford	17 Amy Wiedenfeld	22 Beverly Jones Elizabeth Roberts	26 Christopher Carroll
	18 Stephen Hoffman		27 David Atwood

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

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