

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH September 13, 2020



### PENCILS AND MORE FOR PARK ELEMENTARY

UPC's public education partners at Park Elementary are ramping up for whatever this fall will bring. They will be virtual/remote at least through Labor Day and could really use the following supplies to send home with their students: marble composition books, pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, earbuds. Please drop off supplies at UPC on Wednesdays between 9:00 a.m. and noon or contact Karen Foote at [olfo@aol.com](mailto:olfo@aol.com).

### NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS NEEDED!

When the LSU Food Pantry reopens, they will offer prepackaged bags of food for students to pick up (students will not be allowed to enter the pantry). To do so, the LSU Food Pantry needs your help. We'll collect non-perishable food items at the church every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. until further notice. There will be two bins inside the door closest to the church office where you can leave your donations. Especially needed are protein items (beans, tuna, chicken and meat sauce), vegetables and cereals. Please no sweets and no pet food!

### HURRICANE LAURA... UPC IN ACTION

UPC's Mission & Peacemaking has contributed \$1000 to Hurricane Laura relief through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). This is in addition to the \$2000 annual benevolence budgeted to PDA. UPC has supplied WalMart gift cards to be used towards the purchase of personal and clean up items, gasoline, and other necessities. We participated in securing and delivering items to augment personal hygiene kits to be distributed by DeRidder Presbyterian church and will continue to work in partnership with the Presbytery, Nechama Relief, PDA, and with other recovery groups. More information about how to help will be forthcoming.

What you can do right now: Assemble items needed for evacuees from hurricane Laura now residing in Baton Rouge:

In a gallon sized Ziploc bag, please consider the following personal items:

- Regular sized tube of toothpaste
- Regular sized bar of soap
- Band aids
- Pain reliever and/or Benadryl
- Individually wrapped energy or granola bars
- FACIAL MASKS!
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Hand sanitizer
- Wash rags
- Shampoo

Please consider that many people will be away from their homes for quite a long while and need more than a days' worth of toiletries. Whatever you can give will be appreciated! You can bring bags to UPC on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 -12:00 and Thursday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00. Other ways to support Hurricane Laura relief:

Presbytery of South Louisiana [www.pbysouthla.org](http://www.pbysouthla.org) Click on the Donate button

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance [www.pda.pcusa.org](http://www.pda.pcusa.org) Click on Donate and indicate "Hurricane Laura" as recipient.

Donate through the State of Louisiana Hurricane Laura Updates website at [www.hurricanelaura.la.gov](http://www.hurricanelaura.la.gov) Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on how to donate.

### SMALL GROUPS AT UPC

For more information or to participate in these small groups see the August edition of Contact or contact the group leader.

- **Murder, Marches, and Monuments** led by Gaines Foster

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

August 23 - September 20

*(These sessions will be recorded and will be uploaded to our Facebook feed)*

<https://lsu.zoom.us/j/99152437869?pwd=N0YxNEhXM2mbGs5OGlCaUxEbDRyZz09>

Meeting ID: 991 5243 7869 Passcode: 830965

- **The Art of Biblical Narrative** led by Stuart Irvine

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

October 4 - November 1

*(These sessions will be recorded and will be uploaded to our Facebook feed)*

- **Feasting on the Word - Adult Bible Study** rotating leaders

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom (ongoing)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81701086436?pwd=Y255a0dwK0NkSVhseEhzaWVwMWRFdz09>

Meeting ID: 817 0108 6436 Passcode: 369663

- **Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament** led by Peggy Carroll

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

September 9 - November 11

*This group will be held in person outside at 1545 Patrick Dr. Limited to ten people. A second location is possible if there is interest. Contact Peggy Carroll at [peggoc@yahoo.com](mailto:peggoc@yahoo.com) to join.*

- **CUBA** led by George Strain

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Starting August 26

*Anyone who has not already received a Zoom invitation from George should email him at*

[strain@lsu.edu](mailto:strain@lsu.edu)

- **Visio Divina** led by Patti Snyder

Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom (ongoing)

*Visio Divina will be taking a break on August 18 and 25 and will resume on Tuesday,*

*September 1 at 1:30 pm (note time change) On 9/1 will begin a series entitled "Faces of Faith."*

- **Soul Feast** led by Mary Mikell and Betsy Irvine

Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom (ongoing)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87248796877?pwd=NHVKZWJYVmlzUmpFZHN3eTlpQTdzZz09>

Meeting ID: 872 4879 6877 Passcode: 592271

- **Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament** led by Dave Launey

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Beginning September 3 for 10 Sessions

*Contact Dave Launey at [jdlauney54@gmail.com](mailto:jdlauney54@gmail.com) for more information.*

### PW DAY CIRCLE

Day Circle will meet by ZOOM every first Tuesday of the month, approximately 10:00-11:30 a.m., Sept 8 - May/June depending on the will of the group. We'll discuss this study, offer prayers, discuss issues and connect with PCUSA-Presbyterian Women. Being a woman is not a requirement for participation!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81365121229?pwd=Q2YxUjJTa0RDTIJHTDFRSWg4a2xWQT09>

Meeting ID: 813 6512 1229

Passcode: 810057

## HINTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN Facebook live worship:

You may or may not have realized there is both a UPC Facebook Page (Note, Banner will be the message for the month, this month it is "HOPE") and a UPC Facebook Group (Note, the picture of the congregation as the banner). The Page is public. The Group is private, but you can request to join and I assure you that one of our administrators will accept your request! This Group is a good place to share joys and concerns that you might not wish to be available to everyone on the internet. When you go to Facebook, in order to join in our Sunday morning worship, MAKE SURE YOU GO TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, not the Group. This month look for "HOPE" at the top of the page. And, don't join a watch party but WAIT UNTIL THE LIVE FEED APPEARS ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE. Another tip would be to go to the UPC Facebook page and click on VIDEOS. All of our videos appear there!

## POST SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a post worship Zoom gathering on Sundays at 11:45 a.m until further notice. All are invited to attend and you do not have to have a Zoom account to participate. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82495540943> Meeting ID: 824 9554 0943

## BIRTHDAYS *This Week (September 13-19)*

13 Julie Launey, Amanda Richey, and Timothy Wright, 15 Molly Kennedy, 16 Beth Paskoff, 18 Owen Meier

## **IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2020** *(as of 09/09/2020)*

Received Pledged giving: **\$349,056**

Received Unpledged giving \$17,696

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$366,752

## Prayer Requests

*To add a name, remove a name, or update information on our prayer list, please contact the church office by noon on Wednesday at [cdurham@upcbr.org](mailto:cdurham@upcbr.org).*

**Lois Liggett • Gary Meise • Ruth Bivins • Dean Kerr • Tabitha Lewis • Don Snyder • Charlie Fisher  
Bettye Burford • Gerard Klein • Melanie Driscoll • Kim Kirby**

- **Mona Truluck**, having surgery on September 15
- **Linda Clark**, diagnosed with breast cancer and who completed her final chemo treatment this week
- **Phyllis Morgan**, sister of Ellen, who evacuated from Lake Charles to Baton Rouge following hurricane Laura
- **Misha Gottesman**, two-year-old nephew of Peggy Carroll, who has been diagnosed with leukemia
- **Tom Shelton** upon the death of his brother, Andy Shelton, in North Carolina
- **Judith Schiebout**, at BR Gen mid city recovering from Covid19
- **Mary Timmons**, at Old Hammond Skilled Nursing for rehab
- **RJ LeBlanc**, father of Kathie Pohlman's 'Bonus Daughter,' Nikki, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer
- **Bob Wilks**, son of Bunny Heroman and brother of Betsy Wilks, at home continuing to recover from Covid19
- **Kaley Hall**, ten year old niece of John Grubb, undergoing chemotherapy for a pineoblastoma at St. Jude's
- **Barbara Hoffman**, who recently broke her wrist
- **Anne Dardis**, friend of Pat Strain, recovering from back surgery
- **Donna Crumpler**, mother of Tavia Crumpler, undergoing treatment for colon cancer
- **Pastor Josué Montejo**, who fell and has two fractures in his wrist
- **Anne Bender**, friend of Pat Ho, undergoing cancer treatment
- **Margaret Lewis**, friend of Pat Ho, and her children and grandchildren. Margaret has entered hospice care
- **Mickey Zaitoon**, wife of Samear, in Magnolia Assisted Living Facility in Burnside
- **Frances Sullivan-González's family in Nicaragua and the country deeply affected by the Covid-19 pandemic**
- **Leewood Oakley**, daughter of college friends of Doug and Linda Walker, undergoing treatment for breast cancer
- **Ginger Zipperer**, friend of Darla O'Connor, diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer
- **Marla Kerr-Lawson**, Kelly Kerr's sister, undergoing chemotherapy
- **Gina Tharp**, friend of Ann Miller, undergoing treatment for Stage IV colorectal cancer
- **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
- **Betty Crawford**, friend of Robbie Phillabaum, recovering from a stroke
- **Ralph Simone**, friend of Darla O'Connor, undergoing treatment for bladder cancer
- **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
- **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**
- **Our Cuba church partners, Pastor Josué Montejo, and others in Cuba facing widespread shortages.**
- **For first responders, medical personnel, and all those who are working hard to mitigate the spread of the Corona Virus and provide comfort and care in its midst**
- **For folks here and around the world who are testing positive or are presumed positive for the Corona Virus and for those experiencing hardship as a result of the virus**