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February 2021

University Presbyterian Church Newsletter for church members and friends

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From My Window

It was a Monday, my day off, and besides walking around my neighborhood trying to remember where everything is, I was wondering how my family could mark the Martin Luther King, Jr holiday. None of the in-person things that usually happen here and around the country were planned because of the pandemic, but I had received at least three (12?) different notices for online events that would commemorate Dr. King's life and (presumably) inspire us to continue his legacy.

All of them looked interesting.

All of them looked valuable.

I bet people put a lot of thought and time into each of them.

I didn't do any of them.

We have now been in COVID mode for about 11 months, and I'm tired of the computer.

I am grateful for it.

I couldn't manage without it.

It is the best and safest thing we've got going.

And I'm tired of it.

I wanted to want to join one of the online seminars/presentations/conversations, but after Zoom worship, fellowship, and meetings plus hours of email, sermon writing, and more, I didn't want to get on the computer again. Can you relate?

As we move toward Lent (mark Feb 17th on your calendar - Ash Wednesday), there are lots of things the church is cooking up to allow you to join in this season of reflection. There are more details inside the newsletter. Some of the things are online. Some of them are in bags that will be delivered to you. Some of them invite you to reflect quietly at home or in our courtyard. Online or off, do what you can and don't do what you can't.

It's okay.

We are trying things out just like you are - offering options we hope will help you feel connected to this church community and to God - but that's what they are, options. You may look at them and think they look interesting,

valuable,

and that people put a lot of time in them.

You may want to want to do them, but you just can't.

It's okay.

If you do think of something that would help support you spiritually, let someone know (me, Patti, your Deacon, anyone really). We'll see what we can do, and we'll let you know what we can't do too. But also know that we'll all be here when you can do it too - no judgment.

Bendiciones (Blessings)

Mamie

February...

Meetings times/locations are subject to change.
Please check with your group leader for confirmation and information on how to log into Zoom meetings.

- 2 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Zoom
- 5:00 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Book Group - Zoom
- 3 11:00 a.m. "God's Promise..." Small Group - 1545 Patrick Dr.
- 4:00 p.m. Budget Meeting II - Zoom
- 4 11:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Zoom
- 7 5th Sunday after Epiphany - Communion**
- 9:30 a.m. "Feasting on the Word" Bible Study - Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City" Small Group - Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Facebook (*Live*)
- 11:45 a.m. Called Congregational Meeting - Zoom (followed by Post Service Fellowship - Zoom)
- 9 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom
- 10 11:00 a.m. "God's Promise..." Small Group - 1545 Patrick Dr.
- 12:30 p.m. Technology Committee - TBA
- 5:00 p.m. Property Committee - Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Personnel & Administration Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (*for more info dwalters@upcbr.org*)
- 11 11:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Zoom
- 14 Transfiguration Sunday**
- 9:30 a.m. "Feasting on the Word" Bible Study - Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City" Small Group - Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Facebook (*Live*)
- 11:45 a.m. Post Service Fellowship - Zoom
- 15 Mardi Gras Holiday - Church Office and Day School Closed**
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- 17 Ash Wednesday**
- 11:00 a.m. "God's Promise..." Small Group - 1545 Patrick Dr.
- 18 11:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Zoom
- 21 First Sunday in Lent**
- 9:30 a.m. "Feasting on the Word" Bible Study - Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Facebook (*Live*)
- 11:45 a.m. Called Congregational Meeting - Zoom (followed by Post Service Fellowship - Zoom)
- 23 TBA Presbytery Meeting - Zoom
- 24 11:00 a.m. "God's Promise..." Small Group - 1545 Patrick Dr.
- 12:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom
- 3:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (*for more info dwalters@upcbr.org*)
- 25 11:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Zoom
- 28 Second Sunday in Lent**
- 9:30 a.m. "Feasting on the Word" Bible Study - Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Facebook (*Live*)
- 11:45 a.m. Post Service Fellowship - Zoom
- 1:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Zoom

Office Notes

Day School and Office Closures

The Day School and church office will be closed on February 15 & 16 in observance of the Mardi Gras holiday.

•Giving Statements

Giving statements will be emailed on February 1. If you would like to print your statement earlier, you can do so by logging into your Realm account. To print go to GIVING and set your filter to LAST YEAR or you can set the calendars to 1/1/20 - 12/31/20 and click the PRINT icon. A dialog box will appear for you to add any comments. Click PRINT. Your statement should appear in a new window with options to either print it or download the PDF. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact Caralyn at cdurham@upcbr.org.

With over 2000 stamps collected from Albertson's, there are now 18 pots of varying sizes to donate to LSU Loaner Closet for International Students! Thanks to all those who donated: UPC members/friends of members/ Next Door Neighborhood contacts! It takes a village!
Appreciate the response!
Bizza

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The **UPC Book Club** meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom Contact Ellen Morgan for info.

Feb. 2 Caste, The Origins of our Discontent by Isabel Wilkerson



The Choir Wants YOU!

The UPC choir is looking to add to their ranks! The choir meets every other Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. via zoom. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 3. To join in go to <https://lsu.zoom.us/j/93931838233?pwd=aDJQZ01pZEk2SS8yL1REtnVPellnUT09>

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.



Representatives of Worship & Music, Faith Formation, Mission and Peacemaking, and Fellowship met with Mamie & Patti to start planning for Lent this year. With all the pandemic has brought upon us, our overall feeling is, less is more! We want to continue to embrace traditions that bring comfort while also remembering to challenge each other with the amazing love of Jesus Christ.

We are still ironing out some final decisions but wanted to share our plans thus far: Our overarching theme will be COVENANT. We will be reading about many different covenants in the lectionary passages during Lent, for instance, God's promise to Noah, "Never Again!" symbolized by the rainbow.

- Faith Formation has this past year provided bags with a variety of projects to our families with school age children during the different seasons. For Lent this year, they will be providing a bag to ALL households with a variety of non-screen ways of contemplating the season. There will also be links to some things to watch or listen to if you are interested in following them.

- We are looking into providing an opportunity for anyone to go to the church courtyard and spend a moment or two at a prayer station/labyrinth we will be creating. There will be an information sheet with some guidance if someone wishes to use it.

- We will be providing a playlist of music appropriate to the season and to support some prayerful and meditative activities.

- We are going to organize some leaders to create "text" prayer groups. Congregants will be invited to join a group for regular times to share prayers via text. Full directions to come!

Keep an eye out in the bulletin and on your emails to see what else is in store!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

February 17 - April 4, 2021

YOU SHALL BE CALLED REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

— ISAIAH 58

Join us!

Providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

MATTHEW 25

Faith Formation

LINK LOVE

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City

Randy Nichols, moderator

February 7 & 14, 9:30 a.m.

In this ground breaking, Pulitzer Prize winning book, Harvard sociologist Matthew Desmond takes readers into the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee, where families spend most of their income on housing and where eviction has become a routine and vicious cycle deepening our country's vast inequality. Based on years of embedded fieldwork and painstakingly gathered data, "Evicted" challenges our understanding of extreme poverty and economic exploitation while providing ideas for addressing another devastating issue for our country.

The class will include presentations by local experts in housing policy, property development, and housing insecurity.

Additionally, this introduction to "Evicted" comes at an opportune time. On March 26 a traveling exhibition based on the book and mounted by the National Building Museum will open in the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge gallery.

<https://lsu.zoom.us/j/99673145843?pwd=RjRFOWJkSlNjVkJVHMnppU0RDQ05jZz09>

Meeting ID: 996 7314 5843 Passcode: 249080

Feasting on the Word- Adult Bible Study

Rotating leaders

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

For each lectionary text, participants will find brief essays and discussions concerning the biblical texts. One review states, "A very helpful resource for those who use the lectionary in their weekly church services. I love that each passage is broken into theological perspective, pastoral perspective, exegetical perspective and homiletical perspectives. Having each perspective side by side discussing the passage for the week is very helpful.

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

Meeting ID: 817 0108 6436 Passcode: 369663

Bible Study - God's Promise I Am With You

Peggy Carroll, leader

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

"God's Promise I Am With You", takes us on a journey through old and new scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated God's most frequent promise of presence. Held in-person and led by Peggy Carroll at 1545 Patrick Drive on Wednesday mornings at 11:00. For information contact Peggy: 225-726-7856 or peggpc@yahoo.com.

Soul Feast

Mary Mikell and Betsy Irvine

Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom

Readings from various writers in spirituality. The group reads essays, books, and poems from a wide variety of authors.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87248796877?pwd=NHVKZWJYVmlzUmpFZHN3eTlpQTdz09>

Meeting ID: 872 4879 6877 Passcode: 592271

Visio Divina

Facilitator: Patti Snyder

Latin for "divine seeing," this small group will use resources in the Sanctified Art: Again and Again series to explore - through meditation on visual art, artist's statements, bible study, and group discussion around the theme of Wilderness. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Patti Snyder (psnyder@upcbr.org). A doodle poll to see when the group will meet will be distributed to those who express an interest.

Here are some fun, funny, inspirational, or thought-provoking links for you this month. (If you open this online there are hotlinks embedded, but links you can type in are just below in case the hotlinks don't work or you are receiving this on paper!)

- From "Reasons to Be Cheerful," here's 112 bits of good news from 2020.

<https://reasonstobecheerful.world/the-year-in-cheer/>

- This short film shows random people's reactions to looking at the moon through a powerful telescope. It is just likely to make you feel good and hopeful.

<https://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/short-film-showcase/00000162-9d09-d53b-ade2-ddede0fd0000>

- The Kanneh-Mason siblings play a beautiful version of Redemption Song by Bob Marley and the Wailers.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_LmRcr8Mm4&ab_channel=ShekuKannehMasonVEVO

- This is a complicated way to get a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, but it's also kind of awesome.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1NfUUCJgc&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=Joseph%27sMachines

- We have all wondered what we can do in these tumultuous times. Here's the story of the way one woman is trying to turn things around using the mistakes of her past.

<https://www.yesmagazine.org/issue/building-bridges/2019/11/12/deradicalization-in-the-deep-south/>

- February 11th is Make a Friend Day. Here's a coloring page for kids or anyone to celebrate making friends.

<https://www.whatdowedoallday.com/make-a-friend-day-coloring-page/>

Can We Find a Way to Meet?

We all have different points of comfort with seeing folks in person these days, but if any of you feel able to meet IRL (in real life) then I would love to figure out how to make that happen. Send me an email (mbroadhurst@upcbr.org) so we can set up a:

- Driveway Discussion?
- Porch parlay?
- Window Wave?
- Walk and talk?
- Lunch and laugh? (outside, 6 feet apart)
- Some other cool idea you have?

I would wear a mask to everything, and if you're game then I can come to you or you to me - whatever you prefer. I need to learn different parts of the city (and different ways to get around it), so if you can just do a quick lunch outside at your office, I'm game. I'm hoping to hold out the most time on Thursdays, but if that day will never work for you, let's try to figure something else out.

(Parents with kids at home, I for real need your help figuring out pediatricians and opportunities for fun stuff as a family, so don't be shy about jumping on this train!)

Family Talk Difficult Subjects

Spurred by recent events in the Capitol but beyond as well, Mamie Broadhurst, our new Co-Pastor, is interested in setting up some conversations with parents, grandparents, or anyone interested to discuss helpful ways to talk with children about difficult subjects. She will work with those interested to determine the shape and form of those conversations, please email Mamie at mbroadhurst@upcbr.org if you'd like to explore this further.

UPC Church Directory

The Faith Formation and Membership Committees have been distributing hard copies of the church directory. If you have not yet received your directory, fear not, one is on the way. In the meantime directory information may be found on the RealmConnect app.

NOTE: Starting February 1, all Realm profile privacy settings for DIRECTORY INFORMATION ONLY (Name, address, phone, email) will be set to "Everyone in the Church." You will receive notification via email when the change happens. ONLY PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH who have and use the RealmConnect app will be able to see this information. No other personal information will be available to the congregation and nothing is public outside of our UPC family. If you wish to OPT OUT of making directory information available to the congregation, please contact Caralyn in the church office at cdurham@upcbr.org.

Session Highlights

On January 24, the session had its first meeting with two co-moderators. Mamie and Patti will divide the chores that come with a Teaching Elder's session moderating role. The ruling elders of the session look forward to working with them both.

Due to disruptions to committees' schedules resulting from the pandemic, there will be two meetings of the congregation in February: On February 7th, the congregation will meet following worship to elect a congregational nominating committee and to consider the change in terms of Patti's call (now that she is a co-pastor). On February 21st, the congregation will meet again, in our official annual meeting, to receive the 2021 budget that the session will have previously approved and hear reports from committees and programs.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Sunday, February 7

to elect a congregational nominating committee and to consider the change in Patti's call to co-pastor

Sunday, February 21

to receive the 2021 budget

Diaconate News

Have you seen a phone number you don't recognize calling you every month? Or gotten text messages from someone you don't recognize? It may be your Deacon!

In this time of physical distancing, the Deacons are trying more than ever to keep in touch and be a listening ear. You may hear from your Deacon by phone, email, or text. If you haven't heard from your Deacon in a while, check your spam folder. You may have a friendly message there waiting for you! Your Deacon wants to get to know you. Feel free to give them a ring or drop them a line whenever you want to chat!

Nonperishable Food Items Needed

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!

Praise God with the trumpet; praise God with lyre and harp! Praise God with tambourines and dance; praise God with strings and flutes! Praise God with clashing cymbals!

Calling musicians of all ages and abilities

We know you're out there, UPC musicians.
 We just don't know exactly who you are
 or what instruments you play.
 Please tell us, because we might need
 your joyful noise from time to time.
 No recitals! No pressure! No unwanted solos!

Please contribute to our database.
 Fill in the form here: <http://bit.ly/upcbrmusic>
 Or email us at upcbrmusic@gmail.com
 Or watch for the poll coming soon to your email
 box.

Don't play anything?
 Maybe you'd like to bang on a pan or shake a tambou-
 rine.
 Don't be shy! Let us know!

Not in Baton Rouge? No worries!
 We do virtual and remote music too.

Dear UPCers:
 I am so grateful to all of you at UPC for allowing the opportunity to serve alongside you these past three years. The opportunity was a happy coincidence of personal and professional transition. I hope the continued growth in ministry and service grows with the same patience, creativity, and commitment that you all practice in your worship, your outreach and mutual care for each other, and the world.

Thanks to all of you too for your heartfelt and touching send-off. I intend for the backpack (and my "Decent and In Order" champagne glasses!) will get a good workout in the coming years.

Keep going in peace. Hold on to the good. Return no one evil for evil. Make "good trouble" wherever you go. Love and serve one another and in so doing, serve our living Lord.

With much love to you all.

Betsy

5 WAYS TO GIVE

-  **IN PERSON**
Drop your gift into the offering plate on Sunday
-  **MAIL**
Mail your gift to: University Presbyterian Church
3240 Dalrymple Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802
-  **ONLINE**
<https://onrealm.org/UniversityPresb15909/give/now>
or through your REALM portal under GIVING/+GIVE
-  **MOBLIE APP**
Realm Connect is available for download at iTunes
and Google Play (uses your onrealm login)
-  **UPC BR 75** **TEXT**
Text UPCBR and your amount to 73256
(as shown at left)

Mission & Peacemaking Committee

Submitted by Lorinda Sealey, chair

The restrictions imposed by the COVID -19 Pandemic created many challenges to in-person interactions with the people UPC serves. In some cases, we were forced to cancel activities and in others, we found creative ways to reach our community. The recurrent hurricanes to the region also dictated the focus of our efforts. Nevertheless, the Mission and Peacemaking Committee (M&P) worked diligently, in collaboration with other UPC committees to fulfill the church's commitment to benevolence and outreach to the congregation and community. We also sought to uphold the committee's mandate to support human rights, and social and economic justice by engaging in appropriate activities. The committee met via Zoom on the second Tuesday evening of the month, except in July. Following are some highlights of Mission and Peacemaking activities for 2020:

Immigration and Asylum seekers was a focus of the committee this year. When plans to establish a visitation program for asylum seeking detainees were thwarted as a result of the Pandemic, we launched a Pen Pal program in collaboration with the Acadiana Advocates for Immigrants in Detention, a grass roots organization offering support to detainees. UPC participants were assigned detainee pen pals from Cameroon, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nigeria. We sent letters of encouragement and hope, and sought to provide a sense of community. Despite language barriers, mail delays and constant movement of detainees as they are either released, relocated or deported the program continues. Our partner agency, Acadiana Advocates for Immigrants in Detention (Acadiana AID), continues to provide new names of detainees requesting pen pals as needed. We also purchased an airline ticket for one detainee who was released.

Other examples of social justice activities of the committee include continued participation in Together Baton Rouge activities to address community problems; we are represented on several of the organization's committees. We also obtained Session approval to display the Love Your Neighbor banner to the community, which reflects Jesus' call for us to love one another. A Service Learning grant of \$1000 was awarded to Humanities Amped to purchase Chromebooks to increase access to online programming created in response to the COVID-19 crisis for some of their most vulnerable students.

Food insecurity and other hardships compounded by the Pandemic and recurring hurricanes in the region influenced our activities and financial contributions. The congregation responded to our call for school supplies for Park Elementary, our partner school. We made an emergency financial contribution to the Cuba Partners Network to help address

the shortages of food, fuel, personal care items, and medical supplies in Cuba exacerbated by the Pandemic. We conducted a weekly collection of non-perishable food items for the LSU food pantry and provided additional financial support to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. We also used grant funds from the Presbytery of South Louisiana to purchase and deliver a truck load of masks, bug spray, toiletries, hand sanitizer, non-perishable food items and Walmart gift cards to Presbyterian churches in Lake Charles and DeRidder affected by hurricanes.

This year's outreach to St. Anthony's Home was truly a church-wide effort. In lieu of our annual outing with the residents, and in order to maintain the Home's strict social distancing protocols, we delivered 20 take out lunches from Jason's Deli to St. Anthony's for the residents and staff in November, along with personal greeting cards from the members of the M&P committee. In early December, the Faith Formation Committee generously shared their Christmas craft project which consisted of designs, supplies and instructions for making holiday ornaments. These were delivered to St. Anthony's with Christmas greeting cards made by the children of UPC. Our overarching message to St. Anthony's residents and staff was "We're thinking of you; you are not forgotten; UPC cares."

Activities cancelled as a result of the Pandemic included a combined Adult and Youth Mission trip to Guatemala scheduled for June and a trip to Cuba originally scheduled for April. Both trips are on hold. Several of us participated in the annual Cuba Partners Gathering, which this year was held virtually instead of in Cuba as previously planned. Our partnership with Cuba continues strong; our sister church has recently been assigned a permanent pastor and their increased access to technology has helped us remain connected. A Zoom-based small group led by George Strain met weekly during the fall for a five-week discussion series on Cuba. Topics included the geography, history and agriculture of Cuba, Living Waters in Cuba, race-relations and the arts in Cuba.

In cooperation with the Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHS), we conducted our annual Hope for the Holiday project to buy Christmas gifts for local children. This year's selection of children's names was done online using Sign Up Genius software. UPC members provided gifts for 22 children. In addition, several cash contributions were received and awarded directly to PCHS.

Permission for one additional Special Offerings was granted by the Session for The Club 144 fundraiser for Rebuilding Together Baton Rouge, a non-profit organization that provides

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2020 Annual Reports

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home repair services to allow elderly or disabled low-income homeowners to stay in their homes longer. We raised \$3,615.

This year's Peace and Global Witness offering (\$970) exceeded last year's collection (\$801). As is customary, 50% of this offering goes to PCUSA, 25% goes to the Presbytery of South Louisiana, and the remaining 25% goes to a local benevolence. This year's local award went to IRIS Domestic Violence Center of Baton Rouge. The Pandemic, has created increased stressors, which historically have been shown to lead to an increase in family violence and domestic abuse. This small contribution was in addition to our annual contribution of \$1000.

The committee provided benevolent contributions to selected local and worldwide organizations as budgeted for the year.

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 the entire committee. The everyday goings on of the church seems to require some attention every week. Our church is getting older therefore it is requiring a lot more maintenance on many different things. The committee spent 253 hours of their time in repairing and maintaining many of the items that would normally require outside companies to do the repair. If you figure the outside companies charge a minimum of \$25 per hour that come to approximately \$6325 dollars of work that the committee performed. Listed below please find some of the high priority tasks that were completed. For a complete list of all tasks performed by the committee please see Doug Walker.

1. Replaced five rotted windows in the Dayschool
2. Replaced leaking water heater serving the kitchen and offices
3. Patched the leaking chill water piping in Fellowship Hall
4. Repaired the Fire alarm system
5. Refinished the communion table
6. Rearranged offices/library
7. Continued building outside painting project
8. Maintained the courtyard gardens
9. Continued tree trimming project
10. Moved furniture donated by Cordell Haymon

Nurture Committee

Submitted by Mary Mikell, chair

The Nurture committee met regularly on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. This year, we met mostly via zoom. Over the year, the committee has served in UPC ministry through:

1. Writing notes each month to members on the Prayer List in the bulletin.
2. Mailing Grief/Loss books to members who had a loved one die. Booklets are mailed each month for the first year after the death.
3. Providing food to members who have had particularly stressful times such as surgery, illness, new baby, death in the family.
4. Creating Care Teams for church members who needed particular attention during times of specific needs such as illness or surgery.
5. Lending medical equipment to others (members and non-members) from our Medical Closet which has wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, and bathroom and shower aids.
6. Responding to the isolation of the Pandemic, the committee organized two new events, Thanksgiving-To-Go and Christmas Eve-Meals-To-Go. These meals were prepared, delivered and enjoyed by members of the UPC family.
7. Bought Poinsettias for the Day School staff.

Things that changed for Nurture this year:

1. Caregivers Support group did not meet due to changes in the lives of the regular members.
2. Church Friends program was no longer needed when the Deacons created the Shepherding program.
3. Due to the pandemic, the following Nurture activities stopped:
 - 1) Cook Days (spring and fall)
 - 2) Rides to Church
 - 3) Home Communion
 - 4) Funeral receptions
 - 5) NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) meetings at UPC

**MARCH CONTACT
DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 22**

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.

**Lois Liggett • Gary Meise • Ruth Bivins • Dean Kerr • Tabitha Lewis
John Earle • Bettye Burford • Gerard Klein • Melanie Driscoll
Kim Kirby • James and Jeanette Hanifen • Alan Williams
Our Cuba Partners • Dolores Ingraham**

- **Phil Cangelosi and his family** upon the death of his mother, Jean Cangelosi, on January 17
- **Kay Lindsey and her family** upon the death of her mother-in-law
- **Victor and June Klimash**, as he recovers from surgery for a broken knee
- **Jeanette Milne**, sister of Steve Rushing, with COVID19 and pneumonia and her husband, Charles who is also sick
- **Kelly Kerr and his family**, upon the death of his aunt Carolyn
- **Becca Bartlett**, recovering from breast reconstruction revision surgery
- **Christine Kooi** recovering from breast reconstruction surgery
- **Louis Holleman**, Corise Gambrell's brother, in the hospital following a heart attack
- **Freddy Crumpler**, father of Tavia Crumpler, recovering at home from open heart surgery and COVID19
- **Linda Clark's family** who are going through difficult times
- **Michael Lee Terry** in Kuwait for 2021
- **Barbara Bahs**, recovering at home following hip surgery
- **Nan Patt**, undergoing chemotherapy
- **Mary Steven's father**, undergoing treatment for colorectal cancer
- **Ethel Foster**, mother of Linda Benedict, in hospice
- **Cheryl Gardner**, mother of Megan Knapp, diagnosed with Parkinson's disease
- **Frank Vine**, significant other of Virginia Davis, recovering from rotator cuff surgery
- **Judith Gooch**, friend of Pat Ho, **and her daughter Jennifer and granddaughter Evelyn** who are going through some very difficult times
- **Pam Fisher**, undergoing chemotherapy
- **Wes Mainord**, recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- **Johnny Bourliea**, friend of Griff Campbell, recovering from surgery for a brain tumor
- **Misha Gottesman**, two-year-old nephew of Peggy Carroll, diagnosed with leukemia
- **RJ LeBlanc**, father of Kathie Pohlman's 'Bonus Daughter,' Nikki, with lung cancer
- **Kaley Hall**, ten year old niece of John Grubb, undergoing chemotherapy for a pineoblastoma at St. Jude's
- **Anne Bender**, friend of Pat Ho, undergoing cancer treatment
- **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
- Ben Stoker's **Uncle Jody**, with advanced stage cancer
- **Mike and Chip**, friends of Robbie Phillabaum, facing difficult cancer treatments
- **Ralph Simone**, friend of Darla O'Connor, undergoing treatment for bladder cancer
- **Joellen Hawkins**, Aunt of Emily Cogburn, with Alzheimer'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**



HOSPITAL VISITS BY UPC OFFICERS

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| 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 |
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| 13 | Mary Mikell |
| 14 | OPEN |
| 15 | OPEN |
| 16 | Beth Paskoff |
| 17 | OPEN |
| 18 | OPEN |
| 19 | Kristin Savicki |
| 20 | Jennifer Bravinder |
| 21 | Linda Benedict |
| 22 | OPEN |
| 23 | OPEN |
| 24 | OPEN |
| 25 | Cordell Haymon |
| 26 | OPEN |
| 27 | OPEN |
| 28 | Dave Launey |
| 29 | OPEN |
| 30 | Junita Meier |
| 31 | Andy Maverick |

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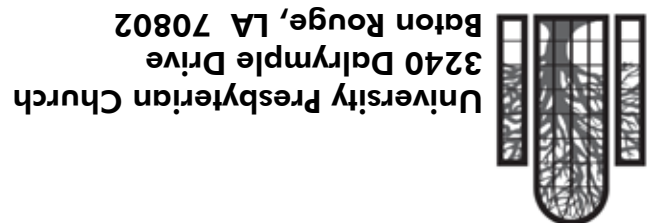
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February Birthdays

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| 2 Ron Garton Paul Paskoff | 10 Ryan Black Amy Braymer | 19 Glenda Crummett Armin Meier | 22 Beverly Jones Elizabeth Roberts |
| 3 Margo Brault Ian Strain | 11 Andrew Armstrong Pat Ho Kurt Ozier | 20 Miles Freeman Graham Nichols Ashley Reeves Greer Rice Timothy Terry, Jr. | 23 Cheryl Giles Joyce Moreland |
| 6 Ellen Gochnour April Whitting | 12 Clarence Bahs | 21 Stuart Dameron Robin Patty | 24 Janet Whyde 25 Dana Trahan 26 Christopher Carroll 27 David Atwood |
| 7 Barbara Gray Robbie Phillabaum Shannon Stafford | 17 Amy Wiedenfeld 18 Stephen Hoffman | | |

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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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