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November 2021

University Presbyterian Church Newsletter for church members and friends

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From My Window



True confessions, Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. Maybe it is supposed to be Christmas or Easter, and I like those too - don't get me wrong - but I love Thanksgiving, even though it's complicated (more on that in a minute). Here's why:

No presents, no candy, and really a fairly low standard for decorations.

This is precisely why one of my family members thinks Thanksgiving is "fine," but for me it is clutch. The amount of preparation I have to do is dramatically reduced for this holiday, so I can just enjoy the time with my people.

It's time set aside with my larger family.

We won't get to go this year, but my mom's side of the family basically uses Thanksgiving as a big family reunion. And I mean big. My grandfather was one of ten, and they all had at least 4 kids, and we're two generations past that now, so we're generally eating turkey (ham, barbecue, all the things) with about 100+ people.

I don't have to work on the holiday day, or even the day right before it.

This is not to be underestimated. Christmas and Easter are great, but there's a little extra going on in my work life at that time. MLK, Memorial, Labor, and Veterans Day - I'm glad they exist! And, they don't change my weekend responsibilities.

I am heartened by a holiday that can revolve around giving thanks.

First some important truth - Thanksgiving has a problematic mythology that ignores the real pain and violence of colonialism, and we should not celebrate that. We also should not ignore it and pretend that we haven't told a harmful origin story for hundreds of years. But, if we can be honest about our past then we might be able to move forward with the focus on gratitude that has emerged over time.

Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships. It is what animates us to give of our time, talents, and treasure. Practicing gratitude is a bit like smiling even when you don't want to. Darn if it doesn't make you feel a little better. Gratitude doesn't ignore difficulty; it accounts for it, but it draws a bigger frame. Which, I think, is how we need to deal with holiday itself - account for the harm, and also draw a bigger frame. Inside the Contact you'll find a gratitude calendar. Tear/Print it out and put it on your fridge or mirror, or talk about at dinner, as a reminder to consider what you're grateful for. I, for one, am deeply grateful for you.

Bendiciones -

November...

*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 - Conference Room
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Parks Wilson Room
- 5:00 p.m. "Jesus on Main Street" Small Group - 2171 Cherokee
- 7:00 p.m. UPC Book Group - TBA
- 3 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 4 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 1:00 p.m. "Visio Divina" Small Group - Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 6 TBA Stated Presbytery of South Louisiana Meeting - Zoom
- 7 24th Sunday after Pentecost**
Communion, Pledge Dedication Sunday, Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 9:45 a.m. "Feasting on the Word" Bible Study - Conference Room & Zoom
- 9:45 a.m. "Our Polarized Society" Parks Wilson Class - **Zoom only**
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook (*Live*)
- 4:30 p.m. High School Youth Group - Courtyard
- 8 7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 9 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. "Jesus on Main Street" Small Group - 2171 Cherokee
- 5:30 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom
- 10 12:30 p.m. Technology Committee - TBA
- 5:00 p.m. Property Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 1:00 p.m. "Visio Divina" Small Group - Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 13 TBA LSU vs. Arkansas @ LSU (*PARKING*)
- 14 25th Sunday after Pentecost**
- 9:45 a.m. "Feasting on the Word" Bible Study - Conference Room & Zoom
- 9:45 a.m. "Our Polarized Society" Parks Wilson Class - Format TBA
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook (*Live*)
- 4:30 p.m. High School & Middle School Youth Group - Courtyard
- 16 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. "Jesus on Main Street" Small Group - 2171 Cherokee
- 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom
- 17 5:00 p.m. Personnel & Administration Committee - Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 18 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 1:00 p.m. "Visio Divina" Small Group - Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 20 TBA LSU vs. ULM @ LSU (*PARKING*)
- 21 Christ the King/Reign of Christ**
- 9:45 a.m. "Feasting on the Word" Bible Study - Conference Room & Zoom
- 9:45 a.m. "Our Polarized Society" Parks Wilson Class - Format TBA
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook (*Live*)
- 12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
- 2:00 p.m. Children's Faith Formation Adventure - UPC Courtyard
- 4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group - UPC Courtyard

Office Notes

•Church Calendar

In order to prevent conflicts, please check with the church office for availability before scheduling an event.

•Office Notes

- Caralyn will be on vacation November 1-5. Volunteers will be in the office Monday - Thursday, 8:30-3:30.
- Patti will be away November 12-14 to an out of town wedding and the afternoon of November 21- 28 for her mother's memorial service and the Thanksgiving holiday.
- The Church Office and Day School will be closed November 25-26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Don't forget to set your
clocks back on November 7

The University Presbyterian Church CONTACT is produced monthly. Articles may be submitted via email to cdurham@upcbr.org or turned in to the church office no later than the 20th of each month. To be added to or removed from the mailing or email list, please contact the church office.

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The **UPC Book Club** meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. For meeting location or link contact Susan Ourso at emmorgan@cox.net

Nov 2 The Book of Joy
by Desmond Tutu and
Dalai Lama

Dec 7 The Thursday Murder Club
by Richard Osman

Youth Group

October Highlights:

This month we had the chance to meet for the first time both separately and together! Conversations about how we want to treat one another and about forming ourselves as a community came through the context of the way God helped shape the Hebrew people in the wilderness with the Ten Commandments. Oh, and we made a playlist of songs that remind us of family. What's a song that reminds you of your family?

We also got to join the Fellowship Committee to help with the Halloween Extravaganza. Pumpkin painting, corn hole, and trick-or-treating...we were all in!

November Preview:

This month Pat Ho and Beth Paskoff are going to lead us in making meals for the Baton Rouge Community refrigerator. You can follow the needs there if you are on Instagram - @brcommunityfridge. We'll also talk about stewardship, prepare for Advent, and who knows what else!

**DEC/JAN
CONTACT
DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 20**

November...

- 23 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Zoom
- 25 **Thanksgiving Day** (Church Office & Day School Closed through 11/26)
- 27 TBA LSU vs. Texas A&M @ LSU (*PARKING*)
- 28 **1st Sunday of Advent**
 - 9:45 a.m. "Feasting on the Word" Bible Study - Conference Room & Zoom
 - 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
 - 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook (*Live*)
- 30 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Session Notes

At its stated meeting on October 24th the session voted to approve recommendations by the COVID-19 task force concerning Hospitality Hall and choir, following the reopening/closing triggers established for the church.

For Hospitality Hall,

- All attendees must be vaccinated. Proof of vaccination may be provided by the host group. If there is no host group or host group does not have its own vaccination mandate, all guests will need to provide copies of vaccination cards with the paperwork for HH.
- People must be masked in common areas.
- People will enter and leave through keypad door in the laundry room
- Laundry and attached shower can be used only at night and must be cleaned daily in preparation for Day School Use. Instructions for cleaning will be posted in the room.
- People may go maskless upstairs and in the PW room and "living room" off that room, as they choose.
- For now, only work groups that will be away for the majority of the day during day school hours will be allowed.

For choir,

- All members of the choir may attend practice, masked and within 3 feet. All members of the choir are vaccinated.
- Up to 12 choir members can be in the balcony on any given Sunday. (Music director David Walters to determine logistics.)
- No congregational singing. One milestone needed prior to reconsideration of this is the vaccination of children (5-12).

Also, this will be my last month as Stated Clerk. Jerry Trahan will be my more-than-capable successor. I'll be helping Jerry transition into the job over the next little while. It has been an honor and a pleasure serving the session and the congregation over the last four years!

Jeff Perry

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2021 (as of 10/27/2021)

Received Pledged giving: \$404,616

Received Unpledged giving \$30,526

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$435,142

Annual Campaign 2022 is *HERE...* are you *GOING ALL IN?*
Thank you for your prayerful consideration and donation.

Stewardship & Finance

ARE YOU GOING ALL IN?

In October we provided information about the wide areas of support that stewardship covers. We are very aware of your generosity. And we are aware that your time and talents are a valued part of the life of the church. However, financial support that can be budgeted for essential services and benevolences is a necessity. That's where pledging comes in.

Why do UPC members pledge? Here are answers from some of them:

- *Because I feel that I am part of the UPC family.*
- *Because UPC is so welcoming to everyone.*
- *Because I prefer order to chaos. Regularity promotes calmness for me and for the administration of UPC.*
- *Because I cannot imagine worshipping any place else.*
- *Because I believe in the mission of the UPC body of believers, and it is important to give back in support of that mission.*
- *Because of our thoughtful, inspiring, compassionate co-pastors.*
- *Because I want to support a church whose messages and programming are very important to me. I also consider UPC to be an important force for good in our community, and I want to be sure that it has the resources to do this work and have an impact to make our community a better place for all.*
- *Because we have children and youth in the congregation and want them to learn about what being a Christian today means.*
- *Because everything I have comes from God, I am returning a portion of it to help with God's work on earth. Along with my time and talents, my financial support works to that end.*

By this time, you should have received your packet with a pledge card for 2022 and additional information on how your pledges are used. Please consider your gifts prayerfully and return your pledge card soon. **Celebration Sunday is November 7, when our pledges will be dedicated.**

Stewardship has been described as everything we do from the moment we confess Jesus Christ as Lord (Robert Bohl, *Presbyterians Today*). Bohl states that when we discover this fact, we also discover the joy of giving. May your giving bring you joy.



JOIN THE CHOIR

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Sundays 10:30 a.m.

We're inviting the choir and anyone interested in choir back to Wednesday rehearsals and Sunday services! We'll be managing the numbers as we go, but everyone is singing masked, we maintain distance, and everyone attending is vaccinated. This is a great way to participate in worship and an awesome group of people with whom to sing! Join us!

Any questions? Email Choir Director, David Walters at dwalters@upcbr.org

LINK LOVE

Some fun, funny, inspirational, or thought-provoking links for you this month.

- Remember Zaila Avant-Garde, age 13, from New Orleans? She won the Scripps Spelling Bee AND holds several world records. You can see some of her sweet basketball skills in a video in this article. <https://bit.ly/3kL31ov>
- *Jolene*, by Dolly Parton, sung by Lil Nas X. It's possible you'll hear the song in a new way, or maybe it's the way you always heard or wanted to hear it. <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=RWjnC8HSRdU>
- Ironically, a beautiful prose story from a poetry magazine about the poet's life together with his wife. Which was the "best year" of their lives? The one they remembered least. <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/articles/60484/the-third-thing>
- In Louisiana it can cost \$3.75 to make a 15-minute phone call, but in Arkansas it could be \$24.82. Staying connected improves outcomes after incarceration. You can read about some efforts to make that easier (read: cheaper). <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-09-08/nonprofit-aims-to-disrupt-pricey-prison-telecom-industry?srnd=citylab>
- A TikTok video of a reunion between a veteran and the girl who wrote him a letter of thanks 12 years before. Warning: video may cause eyes to leak. (You do not need to know anything about TikTok to click and watch.) <https://bit.ly/3AnDmYk>
- Human hair is being used to help clean up oil spills. Is your salon part of the effort? Maybe you could ask... <https://bit.ly/3C10KM5>

IN MEMORIAM

Bettye Burford who died on
October 25, 2021

Joyce Poché who died on
October 27, 2021

November 2021

Take some time for gratitude every day in November! Write what you're thankful for in the space provided or use it as a prompt for a longer reflection.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 A color I am thankful for is ...	2 A memory I am thankful for is ...	3 A friend I am thankful for is ...	4 A thing in nature I am thankful for is ...	5 A goal I am thankful for is ...	6 A family member I am thankful for is ...
7 A freedom I am thankful for is ...	8 A possession I am thankful for is ...	9 A place I am thankful for is ...	10 A song I am thankful for is ...	11 A mystery I am thankful for is ...	12 A sound I am thankful for is ...	13 A book I am thankful for is ...
14 A promise I am thankful for is ...	15 A teacher I am thankful for is ...	16 A gift I am thankful for is ...	17 A smell I am thankful for is ...	18 A treasure I am thankful for is ...	19 A time of day I am thankful for is ...	20 A moment from today I am thankful for is ...
21 A challenge I am thankful for is ...	22 An act of kindness I am thankful for is ...	23 A movie I am thankful for is ...	24 A life lesson I am thankful for is ...	25 A tradition I am thankful for is ...	26 A moment from yesterday I am thankful for is ...	27 A taste or food I am thankful for is ...
28 A piece of advice I am thankful for is ...	29 An article of clothing I am thankful for is ...	30 A dream I am thankful for is ...	1	2	3	4

Faith Formation

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Sundays

1. Feasting on the Word - Adult Bible Study

Group led bible study centering on the lectionary texts for each Sunday. In person and on zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81701086436?pwd=Y255a0dwK0NkSVhseEhzaWVwMWRFdz09> Meeting ID: 817 0108 6436 Passcode: 369663

2. Parks Wilson Class

"Our Polarized Society" November 7-21

This class will explore the political divisions that divided US society over the past few years. On Nov. 7 we will have a Zoom class featuring Uma Sumeros from Braver Angels, an organization that promotes dialogue between people of different political persuasions. On Nov. 14 we will host Senator Bill Cassidy to hear about his perspective on political polarization, and on Nov. 21 our guest will be Prof. Michael Henderson of the LSU Political Science department, who will share his insights into the current state of the country's political polarization. The Zoom link for this class is <https://lsu.zoom.us/j/2765203639> The format for classes on the 14th and 21st will be announced at a later date.

Fall Small Groups

Held on various days, at diverse times, and in a variety of locals (all either virtual or outside at this time) UPC's small groups for adults will begin this week.

Soul Feast

Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. Parks Wilson Room (ongoing)

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

Visio Divina

Thursdays at 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Zoom

This group engages together in contemplative reading of scripture texts and sharing reflection and our own artistic responses to text related pieces of art. We will be using a series of images from A Sanctified Art paired with biblical texts about Old Testament characters to ignite our time together. Curious? Join us and see if this group is for you! <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87918082267?pwd=a1M4OUgzellOTW52UU43QW8xMUdMQT09> Meeting ID: 879 1808 2267 Passcode: 325964

Jesus on Main Street

Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. at 2171 Cherokee St. on the back deck

Martin Luther King, Jr. once reflected that "budgets are moral documents." Few would argue, but teasing the morality out of a budget is undoubtedly controversial. UPC – never shy about controversy – jumps into issues of economic justice in a new small group this fall. David Kresta's book Jesus on Main Street: Good News Through Community Economic Development, will provide background and serve as a jumping off point for the discussion. Group meetings will begin with a summary of a section of Kresta's book (a nice way of saying participants aren't required to buy or read the book in order to participate) and proceed to an open discussion. Randy Nichols will be the facilitator. If you are interested, contact Randy at rknichols@homelessinbr.org or 225-241-6374.

Wonder

It's easy to read a Bible passage and *think* we know what it means, but when we are willing to look at it with new eyes, when we wonder aloud about it, the old stories become new again. Asking "I wonder" questions can lead us to new places. Questions like:

- I wonder what the main character was feeling...
- I wonder what it was like to be there...
- I wonder what my senses would notice in that place... What would I see? What would I hear?

Faith Practice Spotlight: *Look at something in a new way.* Looking at something in a new way is a great way to stretch your spiritual imagination. Maybe you'll look at a bug's wing under a microscope or study something up close you've never really noticed before. Learn about how bees or ants work together in community and wonder with your family what it means.

Wonder Links:

- The [I Wonder](#) Bible by Glenys Nellist (forthcoming!)
- [I Wonder: Engaging A Child's Curiosity about the Bible](#): Elizabeth Caldwell
- [Read Wonder Listen](#) by Laura Alary
- [Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook](#) by Brittany Sky
- [Microscope Slide Collection](#) — to see something old in a new way!

Kid's Faith Formation
ADVENTURE
(a fun afternoon church school for PreK - 5th graders!)

Sunday, November 21
2-3 PM
UPC Courtyard

**Come for games, a bible story, and
the making of advent wreaths in preparation
for the start of Advent on Nov 28**



Parents are welcome to stay or
to bring children to the courtyard and return to pick them up.



Presbyterian Women

Join our Facebook group PW of UPC, Baton Rouge

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/340272321019732>

PW at UPC has expanded beyond women only to include ALL!

2 CIRCLE MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER to choose from

Tuesday, November 2nd at 10:00 a.m. the PW Circle will meet in person in the Parks Wilson Room. It will be so wonderful to get to meet in person! We will study Lesson 2 of "What My Grandmothers Taught Me, learning from the Women in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus." Masks will be required.

Wednesday, November 3rd at 10:00 a.m. the PW Circle II that meets on Peggy Carroll's carport will meet and study Lesson 1 of "What My Grandmothers Taught Me, learning from the Women in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus." Peggy's address is 1545 Patrick Drive. If you plan to attend, please call Peggy at (225)726-7856 so that there will be a chair for you.

The Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering will be collected in November. Contributions may be placed in the offering plate or online by going to <https://onrealm.org/UniversityPresb15909/-/form/give/now>

Thank Offering 2021 OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Happy is the one who listens to me,
watching daily at my gates,
waiting beside my doors.

—Proverbs 8:34*

Learn more about the
Thank Offering
of Presbyterian Women
by visiting
www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank.

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2021 Thank Offering OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

In 1888, when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America as a "thank offering to her Lord," women responded, and the Thank Offering was born. Women gave sacrificially and were credited with saving the worldwide missionary movement of the church at that time. Over the last 33 years, Presbyterian Women has granted nearly \$27 million to more than 1,600 different projects at home and around the world through the PW Thank Offering.

Grant Recipients

National

SYNOD OF ALASKA-NORTHWEST

Presbytery of Olympia
Hagar's Community Church
Tacoma, WA
\$50,000
hagarscommunitychurch.com

SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS

Holston Presbytery
Holston Presbytery Camp and
Retreat Center, Inc.
Nature Preschool
Banner Elk, NC
\$10,000
holstoncenter.org

SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC

Presbytery of Charlotte
Cooperative Christian Ministries
Operation Desert Drop
Concord, NC
\$12,000
cooperativeministry.com

Salem Presbytery
Springwood Presbyterian Church
Kitchen Renovation
Whitsett, NC
\$50,000
springwoodchurch.org

SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC

Presbytery of Central Florida
Habitat for Humanity
Homeownership Mentoring
Orlando, FL
\$5,000
habitatofl.orlandoosceola.org

Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
Hope Harbor Ministries
Appliances for New Hope Harbor Facility
Warm Springs, GA
\$20,000
hopeharborgea.org

Foothills Presbytery
Cancer Association of Anderson
Cancer Patient Vehicle and Driver
Anderson, SC
\$42,360
cancerassociationanderson.org

SYNOD OF THE SOUTHWEST

Presbytery de Cristo
Frontera de Cristo
Enhancing Skills of At-Risk Children and
Parenting Skills of Adults
Douglas, AZ, U.S.A., and Agua Prieta,
Sonora, Mexico
\$27,000
fronteradecristo.org

SYNOD OF THE SUN

Presbytery of South Louisiana
Child Advocacy Services
Calming Corner and Sensory Center
Hammond, LA
\$7,350
childadv.net

International

BELIZE

Synod of the Covenant
Presbytery of Lake Michigan
First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven
Sunday School and Day Care Center for
Koinonia Ministries
Orange Walk, Belize
\$15,600
fpgb.org

GUATEMALA

Synod of Alaska-Northwest
Presbytery of the Inland Northwest
Puerta Abierta (Open Door)
Libros Abiertos (Open Books)
Santiago, Guatemala
\$50,000
atitlanabierta.com

ZAMBIA

Church of Central Africa Presbyterian –
Synod of Zambia
Chasefu Presbytery
Chasefu Theological College
Female Hostel Construction
Chasefu, Zambia
\$45,000
ccapzambia.org

Give through your PW group or online at
www.presbyterianwomen.org/give. For
additional information about the 2021
Thank Offering recipients, see the Summer
issue of *Horizons* magazine, or go to
www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank.

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close to
Home

ADVENT STARTS NOVEMBER 28, 2021

When something hits close to home, it affects us deeply. During the Advent and Christmas season, we will journey through scriptures and rituals that are tender, heavy with emotion, and vulnerable. We carry the memories and truths of this season close to our hearts. *Close to Home* acknowledges the "already but not yet" tension of our faith: Emmanuel is with us, and yet, God's promised day—our everlasting home—is not fully realized. It names our deep longing for God to come close to us.

This Advent, may we be comforted by the One who dwells intimately with us. May we expand safety and sanctuary for everyone wandering far from home. May we come home—wherever home is found—to live fully with joy, hope, and courage.

Mission & Peacemaking

Cuba Partners Network

The PC(USA) Cuba Partners Network, after a very successful fund raising campaign, has sent a shipment of much-needed supplies to Cuba. This effort was led by Laura St Clare of St Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church. A number of our churches are members of the CPN. The shipping container was loaded on August 25 and departed from the Port of New Orleans on September 25, headed for Marial, Cuba and arrived October 9. The contents included:

14,000 lb rice	13,000 lb beans
800 lb coffee	6,000 lb powdered milk
1,000 lb soap	2,600 lb powdered laundry detergent
28,000 syringes	

Kudos to those involved!

Support Opportunity for Afghan Refugees

Afghan refugees are being resettled in Baton Rouge by Catholic Charities. Rather than accepting and processing donated goods, Catholic Charities is requesting that home goods be purchased directly through their Amazon Smile list. You can find the list by typing "Amazon Smile charity lists" into Google and clicking on the first result. Once on the Amazon Smile list page, search for "Catholic Charities Baton Rouge" and click on their refugee resettlement list. When you purchase an item this way, it will be shipped to Catholic Charities and they will get it to a refugee. You will receive an email receipt from Amazon after your purchase. There is also a request for cell phones in good working condition. Please be on the lookout for more information on this request.



GAME DAY PARKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Game day parking is in full swing and we need your help! UPC will continue to offer parking as long as we can secure enough volunteers. If there are not enough volunteers on any given week, we will block the parking lot and put up "NO PARKING" signs. For several years we have provided this service, which doubles as a fund raising event with proceeds going to support youth, education, and mission projects. The home game schedule is:

November 13	Arkansas
20	ULM
28	Texas A&M

Game times are subject to change due to television. Typically, volunteers arrive four or five hours before game time and are done an hour before kickoff. Want to lend a hand and volunteer? Contact Randy Nichols at 225-241-6374 or rknichols@homelessinbr.org.

TOWARD A LARGER FREEDOM

10 Years of Citizen Power: Organizing with Together Baton Rouge



A Photography and Oral History Exhibit
Photographs by Lily Brooks

November 4 - December 16, 2021
Shell Gallery
Cary Saurage Community Arts Center

Soft Opening for TBR Leaders
Tuesday, November 2, 4 - 6 pm



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TOGETHER
BATON ROUGE

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE A DECADE OF
ORGANIZING FOR A STRONGER COMMUNITY

10th Anniversary
GALA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

EBRPL RIVER CENTER BRANCH LIBRARY
250 NORTH BLVD, BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

6 PM - 8 PM

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT
WWW.TOGETHERBR.ORG/GALA21

10 years STRONG
10 years FORWARD

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

Give online at:
<https://onrealm.org/UniversityPresb15909/give/now>
or through your REALM portal
under GIVING/+GIVE



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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
Gerard Klein • Melanie Driscoll • Alan Williams
Our Cuba Partners • Kathy Rossman • Jeanette Hanifen • Fay Coco**

- **Amy Braymer**, diagnosed with Metastatic Thyroid Cancer
- **Gaby Perry**, with great joy upon her marriage to Paul Choi
- **Barbara Hoffman**, with a sprained wrist and broken toe following a fall
- **Peggy Carroll**, upon the death of her nephew Denny from COVID
- **Jim Hanifen and his family**, upon the death of his father, James
- **Carl Stoddard**, brother of Linda Walker, evaluating neck pain options
- **John Earle**, as he spends a few weeks in Ollie Burden
- **Dirk Ficca**, friend of Mamie and Richard, who is in a very precarious health situation.
- **Eucaris Carroll**, with a broken ankle
- **Scott Phillabaum**, recovering from surgery on a broken arm after a bicycle accident
- **Linda Clark**, recovering from major oral surgery
- **Peggy Carroll**, recovering from a broken ankle
- **Kathy Poché**, recovering from surgery for a broken leg
- **Jean Roberts**, Samantha Hartmann's aunt, with stage 4 ovarian and colon cancer
- **Jennifer Bravinder**, recovering from breast cancer surgery
- **Nancy Pensis**, aunt of Linda Clark, making decisions regarding cancer treatment
- **Jordan Sealey**, nephew of Lorinda Sealey who is experiencing neurological symptoms of unknown origin
- **Eric**, friend of Lorinda Sealey, who is dealing with a cancer diagnosis in his family
- **Carmen Rodriguez**, friend of Cindy Tyler, with stage 4 colon cancer
- **The Dominguez family**, friends of Kathy Rossman, who are going through difficult times
- **Linda Mathis**, sister of Ron Garton, diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer
- **Bae Landry**, father-in-law of Janet Whyde, diagnosed with cancer
- **Linda Clark's family** who are going through difficult times
- **Judith Gooch**, friend of Pat Ho, and her daughter Jennifer and granddaughter Evelyn
- **Misha Gottesman**, two-year-old nephew of Peggy Carroll, 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
- **Anne Bender**, friend of Pat Ho, undergoing cancer treatment
- **Ginger Zipperer**, friend of Darla O'Connor, with stage 4 lung cancer
- **Marla Kerr-Lawson**, Kelly Kerr's sister, undergoing chemotherapy
- **Ralph Simone**, friend of Darla O'Connor, undergoing treatment for bladder cancer
- **Joellen Hawkins**, Aunt of Emily Cogburn, with Alzheimer's
- **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**
- **All those who suffered loss in the wake of Hurricane Ida**
- **All those who have been diagnosed with COVID in our community, congregation, and among our Day School staff and families**

Online Meditation Room

UPC has a virtual meditation room! This is a site you can go to whenever you want to immerse yourself in peace, calm, and focus.

How do I find it?

Click on https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vS7Vno1cyHWSFsBZjcp3_Hdf-0M5ag4QsAgjVMMmBan4CC2Fi6U-IRN1vGhpJgFthVj18QPXiS1-zAREs/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000&slide=id.p

How do I use it?

Click on the different items to see what they do! You will find videos, coloring books, a labyrinth, online Bible apps, a chair yoga video, and instructions on candle gazing meditation. Almost every item in the room is clickable. Click around and enjoy the resources that have been pulled together for you!

Are there rules?

The beauty of an online meditation room is it is never closed or crowded, and there's never a dress code! Use as few or as many of the resources in the room as you like. The point is to help relieve stress and worry, not add to it.

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2 Ian Lewis	11 Cary Byrd Gus Rowland Ken Stubblebine	20 Tess Wiedenfeld	30 Tristyn Bemis Cindy Hartgerink Cheri Strain
3 Stacie Bemis		21 John Grubb	
5 Thelma Berg	12 Jerry Trahan	22 Lilly Bridwell-Bowles Sofia Savicki-Kelly Jalynn Terry	
6 Jennifer Dietz David Walters	13 Wright Kennedy Logan Wiedenfeld	23 Candace Wright	
7 Drew Trahan	16 Nicholas Knapp	25 Margot Pilley	
9 Cynthia Peterson	17 Jack Perry	27 Michelle Zerba	
10 Eugene Berg	19 Gaines Foster Victoria Robertson		

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