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February 2023

University Presbyterian Church Newsletter for church members and friends

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## From My Window

We've turned the page on 2022 and the next chapter is beginning. In so many ways in the next few months our lives together might seem like a glossary of change. A new year has begun, Epiphany and soon Lent are upon us, membership roles are being reviewed, we'll soon be saying good bye to David Walters as he graduates from his program at LSU, new officers are being discerned, and a major change in pastoral leadership is coming (*see the letter on page 4*). Who knows what other changes - twists in the story - might be on the horizon. Twists in stories always prompt questions. Who? What? When? How?

Many of you are avid readers and you know that the only way to get answers is to keep reading. If you are like me you might get up at the crack of dawn or stay up until all hours of the night to get some answers, but there is no skipping to the end. If you do, it's nothing but disappointing, confusing, disorienting.

It is only one area at a time that our stories unfold. Each chapter, each page, each character and paragraph part of the whole. And even when we come to the end, at least the end of the best stories, they remain with us, continuing to shape us.

So, my friends, here we go. A new year. Lent. Changes. Questions. Possibilities. But as people of Christ's story we know already that Easter - new life - is always on the way!

Blessings,



Book Group Christmas 2022  
Back Row (l-r): Ellen Morgan, Kathy Rossman,  
Pat Wright  
Front Row: Kathie Pohlman, Bizza Britton



Nurture Committee Christmas Brunch 2022  
Back Row (l-r): Lee Jenkins, Pat Ho, Mary Mikell,  
Victoria Robertson, Jane Smith, Emily Cogburn  
Front Row (l-r): Patti Snyder, Diana Reynolds,  
Bunny Heroman, Mamie Broadhurst

# 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.

- 1 9:45 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 2 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom  
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 5 5th Sunday after Epiphany Communion**  
9:45 a.m. Church School  
10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook (Live)  
4:30 p.m. Youth Group - Fellowship Hall
- 7 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Conference Room & Zoom  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Parks Wilson Room  
5:30 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom  
7:00 p.m. UPC Book Group - 1725 Eugene
- 8 9:00 a.m. "Faith and Community" Small Group - 1723 Blouin Ave  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive  
5:00 p.m. Property Committee - Zoom  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 9 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom  
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 12 6th Sunday after Epiphany**  
9:45 a.m. Church School  
10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook (Live)  
Noon "At the River" Screening and Potluck - Fellowship Hall  
Noon Youth Group - Fellowship Hall
- 13 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library  
11:30 a.m. Membership Committee - Library  
7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 14 9:00 a.m. PSL Meeting - Jefferson Presbyterian Church, Jefferson, LA  
6:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom  
7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 15 9:45 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 16 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom  
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 19 6th Sunday after Epiphany**  
9:45 a.m. Church School  
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
- 20-21 Mardi Gras Holiday - Day School & Church Office Closed**
- 22 9:00 a.m. "Faith and Community" Small Group - 1723 Blouin Ave  
6:00 p.m. Taizé - Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Balcony
- 23 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom  
5:30 p.m. Personnel & Administration Committee - Zoom  
5:30 p.m. "My Grandmother's Hands" Small Group - 10943 N. Shoreline Ave.

## Office Notes

### Day School and Office Closures

The Church Office and Day School will be closed February 20 and 21 for Mardi Gras.

### Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for 2022 have been e-mailed and 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](mailto:cdurham@upcbr.org).

### Hope for the Holidays Update

Thank you to everyone who helped to make Hope for the Holidays a success! Members of the congregation provided Christmas gifts for 38 local children and, through your generosity, we were able to donate \$685 to Presbyterian Children's Home and Services to support their mission. The youth group also contributed by wrapping many of the gifts with a personal touch. Thank you for helping to make a real difference to children in our community.

### CNC Elected for 2023

Congratulations to those elected to the 2023 Congregational Nominating Committee on January 8. They are Bizza Britton, Peggy Carroll, Andy Maverick, and Edward Peterson. They are joined by Deacon Jill Clemmons and Elders Griffin Campbell and Meredith Veldman.

### IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2022

*(as of 1/25/23)*

**Received Pledged giving: \$47,241**

*(8.4% of \$561,995 pledged)*

Received Unpledged giving \$3,668

**TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$50,909**

*Thank you for your generous contribution!*

**MARCH  
CONTACT  
DEADLINE  
FEBRUARY 20**





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

Contact Ellen Morgan for info

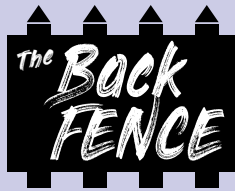
Feb 7 [Britt Marie Was Here](#)  
by Fredrik Backman  
Meeting at 1725 Eugene St.

Mar 7 [The Bohemians](#)  
by Jasmin Darznik  
Meeting on Zoom

# February...

## 26 1st Sunday of Lent

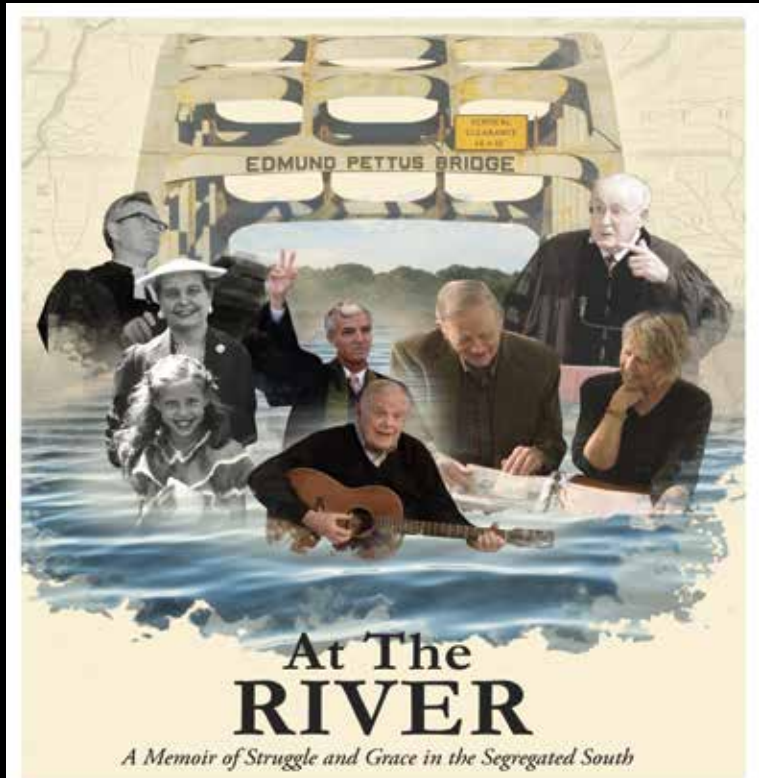
- 9:45 a.m. Church School
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook (*Live*)
- 1:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group @ LSU vs. MS State Women's Basketball
- 27 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 7:00 p.m. "Let me tell you a story" Small Group - Conference Room
- 28 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Zoom



- Congratulations to **Mary Stevens**. Her grandson, Nathaniel Robin Duckworth Stevens was born on January 25.
- **Nora Broadhurst Williams** and Quinn Piatkiewicz won First Place for 2023 in the Louisiana Thespian Festival Dual Acting category. McKinley Middle was the only middle school competing against high schools from across the state.
- **Neviton Barros** is the new director of choirs for Colby College in Waterville, Maine. <https://news.colby.edu/story/introducing-nev-ton-barros/>
- Check out **Darlene Rowland** in her role as the executive director of Big River Economic and Agricultural Development Alliance (BREADA), and oversees four locations of the Red Stick Farmers Market in Baton Rouge. [https://www.theadvocate.com/louisiana\\_inspired/qa-with-darlene-adams-rowland-of-breada/article\\_0d2a9b2f-9e82-5b0d-8285-a68ea073c46a.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_campaign=user-share](https://www.theadvocate.com/louisiana_inspired/qa-with-darlene-adams-rowland-of-breada/article_0d2a9b2f-9e82-5b0d-8285-a68ea073c46a.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=user-share)



**FILM SCREENING & POTLUCK LUNCH  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 · NOON  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**



## At The RIVER

*A Memoir of Struggle and Grace in the Segregated South*

This film examines the experiences of Presbyterian churches in the Deep South during the civil rights era. Carolyn Crowder, director, and Rod Murphy, producer, will be our guest presenters. They will also talk about the project during the Parks Wilson class on 9:45 a.m. that same morning. More information about the film can be found at <http://carolyncrowder.com/>

## **Memo: An important message from one of your pastors**

Sunday - January 22, 2023

Dearest University Presbyterian folk,

This afternoon I let the session know that I will be retiring from full time ministry this spring. My last day of service with you will be Sunday, April 23. This is a bit earlier than you might have imagined but to my mind and heart the circumstances in my life and in UPC's are right.

These 21 years as your pastor have been perhaps the richest of my life. Together we have welcomed so many into the embrace of the church. We have said goodbye to much of a generation and wished those in Baton Rouge for simply a season of life God's speed in their next chapter. We have baptized, raised, and married our children as well as welcomed them into church leadership or sent them with love to follow other paths. We've held one another's hands as we went through illnesses of mind and body and shared the joy of life's happiest moments.

In all the ways that we have followed Christ together we have shared a commitment to hospitality. Refugees from storms, those working on recovery efforts, folks in the LGBTQ+ community, and others have found sanctuary, welcome, and community here. The major capital campaign that we completed together made the building reflect this vision with handicapped accessible bathrooms, showers, a welcome center, columbarium, dormitory, and revamped playground.

We have navigated changing political situations, a shift in the role of the deacons at UPC, and were one of the first congregations to join in the work of what is now Together Baton Rouge. These years have been marked by the arrival and departure of Associate pastors, and now the addition of my delightful colleague, Mamie, as Co-Pastor. We've supported one another through a world-wide pandemic and the accompanying technological and interpersonal adjustments. Throughout it all we have faithfully worshipped together and turned our hearts and lives to Christ's call for justice and peace. I am filled with profound gratitude for all the ways you have invited me into your lives and for the ways you have supported me in mine. Being your pastor has been a deep privilege. One that I will always cherish, as I will always cherish you.

My epiphany star word this year is "clarity." It has become clear to me after much prayer and reflection that it is time for the next chapter to begin – the next chapter of my story and the next chapter for you. Upon my retirement Jim and I will be spending a good bit of time in Washington state welcoming our first grandchild and then, well, we will see what God has in store. I have been feeling more and more the call to spend significant time offering Spiritual Direction and will be pursuing that avenue of ministry. But most of all, I will be listening for Christ's call. It is an exciting and sometimes daunting time.

My prayer is that you too will find yourselves at an exciting threshold. I am confident that your future, as your past, will be filled with God's astounding grace and sustenance. I have no doubt that this community will continue - and find new ways as well – to embody God's love and justice.

In the next few months there will be opportunities for imagining what your new chapter might look like. I know that your session, Mamie, and the Presbytery of South Louisiana will offer wonderful leadership in this. In addition to looking forward, there will also be time for sharing memories and stories of our time in ministry together. If you would like time to meet with me individually during the next months, please just send me an email and we will sit down together. The rocking chairs on the sanctuary porch are waiting for us!

With profound gratitude and abiding love,  
Patti



## Our Story

This Lent we will be hanging out with a variety of the parables in Matthew. Jesus taught using these parables, these stories, as a way to engage his listeners and form their faith. Our own lives (personally, professionally, congregationally) are constituted with stories that both set us apart and knit us together. This Lent we'll have the chance to share some of those as well.

As part of our faith formation, we will have a variety of small groups related to stories. One that will talk about the stories we have about money, another about the stories of each of our lives, one focused on the trauma caused by our country's story of racism, and another will evoke stories by way of fairytales. Visio Divina will look at art that goes along with the parables we'll read on Sundays. (See *article on page 6.*) Watch the bulletin and your email for specifics about these small groups that will begin after Ash Wednesday (February 22).

Each Friday a story prompt will come to your email, and you are invited to set aside fifteen minutes (or more) to think and write a story in response. We would love to read any of those stories and hope we might form them into a devotional to read during the Easter season. (If you would like some ideas about Lenten devotional readings, Patti or Mamie can offer suggestions.) Find your way or ways to be part of the story this Lent!

## Text Prayers

It can be hard to set aside a time to pray. What if you had a group of three or four people who would meet you on your phone once a week for just twenty minutes to share a joy and concern with you and who would listen to yours and hold it too? If that sounds compelling to you, join us for text prayers during Lent. It's a simple way to hear from others and to share your joys and concerns so we all remember we're in this together. Let Mamie know if you are interested ([mbroadhurst@upcbr.org](mailto:mbroadhurst@upcbr.org)).

### FELLOWSHIP COMING SOON...

We will host a storytelling night around fire pits in the courtyard on March 10. We might even have a movie night! Keep an eye on the website, bulletin, and on your email to get more details about this and other events as we get closer to the beginning of the season!

## PRACTICE FOR LENT - STORYTELLING

To begin, here's a prayer created by Fr. Richard Rohr based on Psalm 46:10. Let it help you be attentive to the presence of God. Find a comforting safe place. Quietly read aloud each line of the prayer, taking slow, steady breaths as you go:

*Be still and know that I am God.*

*Be still and know that I am.*

*Be still and know.*

*Be still.*

*Be.*

*Amen*

## THE EXAMEN

*Within this new quiet space of awareness of God, begin a weekly examen.* Allow this practice to help you see the ways your story is part of God's story.

1. Begin by looking back through the week, starting with Sunday and moving from one day to the next. Are there instances that immediately come to mind? Rest on those moments. Let any feelings rise and fall.
2. Which of those moments brought feelings of despair, disappointment, sadness, or hopelessness? Hold those feelings for a moment:
  - *What lifted you and helped you continue despite those low moments?*
  - *What did you wish or hope for in the midst of those moments – perhaps an apology, a listening ear, a shoulder to cry on, rest?*
  - *What small glimmer of light was provided – perhaps a laugh, a text, a hug, a cup of coffee or tea, or maybe a nap?*
3. Go back to the beginning of the week. What moments come to mind that give you feelings of joy, peace, courage, or calm? Let those feelings rise and keep rising:
  - *What made you extremely grateful?*
  - *What made you feel secure?*
  - *What made you feel seen, loved and known?*
4. Where in creation did you see the reflection of God? Where did you see God's reflection in other people?
5. What hopes do you hold for next week?



# Faith Formation

**Adult Church School** 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Sundays

## Gathering of Parents

Welcome Center (*ongoing*)

Parents of all ages are welcome to come have a cup of coffee and a donut and enjoy some lively conversation during this church school time. Various topics will be discussed.

## Living the Word – Adult Bible Study rotating leaders

Conference Room (*ongoing*)

If you are interested in looking at the Bible stories we will be focusing on during the worship hour, join in this lively discussion group for people of all ages and levels of Bible knowledge.

January 29 - February 12: Learning to Follow

February 19: God's Prayer

February 22 - March 26: The Ways of the Kingdom

## Parks Wilson Class

Conference Room and on Zoom

In February the Parks Wilson class will continue its series on anti-racism, including a visit on February 12 with the makers of the documentary film "At the River," which examines the southern Presbyterian responses to the civil rights movement. Starting February 26 the class will be devoted to a month-long series on climate change.

## Ongoing Small Groups

### Faith and Community

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

Rick Moreland's home, 1723 Blouin Ave

All are welcome to join Stu Irvine, Rick Moreland, and Jim Wilcox as we continue to explore a wide range of topics concerning faith and community. We look forward to sharing ideas and conversation.

### Soul Feast

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Parks Wilson Room & Zoom (*ongoing*)

*Readings from various writers in spirituality.*

### Visio Divina

This group uses a process of *lexio divina* (a form of meditation listening to a specific biblical text) to fuel reflection and quick art project in response to the text and professional paintings/art based on them. The words and images that speak to each of us form the substance of our time together. New folks are welcome into the group and no artistic skill is needed to join. This group meets via zoom from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. each Thursday.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85078993685?pwd=dTVpT1piRng4QXFxQkF3QWta2RRUT09>

Meeting ID: 850 7899 3685 Passcode: 302459

## Small Groups in Lent

Lent this year brings us the opportunity to explore in depth how stories open us up to new possibilities both as a community and as individuals. In **Visio Divina**, Patti Snyder will be focusing on a special kind of storytelling, parables. Through "reflection and quick art projects" this group will explore these often paradoxical stories. Jill Clemmons and Kelly Kerr will co-host "**Let me tell you a story**," a small group writing and discussing stories about the group's own personal experiences. Their group will be meeting on Mondays at 7 p.m. at UPC, beginning on February 27. Award-winning poet Ava Haymon will lead an online small group this Lent, giving participants a chance to explore personal narratives through the lens of **Fairy Tales and Parables**. On Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Mamie Broadhurst and Lori Pilley will explore yet another possibility with stories. Their small group, "**Our Story with Money**," will offer new insights into the way we think about stewardship. This Lent we'll also offer a small group led by Virginia Davis and Linda Walker called **Dealing with Racism: Pathways to Mending Hearts and Bodies**. The first meeting of this group will be on Thursday, March 2, 5:30 p.m. at Virginia Davis's home. In **Soul Feast**, Mary Mikell and Betsy Irvine will continue to illuminate how our spiritual concerns are affected by the different stories we encounter in books, poetry, and articles. Yet another small group, **Faith and Community**, will provide insights into biblical stories, personal stories, and literature as Stuart Irvine, Rick Moreland, and Jim Wilcox welcome everyone to our morning conversations over coffee. So many opportunities await our engagement with storytelling during Lent! Watch your email and bulletins for more information on these great opportunities to enhance your Lenten preparation.

## SMALL GROUP RECAP

**Let me tell you a story** - Conference Room  
Mondays starting February 27 at 7:00 p.m.

**Our Story with Money** - Location TBA  
Thursdays starting March 2 at 5:30 p.m.

**Dealing with Racism: Pathways to Mending Hearts and Bodies** - 10943 N Shoreline Ave  
Starts March 2 at 5:30 p.m.

**Fairy Tales and Parables** - Zoom  
Dates and times TBA

**Faith and Community** - 1723 Blouin Ave  
2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

**Soul Feast** - Parks Wilson Room  
Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

**Visio Divina** - Zoom  
Every Thursday at 1:00 p.m.



# Mission & Peacemaking

## Like to Connect with Cuba?

Travel to Cuba these days is a challenge, but there are still ways to connect with and follow our Cuban partner church. If you use Facebook, you can visit and follow the page of partner church Getsemaní in San José de los Ramos (<https://www.facebook.com/iglesiapresbiteriana.getsemani.1>) or “friend” pastor Josué Montejo (<https://www.facebook.com/josue.montejo.921>). You can post and send messages in English, but if you wish you can use Google Translate (<https://translate.google.com/?hl=en&tab=wT>) to read posts or translate your messages, using cut and paste. If you like, George Strain can provide assistance, as well as Facebook connections to other Cuban pastors and individuals who have worked with UPC, including Joel Dopico, Leticia Ramos, Armando Guedes, and Susana Arévalo. They can also be contacted with the smart phone app, WhatsApp, which requires their phone number but costs them less. They welcome prayers sent electronically as well as any other messages. Personal contacts are often the most meaningful part of our partnership.

Getting financial support to Cuba at present can only be done by physical transport during visits (no US banks can do business in Cuba and mail is hopelessly unreliable), but one option is by adding minutes and internet data to their smart phone with the app Ding Top-up to support their pastoral work. Funds can be added to their phones and charged to your credit card. This was especially helpful in keeping the church together during Covid, when face-to-face ministry was impossible.

Contact George Strain (225-937-8094 or [strain@lsu.edu](mailto:strain@lsu.edu)) for details and assistance.

# LINK LOVE

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!)

- 188 ways the world got better in 2022. It helps to see the good news too, ya know? [shorturl.at/oOR47](http://shorturl.at/oOR47)
- Listen to the radio anywhere in the world! The link will take you to Colombia...but you can go anywhere you wish! <https://radio.garden/visit/barranquilla/kvHh2EYU>
- An article about the oldest footage of Mardi Gras and of New Orleans that has been found - from February 1898. Two minutes long, it shows six floats and a lot about what is the same and different. <https://bit.ly/3bq0kqx>
- The town of Agloe, in upstate New York, didn't exist. Then it did. Then it didn't, again. How can that be? Read on... <https://n.pr/2HVd042>. If this story intrigues you, it did Peng Shepherd as well. She wrote the book The Cartographers after hearing about it. It's worth a read!
- More with maps! Ed Fairburn works with original maps and uses the lines in them to create beautiful portraits. Click (or enter this link in your browser) to watch a short video of his creations. <https://bit.ly/3pCRPMi>
- A one minute film from a 20-year old Iranian filmmaker that might be worth having a kleenex nearby. [shorturl.at/adhv3](http://shorturl.at/adhv3)
- Vintage portraits of middle and upper class African-American women in the Victorian Era. Beware the danger of a single story of African-American life, and enjoy the lovely photos. [shorturl.at/uUZ01](http://shorturl.at/uUZ01)
- The Bible Project offers a video overview of the Gospel of Matthew (with cool drawings as it goes along). We'll be in Matthew through Easter, so take a minute to watch this if you would find it interesting to step back and see the big picture. <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/matthew/>



### A NOTE FROM OUR FRIENDS IN GUATEMALA:

*Thank you very much! On behalf of the team of weavers, we thank you for all the support during this year, we thank every person at the church who we met and also don't know for their purchases and taking our weavers into account. As you see in the picture they were very happy and grateful. May God bless you and each person at the church and we hope you have a happy holiday!!!*



# Youth Group

## December Highlights:

In December the middle school and high school wrapped presents you all gave to kids served by Presbyterian Homes and Services. We listened to and took part in the potluck and presentation about Guatemala from this past summer. We had a great time figuring out which baby picture went with which youth group person as part of a celebration of the coming of Jesus and baby Hartmann. But, perhaps the most fun, was delivering Advent Angel surprises each week to members of the congregation we haven't seen in a bit (for various reasons).

## January Highlights:

January brought the chance to hear about our Cuba partnership and see photos from past youth trips to the island. (Thanks George Strain!) Recognizing the Martin Luther King, Jr holiday, we joined with the Mid-City Redevelopment Alliance to help clean up Sweet Olive Cemetery. (You can read more about the cemetery here: [shorturl.at/BRS46](http://shorturl.at/BRS46).) And, to top it all off, we got to eat delicious soup and pie...

## February Schedule

- 5 Regular time and Place! (4:30 p.m. @ UPC)
- 12 Potluck lunch and Movie after church (with the Parks Wilson Class and others)
- 19 Mardi Gras - NO YOUTH
- 26 LSU Women's Basketball Game - 5 p.m. MS State



# 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 to choose from

### Tuesday, February 7th at 10:00 a.m. in person in the Parks Wilson Room

Linda Walker will lead Lesson 6, "Sabbath and Hospitality", of Celebrating Sabbath. Because the gift of "Sabbath" is open to all there is an underlying call to provide hospitality to all! A light lunch will be served right after our meeting, using the acronym L.A.U.G.H.S. as a guideline which we learned about in Lesson 4, for the meal: Local, Affordable, Uncomplicated, Good, Healthy, Seasonal. Learn about extending "welcome" in Lesson 6. If you are new to UPC, this is a perfect time to participate with PW Circle.

Wednesday, February 8th at 10:00 a.m. in person on Peggy Carroll's carport (1545 Patrick Drive) will also study Lesson 6, Sabbath and Hospitality, of Celebrating Sabbath, led by Peggy Carroll.

Peggy's Carport is ready for visiting (weather permitting) every other Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in February. There is no agenda. Everyone is welcome.

### **Presbyterian Women in Mission**

Since 1997, NOROC in Romania has received three PW Thank Offering Grants of \$10,000 and one PW Birthday Offering grant of \$200,000 to achieve their mission "to share God's blessings by providing new spiritual developmental, social and health opportunities for Romanian orphaned children."

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, NOROC has offered care and shelter for refugees, mostly women and children, by providing funds for housing, food, clothing, medical care and other emergency needs. Learn more about the ministry of NOROC as well as its special ministry with Ukrainian refugees at [NOROC.org](http://NOROC.org). You may also donate to NOROC's ministry on that page.





# 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 • Tabitha Lewis • Gerard Klein  
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- **Helen and Lee**, sisters of Peggy Carroll, in hospice
- **Amy Beth Mainord**, recovering from an accident
- **Hailey**, granddaughter of Donna Schlotzhauer, in children's hospital
- **Betty Armstrong**, awaiting results from a recent bone marrow biopsy
- **Cordell Haymon**, in Houston recovering from knee replacement surgery
- **Jason Benedict**, son of Forest & Linda Benedict, awaiting a kidney transplant
- **Nancy Pensis**, aunt of Linda Clark, with end stage cancer
- **Pat Strain**, recovering after hip replacement surgery
- **George Balhoff**, cousin of Caralyn Durham, in the hospital with an infection
- **Jenny**, friend of Kay Lindsey, undergoing tests
- **Darla O'Connor**, undergoing tests
- **Cheryl Whitting**, awaiting a kidney transplant
- **Rev. Adelaida Jiménez and the efforts toward peace in Colombia**
- **Mary Clinkenbeard's mother, Patricia**, as she continues recovering following surgery
- **Lynn Nichols Dull**, in rehab following a stroke
- **Bae Landry**, father of Dale Landry, in hospice care
- **Jo and her family**, friends of Robbie Phillabaum, experiencing difficult times
- **Andy Peterson**, husband of Jane Smith's niece, undergoing treatment for Multiple Myeloma
- **Ron Rossi**, friend of Susan Seifert, with aplastic anemia and other illnesses
- **Darla O'Connor's parents** who are in poor health
- **Dina Courrege**, friend of Cindy Rice, battling Lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma
- **Marla Kerr-Lawson**, Kelly Kerr's sister, undergoing treatment for a bone infection
- **RJ LeBlanc**, father of Kathie Pohlman's 'Bonus Daughter,' Nikki, with lung cancer
- **Joellen Hawkins**, Aunt of Emily Cogburn, with Alzheimer's
- **Craig Fisher**, Anita Melon's brother in law, diagnosed with Lewy-Body dementia
- **Dennis Dimitri**, brother-in-law of Doug Walker, undergoing treatment for lung cancer
- **Mickey Rose Braud Zaitoon**, wife of Samear, who is in declining health
- **Jan Manno**, friend of Tavia Crumpler and Darla O'Connor, with aggressive endometrial cancer
- **Margaret Boyle**, sister of Christine Kooi, with early-stage Alzheimer's disease
- **All those affected by gun violence**
- **All families affected by Huntington's Disease**
- **All hospice patients and their families**
- **All those who suffer with mental illness and emotional disorders**
- **Those who are affected by alcoholism and addiction**
- **Men and women serving in the armed forces**
- **Those who are going through separation or divorce**
- **Those who are affected by domestic violence**



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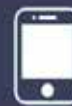
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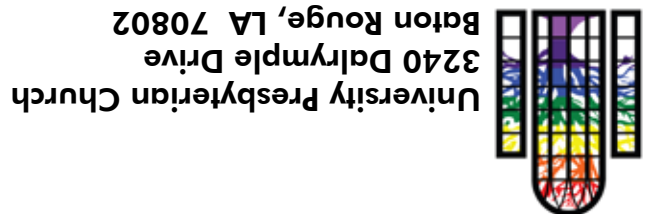
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# February Birthdays

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

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