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April 2023

University Presbyterian Church Newsletter for church members and friends

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From My Window

Have I told you lately that I love you? Well, I do. That has been true since my first conversation with your Pastor Nominating Committee (Eleanor Canon, Gaines Foster, Kelly Kerr, Ken Murchison, Eric Strain, Mary Wardlaw, and Betsy Wilks) late in 2001, and it will be true following my last day on April 23, 2023.

Over the years that love has been shared in a wide variety of ways - at the birth of children and in their baptisms, wrapping you in my arms as you grieve a loss, visiting you in your homes, at the hospital, or at the church (often on the sanctuary porch during the pandemic), interpreting God's word and leading worship with you, standing up for justice with you in church and in community, offering hospitality to one and all no matter where they might be on their journey of life and faith, providing leadership and guidance to your the session, staff, and committees, and helping you enter new chapters in your lives. Each occasion standing beside you, has been a profound privilege born of love.

In this new chapter my love needs to take a new shape. In order for me to move forward in a healthy way in this chapter of life, and for the church to do so as well, we need to set some boundaries. As all relationships between pastors and congregations in our denomination also include the Presbytery, these boundaries have been made in consultation with Mamie, your Personnel and Administration Committee, Session, and the Presbytery of South Louisiana. They are as follows:

- As of April 24, 2023 I will be retired and I will cease all pastoral duties and pastoral services to the congregation. I would only, on a rare occasion, assist with a service (such as a wedding or a funeral) in consultation with and at the invitation of the Moderator of Session (Mamie).
- I will not influence any search processes for additional or new pastoral leadership.
- All future contact between members of the congregation and me will be as a friend or possibly as Spiritual Director, but not as pastor. I will use my discretion in determining appropriate connections, to include social media contact. I will not be commenting on UPC posts nor on posts by church members as they relate to UPC.
- I will no longer represent UPC at any community events, although I may continue to participate in Together Baton Rouge and other groups as an individual or via other organizations of which I am a part, including the Presbytery of South Louisiana.
- For now my husband Jim Hanifen and I will remain in Baton Rouge, but do not know that our residency here will be long term. Jim does not anticipate participating in UPC for the foreseeable future. My daughters, Anna and Jane, continue to be non-resident members and are free to participate as they are able.

I invite you all to join me in doing your part to honor this agreement. No matter the changes, our relationship continues to be shaped by the grace of God and on the respectful trust we have developed over the years. Significant pages are being turned in our story, but the love continues, as do my prayers. As you move forward and discover the life that God is calling you to in this moment, know that I will always be cheering you on!

Blessings,

April...

*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 8:00 a.m. UPC Work Day - UPC Facility
- 2 **Youth Sunday/Palm Sunday** *Communion*
9:45 a.m. Church School
10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
11:00 a.m. Worship & Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary & Facebook
No Youth Group
- 4 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Conference Room & Zoom
10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Parks Wilson Room
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
5:30 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom
7:00 p.m. UPC Book Group - 1725 Eugene
- 5 9:45 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 6 **Maundy Thursday**
10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
12:00 p.m. LSU Choral Rehearsal - Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Potluck Worship - Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 7 **Good Friday**
CHURCH OFFICE & DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Worship - Sanctuary
- 9 **Easter Sunday** *Hartmann Baptism, One Great Hour of Sharing Collection*
No Church School
9:30 a.m. Easter Potluck Brunch and Egg Hunt - Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook
No Youth Group
- 10 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 11 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
1:00 p.m. LSU Choral Rehearsal - Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom
7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
7:30 p.m. LSU Choral Concert - Sanctuary
- 12 9:00 a.m. "Faith and Community" Small Group - 1848 Glendale
5:00 p.m. Property Committee - Zoom
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 13 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
- 15 9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering - UPC Facility
- 16 **2nd Sunday of Easter**
9:45 a.m. Church School
10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook (*Live*)
12:15 p.m. Deaconate Meeting - Conference Room
12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
No Youth Group

Office Notes

Holiday Closure

The Church Office and Day School will be closed April 7 for Good Friday. The Church Office will be closed Monday, April 10.

Celebrating Our Grads

If you are graduating in May, please let us know. We would like to celebrate this momentous occasion with you! High School grads, please include your future plans. College grads, please indicate your degree and future plans. Please turn this information in to the church office by April 20.

Livestreaming

If you are tuning in via Facebook for our online worship service, please excuse our growing pains. For a more stable viewing experience, please go to our website, www.upcbr.org. Current and previous livestreams may be found at the bottom of the home page and there is a place to chat there as well. Thank you for your patience. We are glad you are with us!



ARE YOU READY FOR SOME LSU BASEBALL?

Your Fellowship Committee is sponsoring the annual UPC night at Alex Box Stadium, Tuesday, May 9, 6:30 p.m., LSU vs. Northwestern (LA). All tickets for this game are \$ 5.00 each (special pricing for groups at mid-week games). UPC will be sitting in section 223. Purchase your tickets before or after the church school hour beginning Sunday, April 30, or e-mail Barbara Hoffman at bhoffman2652@gmail.com.

**APRIL
CONTACT
DEADLINE
MARCH 20**

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!)

- Kings Return returns! This time they are singing Ubi Caritas in the stairwell. These guys are just good. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCQOXY-FWTk>
- Zack King does video magic. Is some of it just really impressive editing? Sure. And it's way more impressive than I can do. How about you? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlSRMQCnY1g>
- Here's a chance to read about some of the work of Louisiana SAFE, a group asking Gulf Coast Communities what they need and helping them figure out what to do with their own flooding crisis. <https://grist.org/fix/louisiana-gulf-coast-climate-adaptation-community-participation-la-safe/>
- Churches in Key West beginning to take more steps in talking about climate change. <https://bit.ly/3FJFvCB>
- "Homo detritus" - young artists in the Congo are making art out of the trash that the United States and Europe (illegally) send to their country. <https://bit.ly/3FvwY6S>
- The most popular voice assistants don't recognize a single native African language. Now thousands across the continent are donating their voices to change that. <https://bit.ly/3kiGcJ4>
- In New Orleans there are people turning glass into crushed sand for wetlands restoration. You can also visit their website to see more: <https://glasshalffullnola.org/>
<https://bit.ly/3l6tH61>
- Have you looked around lately and wondered how you got so much stuff? Does it feel a little overwhelming? Here are some steps to take to begin the process of letting go and cutting back. <https://bit.ly/3mSTaxh>

April...

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| 18 | 9:30 a.m. | Helping Hands - Conference Room |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Staff Brunch - 6630 Boone |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Committee - Zoom |
| 19 | 9:45 a.m. | Day School Chapel - Sanctuary |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Day School Committee - Zoom |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary |
| 20 | 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 |
| 22 | 11:30 a.m. | Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza (AGO Event) - Conference Room/Sanctuary |
| 23 3rd Sunday of Easter | | |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Church School |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship & Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary & Facebook (Live) |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Patti Snyder Retirement Reception - Fellowship Hall |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Youth Group @ Retirement Reception - Fellowship Hall |
| 25 | 10:00 a.m. | Staff Meeting - Library |
| | 7:00 p.m. | NAMI - Conference Room & Zoom |
| 26 | 9:00 a.m. | "Faith and Community" Small Group - 1848 Glendale |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary |
| 27 | 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 |
| | 7:30 p.m. | New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room |
| 29 | 9:00 a.m. | TBR Mental Health Workshop - Conference Room |
| 30 4th Sunday of Easter | | |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Church School |
| | 9:45 a.m. | New Member Class -TBA |
| | 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 |
| | 4:30 p.m. | Youth Group - Courtyard & Fellowship Hall |



Please join us to celebrate
the ministry and retirement of

Rev. Patti Snyder

Sunday, April 23rd

Worship
Eleven O-Clock in the morning

Reception
Four O-Clock in the afternoon
Fellowship Hall

University Presbyterian Church
3240 Dalrymple Drive, Baton Rouge, LA





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

Contact Ellen Morgan for info

April 4 Don't Make Me Pull Over
by Richard Ratay

May 2 Beartown
by Fredrik Backman

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza

Saturday, April 22

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

See, hear, and play the organ!

Bring some music to play.

For piano students in grades 5-10.

University Methodist Church
and

University Presbyterian Church

Sponsored by:

The Baton Rouge Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists

IT'S FREE!

Register: bit.ly/bragoppp

Inquiries: pppbrago@gmail.com



UPC Youth, their families, and advisors attended the LSU Women's Basketball game in February.



HOLY WEEK and EASTER at UPC

Worship During Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

We will have a service with a potluck at **6:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. It will not be livestreamed. Gather around tables as Jesus did for a potluck meal and conversation, sharing stories that follow from the biblical account of Jesus' last full day. All ages are welcome and encouraged. This service will not be livestreamed.

Good Friday

Join us at 7:30 p.m in the sanctuary for our traditional service of Tenebrae – the extinguishing of light – shared in scripture reading, prayer, music, and silence.

Easter Sunday

We will gather at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and virtually on Facebook or on our website. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected and Emilia Hartmann will be Baptized. **Everyone is encouraged to bring flowers to add to the Easter cross.**

Easter Sunday Brunch and Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Potluck Brunch will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday starting at 9:30 a.m. Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring their favorite brunch items to share.

Older and younger children will be invited from our Easter brunch to the playground in two groups beginning at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to assist - let Meredith Veldman know if you are interested in helping!

We hope to see you there!



Faith Formation

Small Groups

Faith and Community - 1848 Glendale Ave

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. (*ongoing*)

Faith and Community will meet again on Wednesday, March 8 and 22 at 9 a.m. at Stuart Irvine's home, 1848 Glendale Avenue. All are welcome to join us as we continue to explore a wide range of topics concerning faith and community. We look forward to sharing ideas and conversation.

Soul Feast - Parks Wilson Room

Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. (*ongoing*)

In this ongoing small group, 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.

Visio Divina - Zoom

Every Thursday at 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (*ongoing*)

This ongoing small 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. No artistic skill is needed to join. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85078993685?pwd=dTVpT1piRng4QXFXQkF3QWtja2RRUT09> Meeting ID: 850 7899 3685 Passcode: 302459

Transitions Group

Spring Cleaning -- A Transitions gathering will look at the stuff we keep and what we let go from a fresh angle for spring from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Parks Wilson room on Saturday, May 13. For information, contact Lori Tucker ljtucker70@gmail.com or Linda Walker at lstodwalk@bellsouth.net.

New Member/Inquirer's Class

What does it mean to be a Presbyterian?

What is some of UPC's history?

How can I find my place here?

Who are some of the other people in this community, and how did they come to be here?

If you're feeling like this might be your kind of place, come learn more about us in the Inquirer's class we'll hold starting on April 30th for four weeks. We'd love to know more about you, and we're glad to tell you more about us. In learning more about one another, we're bound to feel a little closer to God, and isn't that the point? You can let Mamie know you're able to join us, or just come! We're glad to have you either way.

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

NO CHURCH SCHOOL ON EASTER SUNDAY.

Join us for a potluck brunch at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall instead!

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. April 2-16 we will discuss the lessons "God's Greatest Promise" and April 23 - May 7 the lessons will be "Called to Share."

Parks Wilson Class

Conference Room and on Zoom

In April, the Parks Wilson adult church school class will consider two very different subjects. On Palm Sunday, 4/2, Bill Crummett will give a presentation on stained glass and spirituality. For the final three Sundays in April, after Easter, the class will focus on the question of Christian nationalism. All are welcome to join us at 9:45 am Sundays, either in person or via Zoom <https://lsu.zoom.us/j/2765203639>



Youth Group

March Highlights:

March included a time of service at One Stop (Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless) cleaning out their courtyard so it will be more usable space, planning for Youth Sunday (April 2 - don't miss it!), and camping out at the Feliciana Camp and Conference Center in 33 degree weather. A special shout out to the Strains and Savicki-Kellys for organizing the campout!

April Schedule

- 2 Youth Sunday - 11am worship. No meeting in the evening.
- 9 No Youth Group - Easter Sunday
- 16 No Youth Group - Spring Break
- 23 Patti's Going Away Party - Youth help set up and serve
- 30 Service Sunday - meet at UPC



As Graduation Nears...

A word of wisdom from a helpful Facebook post about talking to folks who are about to graduate from high school.

Last year at a graduation party, I watched as guest after guest asked a young boy where he was headed to college after graduation. Each time, he sheepishly replied, "I'm taking a year off to work to save money, and after that, I'm not sure." People responded differently each time. "Well, don't put it off too long." Or, "Maybe you could just take a class or two." Or even, "Oh. Interesting."

Then one of my mom friends came over and asked the young man this: "Are you doing anything fun after graduation?" And his face lit up. He talked about traveling cross-country with his dad to visit 10 baseball stadiums and starting his new job at a big retail chain. He openly told her that he was also taking the summer to figure out if he thought college was right for him because he struggled in high school.

As more and more students receive letters confirming where they are attending school next year, I keep thinking about the young man and the awkwardness he felt that day, answering question after question about something that did not pertain to him, making him feel less than his peers and uncomfortable.

I resolved at that moment to stop asking seniors, "Where do you want to go to college?" and instead use my friend's line instead: "Do you have any fun plans after graduation?"

If a young person wants to share if they are going to a college or any other plans, I'll leave it to them, but I don't want to be the reason they feel bad about their choice.

Let's congratulate them on whatever choices they make for themselves.
Let's celebrate the young people who make the best decisions for their unique needs.
Let's take the pressure off of what's next and instead ask about something fun.
Let's stop thinking there's only one path to success.
The graduation season is coming fast, and many teens are stressed about their future plans.
Let's try to celebrate where they are at this moment instead of putting pressure on what they are going to do next.

xoxo,
Whitney Fleming Writes

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, April 4th at 10:00 a.m. Our April meeting will be in person in the UPC Parks Wilson Room. We will study Lesson 8, "Sabbath and Justice" of Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight. Barbara Hoffman will lead the discussion.

Wednesday, April 5th at 10:00 a.m. The PW Circle 2 that meets on Peggy Carroll's carport will meet and study Lesson 8, "Sabbath and Justice" of Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight. Peggy's address is 1545 Patrick Drive.

2023 Birthday Offering

The Birthday Offering is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. Received in the spring each year, it gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. Donations may be made online in Realm or via check or cash at any PW meeting in May. The 2023 Birthday Offering Recipients are:

Making Miracles Group Home

Phase II Group Home, Tallahassee, Florida

Making Miracles Group Home (MMGH) helps young mothers break the cycle of abusive relationships, addiction, incarceration and early motherhood—a repeating pattern that is difficult to break and overcome.

Berhane Yesus Elementary School

Kindergarten School Construction

Berhane Yesus Elementary School, located in the western highlands of Ethiopia, seeks to change lives by sharing the "Light of Jesus"

Helping Hands

Helping Hands will meet in the Conference Room Tuesday, April 18, 9:30 a.m. Quilts will be tied, and fellowship will abound. Bring a sack lunch. All other supplies are provided.

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2023

(as of 3/29/2023)

Received Pledged giving: \$164,108

(29% of \$567,995 pledged)

Received Unpledged giving \$11,540

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$175,648

Thank you for your generous contribution!

Presbytery of South Louisiana

PW SPRING GATHERING

Sponsored by PSL Presbyterian Women

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Registration 9:30 am

Closing Luncheon 12:15 pm

University Presbyterian Church

3240 Dalrymple Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

TOGETHER AGAIN

Open to all!

Join us for a time of business, reuniting and worship following the pandemic

All PSL churches and guests welcome

Presbyterian Women are being called to serve Christ

Continuing our time of SABBATH

10:00 a.m. Brief Business Meeting and Reuniting

10:30 a.m. Workshops – local and worldwide

11:30 a.m. Worship with Retiring Rev. Patti Snyder

PLEASE BRING MISSION PROJECT – canned goods for OKRA ABBEY Grace and Greens Feeding Program for the homeless. And/Or – new or gently used kitchen & household items for Presbyterian Children Homes family relocation assistance

An Offering will be taken to assist continued Disaster Relief projects in PSL.

A delightful lunch will be served and is included in the registration fee.

Cost \$15 – luncheon and printing hand-outs

Please send registration and check made payable to PSL Presbyterian Women to PW Treasurer: Pat Wright – 287 Baird Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 by Wednesday April 12.

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Cell/telephone _____

Your Church _____

Mission & Peacemaking



Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants (LORI)

An increasing number of refugees and immigrants are calling Louisiana home. In an attempt to assist these newcomers throughout the various stages of integration in our community and with the ultimate goal of promoting self-reliance, the Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants (LORI) was founded by a group of local refugees and immigrants. LORI currently represents a coalition of immigrants and refugees now living in Louisiana from over 25 countries. LORI partners with federal, state and local agencies in pursuit of its goals. The Mission and Peacemaking committee is pleased to report our continuing support for this organization, which recently celebrated its 5-year anniversary.

The programs and services offered by LORI to fulfill its mission fall under the following broad categories:

- Immigration Specific Legal Representation and Resources such as assistance with immigration applications, Know Your Rights and Responsibilities sessions, and citizenship classes.
- Civic Engagement and Policy Advocacy, including information about official immigration policies, and advocacy issues and actions.
- Community Outreach and Cultural Events to engage refugee and immigrant families socially, and to educate the public by sharing their stories, for example the Women's Wing and World Refugee Day, scheduled for June 24, 2023.
- Education and Access to Services includes but is not limited to leadership development, youth empowerment programs, financial literacy sessions, ESL classes, partnerships with agencies such as Red Cross, FEMA, EBR Parish Housing Authority.

LORI is funded through grants and contributions from individuals, community organizations and religious institutions like ours. We look forward to lending our continued support and encourage you to do the same. LORI is always in need of household items to help newly arrived families get settled. Another challenge facing LORI is transportation; many immigrants have difficulty accessing LORI's services, such as ESL and citizenship classes, due to lack of transportation. If you have household items to donate or if you would like to assist with transportation, you may reach out to Lorinda Sealey (see church directory for contact information) or contact LORI directly at <https://www.mylori.org/>



Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 6

Join the UPC Paterson's Posse at 9 a.m. for the 2023 Baton Rouge Team Hope Walk at Highland Road Park, a fundraising event for the Huntington's Disease Society of America. The "posse," made up of UPC members and friends, is named after the family of Karen Paterson, who lost her husband and both daughters to Huntington's disease. The posse was formed in 2009 as a way to show support for Karen and her family and do something to help bring an end to this devastating, yet little-known, disease - but you can always join in! UPC members helped organize the first Louisiana Team Hope Walk in 2009. Since then, these walk events have been held in other parts of the state to coincide with the nationwide effort. All proceeds from the walks (2023 is the 12th one in Baton Rouge) go to research and family support efforts of the HDSA. The goal for this year's Baton Rouge event is \$17,150.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the park's main shelter, and the half-mile walk around the park, which may be repeated for a longer option, starts at 10 a.m. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children, although any amount will be accepted as a donation.

People may register online at www.hdsa.org/thwbatonrouge or the day of the event. An even easier way to register is to let Karen know you want to participate. Her email address is kpaters@gmail.com.

Learn more about Huntington's disease and these walks by going to www.hdsa.org.

UPC Blood Drive May 7

Beth Paskoff has been coordinating blood drives at UPC since 2004. In that time UPC members have donated more than 460 units of blood, and have impacted the lives of more than 1400 patients. Some of the people helped were members of our church or their families. Most of them were people we've never met, but we are glad to know that UPC can help to save lives.

Who needs blood?

- Whole blood: trauma and surgery patients
- Red cells: pediatric patients, sickle cell patients
- Platelets: cancer patients, or heart surgery or transplants
- Plasma: patients with burns, in shock, or with clotting disorders

If you have donated in the past, you have the thanks of the hundreds of people you have helped. We are getting ready for our next blood drive on Sunday, May 7, and Beth will remind you to sign up to donate at the end of April. Please contact Beth Paskoff if you have questions or want to sign up.

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 • Tabitha Lewis • Gerard Klein
John Earle • Alan Williams • Kathy Poché • Betty Armstrong
Melanie Driscoll • Our Cuba Partners • Kathy Rossman
Jeanette Hanifen • Lynn Nichols Dull • Fay Coco • Cody Lucero

- **Susana Arevalo**, first operator of our water system inn San José de los Ramos, diagnosed with cancer and is starting chemo and radiation therapy
- **Les Doran**, uncle of Kelly Kerr, and family, upon the death of his wife, Jean
- **The family of former Day School teacher Edith Hill**, upon her death
- **Dale Landry and Janet Whyde**, setting off on an Appalachian Trail adventure
- **Bae Landry**, father of Dale Landry, in hospice care, and following the death of his wife, Sadie
- **Dick Tegmeyer**, uncle of Jim Hanifen who is recovering at the home of one of his children
- **Helen**, sister of Peggy Carroll, in hospice care
- **Corrine**, 104 year-old aunt of Pat Strain, and her nursing home, quarantined for COVID
- **Nancy Pensis**, aunt of Linda Clark, in hospice care
- **Gloria Snowden**, mother of Ethel Feldman of the Day School, as she prepares for a heart valve replacement
- **John Baker**, retired LSU Philosophy Prof. and former Dean of Students, with kidney cancer
- **UPC and Patti Snyder**, as she prepares for retirement
- **Marla Kerr-Lawson**, Kelly Kerr's sister, undergoing chemotherapy and dialysis
- **Ruth Mitchell**, sister of Mary Wardlaw,
- **Jason Benedict**, son of Forest & Linda Benedict, awaiting a kidney transplant
- **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
- **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
- **Dina Courrege**, friend of Cindy Rice, battling Lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma
- **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
- **Mickey Rose Braud Zaitoon**, wife of Samear, who is in declining health
- **Margaret Boyle**, sister of Christine Kooi, with early-stage Alzheimer's disease
- **The People of Ukraine**
- **All those who live in Turkey and Syria**
- **All those affected by war**
- **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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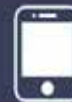
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3	Anna Snyder Kelly Sarah Meier	7	Jill Clemmons Bailey Stoker Diana Wickman	17	Kathy Rossman	26	Betsy Irvine
4	Bizza Britton	9	Daniel Burch Stephanie Launey Short	18	Cheryl Hedlund	26	Jerry Kennedy
5	Ashleigh Bowles Nora Costello Paul Hoffman	12	Braden Stoker	19	Mary Anne Sheffield	27	Lois Kuyper-Rushing
		13	Alicia Lewis	21	Patti Snyder	29	Judy Persall
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 seeks creatively – through
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 – to sustain an inclusive,
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 spiritual growth by
 awakening souls to God's
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 the reconciling love of Christ.
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