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May 2023

University Presbyterian Church Newsletter for church members and friends

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A l o n g t h e w a y

The week after Easter my family went to Denver to visit my new nephew, Fletcher. Rather than make it to a lot of museums or up a lot of mountains, we did a lot of rocking, walking/jiggling, and trying to be helpful - either directly with the baby, or by walking the dog, unloading the dishwasher, going to the store, or doing the laundry. It turns out, when folks enter a new stage of life (as my brother and sister-in-law have), a lot is up in the air, and stepping in to offer a hand with almost anything is really a big help. When big changes come, every little bit helps.

The same feels true to be for UPC at the moment. We have entered a new stage, and a lot is up in the air (and will continue to be for a little while). There are a lot of ways you can step in and offer a hand if you're able to do so:

- volunteer to be a second pair of hands in the nursery on Sunday
- sign up to help with kids or youth on Sunday mornings next year
- offer to be part of the team that welcomes visitors
- deliver flowers or meals to brighten peoples' day
- help us continue connecting to our mission partners, or offer new opportunities to serve our city
- join efforts to support our Day School
- learn how we do the live stream so worship can be shared outside our walls

... or anything else that comes to mind, because when changes come, every little bit helps. If you wondered when would be a good time to step in, I promise you it is now.

What the Session and I ask of all of you - near or far - is that you keep UPC in your prayers in this transition time. Hold this community in your mind's eye, and in your heart, and ask:

- that we listen for the Spirit's rustling, and that we be willing to heed God's nudges
- that we find the right balance of patience and continuity with attempts to try new things and getting carried away
- that we be guided by love and hope and faith as we step into the future we will co-create with God
- or anything else that comes to mind.

We're praying some of these same prayers for Fletcher and his parents too. It's a way we can show our love and care, but it's also a way to stay connected while we are far away. That connection is part of what will draw us back and move us to change the diapers and clean the dishes and play the games, which is another part of how we show our love and care. Thoughts, prayers, and action - they're all related. And, when big changes come, we are grateful for all of them.

Bendiciones,

May...

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 & 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
- 3 9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 4 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
- 6 9:00 a.m. Huntington's Disease Walk - Highland Road Park
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Group @ HD Walk - Highland Road Park
- 7 5th Sunday of Easter**
- 8:30 a.m. Blood Drive - Bloodmobile
- 9:45 a.m. Church School
- 9:45 a.m. New Member Class - Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook
- 12:15 p.m. Called Session Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- No Youth Group
- 8 7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 9 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 6:00 p.m. UPC @ LSU vs. Northwestern LA - Alex Box Stadium
- 6:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 7:30 p.m. LSU Choral Concert - Sanctuary
- 10 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
- 11 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
- 13 10:00 a.m. Transitions Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 14 6th Sunday of Easter** *Confirmation*
- 9:45 a.m. Church School
- 9:45 a.m. New Member Class - Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook
- No Youth Group
- 16 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom
- 17 9:30 a.m. Day School Graduation - Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 18 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Don't Cook Night - Place TBD
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 20 9:00 a.m. TBR Mental Health Workshop Follow-up - Conference Room

Office Notes

Holiday Closures

The Church Office and Day School will be closed for Memorial Day on May 29.

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 May 20.**

Sunday Flower Donations

Celebratory or Memorial flower donation envelopes for 2023 are available in the pews for you to fill out to reserve flowers for 2023 Sunday services. Available dates for donation can be found in the Sunday announcements or by contacting the church office. Place your completed envelope in the offering plate, and we will take care of the rest. Thank you for making Sunday services so beautiful.

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. Please let us know if you can help with this important ministry. We will show you how to make the magic happen.



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

Contact Ellen Morgan for info

May 2 Beartown
by Fredrik Backman

June 6 South of Heaven
by Patti Frye Meredith

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!)

- This is an article about having your city try new things, but it could just as easily be about almost anything. Even church... https://www.strong-towns.org/journal/2023/1/17/do-it-afraid?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email

- As we head into hurricane season, we remember our Native neighbors just a little farther south as they talk about their land and the impact of climate change in this 12 minute video. The folks in the UPC Circle donated a sewing machine to Chief Shirell after she lost her machine and supplies during Hurricane Ida. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SF_5jof0GHY

- Given the opportunity, it's always worth taking a minute to talk - or, better said, to listen. <https://www.coffeeand-crumbs.net/blog/2022/4/22/girl-talk>

- Fore-edge painting - have you heard of it? Martin Frost paints intricate scenes on the side of books, hidden beneath gold gilded pages. You can only see them if you spread the pages a certain way. It's almost like magic! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4_2xGZy6Jk

- Since 2020 a record number of women have been signed to major league baseball teams' operations - the most notable being the Miami Marlins' promotion of Kim Ng as the league's first woman general manager in November 2020. Where will this crack in the glass ceiling lead? <https://19thnews.org/2022/04/2022-mlb-opening-day-record-year-women-baseball/>

DON'T COOK NIGHT

Join us for food and fellowship on May 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Check future bulletins for more details on restaurant and location, soon to come!

May...

21 7th Sunday of Easter - New Member Sunday

9:45 a.m. Church School
9:45 a.m. New Member Class - Fellowship Hall
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. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. Youth Group End of Year Pool Party - 6238 Riverbend Lakes Dr.

23 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Zoom

24 9:00 a.m. "Faith and Community" Small Group - 1848 Glendale
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

25 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
4:30 p.m. Personnel & Administration Committee - Zoom
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
27 9:00 a.m. TBR Mental Health Workshop - Conference Room

28 Pentecost

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

29 Memorial Day

Day School & Church Office Closed

What Will Be Your Legacy to UPC?

We know that you support University Presbyterian Church by pledging every year, serving on committees, and helping out where you can. We thank you for all that do! We also invite you to consider how you can make a gift in your will to continue to help this church that you love.

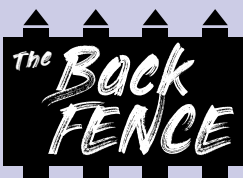
There are many ways to provide a legacy:

- Life Insurance
- Retirement accounts such as IRA or 401(k)
- Real Estate
- Appreciated securities

Bequests can be a specific amount, or a percentage of your assets, or a residual amount (after other expenses have been deducted). Your gift can make a difference to UPC beyond what our annual budget provides:

- Expand what Mission & Peacemaking can do
- Provide scholarships for the Day School
- Create new outreach programs for youth and adults
- Maintain our beautiful church building

In the coming months we will provide more information about bequests and wills and legacy gifts. If you have questions now, this link to the Presbyterian Foundation may be helpful. <https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/10011-PFD-Composing-a-Legacy-Rebrand-F-nocrops.pdf>



• Congratulations to **Anna and Kevin Kelly**, on the birth of their daughter, Eleanor Iris, on April 20. Proud family are grandparents Patti Snyder and Jim Hanifen, and aunt Jane Snyder.

SUNDAY
MAY 7

GIVE
THE GIFT
OF
life

vitalant
**BLOOD
DRIVE**

1 PINT OF BLOOD SAVES
3 LIVES!



As a special thank-you for donating blood, platelets, or plasma through May 15, donors will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card *redeemable by email.

University Presbyterian Church
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM • In the Bloodmobile

Schedule your appointment today at vitalant.org or contact Beth Paskoff!



For more information or to schedule a donation call 877-258-4825 or visit us at vitalant.org
Find us @ IDs are required to donate.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make Patti's retirement celebration a success!
Planners: Gaines Foster, Eleanor Canon, Jerry Kennedy, and Junita Meier
Flowers: Lilly Bridwell-Bowles
Stained Glass Window: Bill Crummett
Program: Cordell Haymon and Christine Kooi
Slide Show: Michael Strain
Quilt: Helping Hands
Servers: Youth Group and Advisors



Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering supports ministries with children, youth, and young adults in our community, across our nation, and around the world. Your offering will go to help support the year of service offered to those who join the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Program, help kids attend the Presbyterian Youth Triennium, and offer support to children through the Educate and Child, Transform the World Initiative to ensure equitable, accessible, quality public education.

We currently support the New Orleans site of the Young Adult Volunteer Program through Mamie's service on their Board and the chance we have to meet the new volunteers who serve there each fall. We are involved in supporting public education through our partnership with Park Elementary. And we use a portion of the money we receive when people part in our lot during home football games to help kids attend conferences and go on mission trips. Contributing to the Pentecost Offering is another way to continue supporting children, youth, and young adults both here and beyond.

This offering will be collected on Sunday, May 28.

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. 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

During the first two Sundays in May, the Parks Wilson adult church-school class will consider the current challenges facing higher education in this country, a subject of interest to many of at this university church. Our final class, on May 21, will be an open discussion of what kinds of topics folks would like to see the PW class cover next fall and spring. All are welcome to join us either in person or via Zoom <https://lsu.zoom.us/j/2765203639>

Small Groups

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.

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/88426746848?pwd=YjdZeDc1WGJSNHhzcjMNMWRFMly9LUT09> Meeting ID: 884 2674 6848 Passcode: 960537

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 in the Fellowship Hall. 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 about 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.

Choir Notes

Summer is coming up and we have many opportunities for you to sing, play an instrument, yodel, etc. You and/or members of your family (who happen to be in town) are encouraged to sign-up for a Sunday anthem. Solos, duets, groups of any size and configuration are welcome! Accompaniment is available. Contact David Walters AND Anne Maverick if you’re interested.

MOVING FORWARD...

As we begin this transition time, know that your session is at work finding ways to help support Mamie and continue with the smooth functioning of UPC. The most evident help comes from the Worship Committee which is already coordinating pulpit supply during the summer months as next steps are finalized. Thanks to all who are or will help in the coming weeks and months!

Youth Group

April Highlights:

The big highlight of April was the youth leadership on Palm Sunday! If you weren't able to join the service in person or online, it is worth going back to watch on our website (www.upcbr.org) or on our Facebook Page (4/2/2023). The youth wrote significant parts of the liturgy as well as most of the sermon. After serving at Patti's going away party, they also met on the last Sunday of the month to do trash clean up in recognition of Earth Day (better late than never). There's only one month left in this program year, but all are welcome!

May Schedule

- 6 SATURDAY - Huntington's Walk with Patterson's Posse @ Highland Road Park
- 14 No Youth Group - Confirmation/Mother's Day
- 21 Final youth group - Pool Party and Senior Celebration @Bridwell-Bowles House - 6238 Riverbend Lakes Dr.
- 28 Memorial Day Weekend

May 14th - Confirmation Sunday

"Is this the journey you want to be on?"

"Is this the community you want to be on this journey with?"

For the past year, the Confirmation class has been on a journey of faith formation. In lively, challenging, and thoughtful discussions we have considered issues of faith. We have often used activities to deepen these conversations. Towards that end, we: wrote a Psalm, fashioned our joy using play dough, watercolored our thoughts of confession and forgiveness, depicted the mind of Christ in art, wrote liturgy for an Advent service, used skits to tell Bible stories, and considered creed and Bible passages using Lectio Divina.

As in the past, each youth has had a Mentor who has joined them on their journey. Doing a new thing, the second Sunday of each month was designated Mentor Sunday when youth and mentor had the opportunity to spend time together during the Sunday school hour. This has been an enriching time for our youth and we are exceedingly grateful to our Mentors.



Presbyterian Women

Join our Facebook group PW of UPC, Baton Rouge

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

PW at UPC includes ALL!

2 CIRCLE MEETINGS to choose from

Tuesday, May 2nd at 10:00 a.m. Our May meeting will be in person in the Parks Wilson Room. We will study Lesson 9, "Sabbath and Community." It will be followed by our celebration of the PW Birthday Offering. The recipients this year are: Making Miracles Group Home in Tallahassee, FL and Bethane Yesus Elementary School in Ethiopia.

Wednesday, May 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II will meet at Peggy Carroll's carport to study the same lesson, 1545 Patrick Drive.

Spring Gathering Recap

On Saturday, April 15, we hosted the Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering of the Presbytery of South Louisiana (PSL) with attendees from the churches of UPC, West Baton Rouge, Broadmoor, Jefferson, Scotlandville, and St. Charles as well as representatives from Evergreen Life Services. Kathy Randall of St. Charles led a workshop on Church History and Julie Launey of UPC led a workshop on Mission. In response to Presbyterian Women's call to mission: Okra Abbey received canned foods and \$51.00, Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services received a collection of household items, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance received \$300.00 and Cent-sAbility Hunger Program received \$44.55, and handmade cards from Cuba were sold as their fundraiser. Patti Snyder was our worship leader. UPC presented Patti with an Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women. It was a delightful day. A BIG thank you to Paul Hoffman, Dave Launey, and Doug Walker who worked hard to make everything run smoothly.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands put together a special quilt for Patti's retirement. A big effort was made to include as many people as possible in the process. It was such a joy to see it come together. It was presented to Patti at her Retirement Celebration on April 23rd.

Helping Hands will meet in the Conference Room Tuesday, May 16, 9:30 a.m. Quilts will be tied, and fellowship will abound. Bring a sack lunch. All other supplies are provided.



Mission & Peacemaking



Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants (LORI)

Due to an increasing number of refugees and immigrants calling Louisiana home, 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. 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/>

Needs for LSU & Free Little Food Pantry

The LSU Food Pantry has provided updated information regarding the current, most needed food items. As a reminder, donations can be placed in any of the large food pantry boxes located at UPC. Please consider donating the following items:

- Shelf stable milk
- Tuna and SPAM
- Pasta and sauce
- Dried fruit
- Granola bars
- Oatmeal
- Flour, sugar, seasonings

As we head into summer, we are requesting that no heat-susceptible foods be placed in the Free Little Food Pantry located outside the church office door through September. This includes cans and jars. Please keep donations to heat-stable foods (i.e. oatmeal cups, jerky, dried fruit, nuts), beverages (tea, instant coffee, powdered milk), and hygiene items (soap, toothpaste, deodorant).



Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 6

Join Paterson's Posse at 9 a.m. for the 2023 Baton Rouge Team Hope Walk at Highland Road Park, a fund-raising 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 - and 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 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.

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**

- **Jim Hanifen and family** upon the death of his uncle, Dick Tegmeyer
- **Sylvester Williams**, friend of David Hall, in the ICU
- **Friends and family of Kelly Cairns**, classmate of David Hall, who died on April 17th
- **St. Anthony's residents**, upon the closure of their house in June
- **John Grubb**, recovering at home from shoulder surgery
- **Jason Benedict**, son of Forest and Linda Benedict, diagnosed with advanced stage scleroderma/multiple connective tissue disease
- **Susana Arevalo**, with cancer undergoing chemo and radiation therapy
- **Bae Landry**, father of Dale Landry, in hospice care, and following the death of his wife, Sadie
- **Helen**, sister of Peggy Carroll, in hospice care
- **Nancy Pensis**, aunt of Linda Clark, in hospice care
- **John Baker**, retired LSU Philosophy Prof. and former Dean of Students, with kidney cancer
- **Marla Kerr-Lawson**, Kelly Kerr's sister, undergoing chemotherapy and dialysis
- **Ruth Mitchell**, sister of Mary Wardlaw,
- **Cheryl Whitting**, awaiting a kidney transplant
- **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
- **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
- **Rev. Adelaida Jiménez and the efforts toward peace in Colombia**
- **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**

New Officers

New officers were elected at a Congregational Meeting held on Sunday, April 2.

For the office of Elder class of 2026:

Peggy Carroll
Shannon Fontenot-Stafford
Gaines Foster
Christine Kooi
Edward Peterson

For the office of Deacon Class of 2026:

Ed Britton
Daniel Burch
Stacy Haynie
Robin Patty

Congratulations and thanks to them all!

Stay Connected!



See us Sundays on Facebook for a live broadcast of our worship service!

www.facebook.com/universitypresbyterian

<https://www.instagram.com/universitypresbr/>

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IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2023

(as of 3/26/2023)

Received Pledged giving: \$202,716

(36% of \$567,995 pledged)

Received Unpledged giving \$18,889

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$221,605

Thank you for your generous contribution!

**JUNE/JULY
CONTACT
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MAY 22**

5 WAYS TO GIVE



IN PERSON

Drop your gift into the offering plate on Sunday



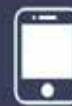
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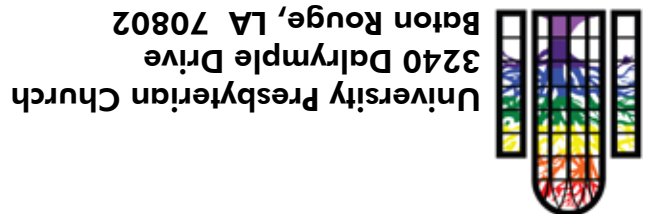
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May Birthdays

1	Ronnie Fenasci	10	Lorinda Sealey	17	Karen Foote	24	Kay Lindsey Tom Warner
3	Jimmy Robertson	11	Stuart Irvine Morgan Patty	19	Angelle Bradford	25	Judy Dedrick
4	Joseph Nguyen Marcel Shihadeh	12	Melanie Driscoll	20	Rosemary Goodell Albertha Hubchen	26	Missy Stoker
8	Jeana Esser	13	Richard Williams	21	Caralyn Durham	28	Alyssa Bistany
9	Garrett Haynie	15	Joseph Reynolds Henry Rowland	22	Robert Gourgues	30	Ruth Bivins Steven Hartman

****Please remember to contact the church office if your contact information changes.****

Mission Statement
 In response to God's grace,
 University Presbyterian
 Church of Baton Rouge
 seeks creatively – through
 nurture, education, worship
 and community outreach
 – to sustain an inclusive,
 compassionate family of
 faith; it seeks to promote
 spiritual growth by
 awakening souls to God's
 infinite mercy embodied in
 the reconciling love of Christ.
 --Adopted by the Session
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