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University Presbyterian Church Newsletter for church members and friends

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A long the way



Among a number of other things, on the wall in my office is a bright pink post-it note with the words, "What is mine to do?" written on it. It's a question I need to ask myself all the time, but particularly these days. It is a question that helps me figure out how to stop working as well as helps me hone the way in which I need to work.

A friend of mine, Toby Causby, goes at the same idea from a slightly different angle. He talks about the "circle of agency," which he defines as "the mental, emotional, and physical space within which we have the power to act." He suggests that some telltale signs that we may be straying outside our circle of agency are:

- an assumption that for our life to get better, someone else's life must change
- blaming "them, they, and those" for our dissatisfaction with our life
- a greater concern for pointing out how others are not meeting expectations than for looking courageously at our own shortcomings

Are there important issues outside our circle of agency? Of course. Are there forces from outside our circle of agency that act upon us that are difficult, if not impossible, for us to change on our own? For sure, although sometimes we can still take some action on our own or with others than can keep us from feeling as if there is nothing that we can do.

In the moments Toby feels disempowered, here are a few of his go-to questions:

- In this right-now moment, what is a thought I could think that would help me feel more powerful?
- In this right-now situation, amidst all the things outside my control, what is an action — no matter how small — that I could do?
- In this right-now moment, am I expecting others to change, before I choose to change?
- During this stressful, challenging, and difficult season of life, if I knew for certain that there is something within my circle of agency that I can do — what is mine to do?

The circle of agency - the "what is mine to do" - is not an excuse to abdicate responsibility in our homes, our schools, our workplaces, our church, or our world; it is a question to refine our responsibilities. When confronted with a problem the question to ask is, "in light of this problem, what is within my ability to act — what is within my power to contribute — what part is mine to do? As a quick first step, I recommend getting a post-it note. I've got some if you need one.

Bendiciones,

(If you like what Toby has to say, you can see his full reflection and sign up to receive weekly emails from him at <https://bit.ly/3Wp6KJI>)

June...

*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 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Formation Committee - 2171 Cherokee St.
- 3 9:00 a.m. TBR Mental Health Workshop - Conference Room
- 4 Trinity Sunday** - *Summer Worship Schedule Starts, Communion*
- 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook
- 5 6:30 p.m. LSU Choral Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 6 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Conference Room & Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. LSU Choral Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. UPC Book Group - 1725 Eugene
- 7 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive
- 8 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 10 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Botanic Gardens Walk - 4560 Essen Lane
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Concert - St. Margaret's Episcopal, 12663 Perkins Rd.
- 11 2nd Sunday after Pentecost**
- 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook
- 2:30 p.m. LSU Choral Rehearsal/Concert - Sanctuary
- 12 11:30 a.m. Membership Committee - Library
- 7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 13 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 6:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 14 9:00 a.m. "Faith and Community" Small Group - TBA
- 5:00 p.m. Property Committee - Zoom
- 15 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 17 10:00 a.m. Transitions Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 18 3rd Sunday after Pentecost**
- 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook
- 11:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
- 19 Juneteenth - Day School Closed**
- 20 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom
- 21 6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom
- 22 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
- 24 9:00 a.m. Baton Rouge Pride Fest - Raising Cane's River Center
- 2:00 p.m. LORI World Refugee Day - 11120 Government St.
- 25 4th Sunday after Pentecost**
- 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook (*Live*)
- 12:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room
- 27 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
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- 28 9:00 a.m. "Faith and Community" Small Group - TBA
- 29 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom

Office Notes

Holiday Closures

The Day School will be closed June 20 for Juneteenth. The Church Office and Day School will be closed for Independence Day on July 4.

Sunday Flower Donations

Envelopes for Celebratory or Memorial flower donations are available in the pews for you to fill out to reserve flowers. Available dates for 2023 donations 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., 1725 Eugene St. Contact Ellen Morgan for info

June 6 [South of Heaven](#)
by Patti Frye Meredith

July 5* [Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret](#)
by Judy Blume

**note date change due to Independence Day holiday*

IN MEMORIAM

Clarence Bahs
who died on May 20, 2023

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!)

- Thanks to Junita Meier for this silly and fun way to listen to Pachelbel's Canon. <https://youtu.be/cD3QIR98--A>
- It's really, really hot here in the summer. Have a look at some ice caves to cool you off. <https://mymodernmet.com/stanley-aryanto-ice-caves-canada/>
- People often used to reference God as "he." Then there was a move to avoiding personal pronouns at all. But what about "they"? Here's an argument for it. <https://bit.ly/3sYqS6U>
- One link that leads to some more links - all about how to listen, even when we don't like what we hear. <https://bit.ly/36Y3eQQ>
- Ummm...this is cool. Passing the torch to Paris, 2024. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCdslkQqAmE>
- Portrait of Britain 2022: the UK's biggest annual photography exhibition. The winners provide a snapshot of the diversity of life in modern Britain and invites us to reflect on the multiplicity of voices and stories across the country. <https://www.1854.photography/awards/portrait-of-britain/winners-2022v2/#winners>
- At bottom, it's a beer ad. However, it is trying to do something in addition to selling beer. What do you think about it? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=etlqln7vT4w>
- How stories shape our minds. Four and a half minutes of the interconnection between science and story. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vyZMSZG2Dmk>
- Turkish garbage collectors started a library from discarded books. <https://www.goodnet.org/articles/turkish-garbage-collectors-open-library-from-books-rescued-trash>

July...

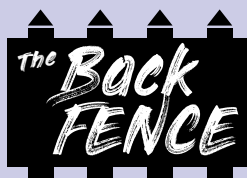
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10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook (Live)

Welcome!

Welcome to all the folks who affirmed in May that they want to be on the Christian journey with us here at UPC. We are so glad to have them in our midst.

Nora Broadhurst Williams
Audrey Cogburn
Nora Costello
Ian Lewis
Jonah Savicki-Kelly

Mary Clinkenbeard
Jan Risher
Larry Moss
Sherry Olds



- Congratulations to our own **Andy Maverick**, winner of the 2023 LSU Cotton Award for Faculty Excellence! *The H.M. "Hub" Cotton Award for Faculty Excellence recognizes a faculty member with a distinguished record of teaching, research, administration, public service, or any other outstanding contributions to the university.*

Session

Session meets the 4th Sunday of the month after worship and meetings are open to all members of UPC. Below are some items of note from the April 30 and May 7 Session meetings:

- Confirmands were examined and welcomed into full membership in UPC.
- UPC will sign on to be a Matthew 25 congregation with the following focus areas: dismantling structural racism and eradicating systemic poverty. From a PCUSA site on the Matthew 25 movement: "The Matthew 25 invitation focuses on Matthew 25: 31-46, the parable of the sheep and goats in which Jesus makes clear, that what we do matters to God and how we treat others is important to God."
- UPC will upgrade its internet connection to one with higher bandwidth to improve streaming of worship services.
- Approved Session minutes will be posted on Realm. Minutes are always available to any member who asks the Clerk of Session, but this will make them more readily accessible.
- The Session approved hiring a full-time Transitional Associate Pastor for one year. Toward this end, the Session formed a Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee to begin this process and move it forward. Committee members are Mamie Broadhurst, Daniel Burch, Jill Clemmons, Lois Kuyper-Rushing, and Gary Meise. After a Transitional Associate Pastor is in place, the Session can start the process to form a Pastor Nominating Committee to call a pastor.

What to Tell Kids When the News Is Scary

There is a lot of good news in the world, but oftentimes the bad news gets more air time and our kids can get an earful of it. The podcast "Life Kit: Parenting" from National Public Radio has a good episode about how to talk to kids when the news they hear is scary. I recommend it in its entirety (<https://n.pr/40PfoBX>), but below are their seven tips in summary.

1. Keep things on a need to know basis. Avoid leaving the tv/radio on in the background all the time.
2. When the time comes to talk to your kids about something scary in the news, take a quiet moment and start by asking questions. What are they seeing? How are they feeling? What is it they think they know?
3. Give kids facts and context.
4. When asked, "Why do bad things happen?" avoid easy answers, and focus on the helpers.
5. Encourage kids to tell their own version of a story. Help kids understand that media is constructed, and allow them to tell the story in their own way.
6. When you're struggling to talk about something, find a way to take action with your kids.

After any disaster or crisis, families struggle with what they should say to children and how to help them cope. You can also look at this link <https://bit.ly/452r0Vx> for ideas from the American Association of Pediatrics for how to talk with very young children, grade school kids and teens, and to those with special needs.

NATURE WALK AND PICNIC

Saturday, June 10 at 9:00 am

LSU AgCenter Botanical Gardens

4560 Essen Lane

Brought to you by The UPC Society for the Promotion of Fresh Air and Sunshine (AKA Fellowship Committee)

LSU AgCenter
Botanic Gardens
L. Rouse Macdonald
Conference Center

We'll start with a walk around the Center's nature trails followed by a picnic (bring your own provisions). Try out your new walking shoes, cameras and other appropriate accoutrements.

Faith Formation

Preparing for the 2023-24 Faith Formation Year!

The Faith Formation Committee is already looking ahead to the new Faith Formation year, which begins on August 13. The Committee has been hard at work recruiting teachers and helpers – thanks to all of you who have agreed to serve in various ways! We still have two very important needs:

- **Parks Wilson Room Adult Church School Class Subcommittee**
Bill Crummett, Sarah Liggett, and Lori Tucker have all agreed to serve on this important committee that plans the thematic adult classes but we are looking for a fourth member who is willing to serve as chair.
Contact Meredith Veldman at hyveld@gmail.com.
- **Pre-K-1st grade Class**
Griff Campbell will once again be teaching this crucial class but we need adults to serve as “Helpers” - no class preparation time; you can sign up for a month, a semester (Aug 13 - Dec. 17; Jan. 7 - May 26), or a year.
Please contact Meredith Veldman at hyveld@gmail.com.

Finishing up the 2022-23 FF Year!

Children’s and youth classes, and youth group, wound up on May 21, as did the Parks Wilson Room adult class. The adult Bible study finished up on May 28. Thank you to the many people who made this year’s Faith Formation programming a reality!

- Making the adult classes happen:
Adult Bible study: Jerry Trahan (*coordinator*)
Parks Wilson class subcommittee: Christine Kooi (*chair*), Bill Crummett, Rick Pitcher, Lori Tucker
Small groups: Jim Wilcox (*coordinator*)
- Making the youth and children’s programming happen:
Larry Reynolds, Cindy Tyler, Samantha Hartmann (*youth group leaders*)
Mary Mikell and Lauren Cooper (*Confirmation class teachers*)
Griff Campbell (*Pre-K-1st grade class teacher*)
Ed Britton, Alexander Campbell, Richard Cooper, Carolin Purser (*helpers for Pre-K-1st grade class*)
Ed Britton, Jon Cogburn, Paul Hoffman, Alicia Lewis, Drew Patty, Robin Patty, Alvin Raetsch, Michael Strain, Suzanne Trahan, Meredith Veldman (*teachers for the 2nd-5th grade class*)
Linda Babin, Rick Bowles, Bizza Britton, Brannon Costello, Gaines Foster, Shelby Lewis (*helpers for 2nd-5th grade class*)

Worship & Music

The Worship and Music Committee has been working on several fronts to prepare UPC for the next liturgical year. David Walters will complete his appointment as Choir Director on July 23, and we are hoping to replace him with another doctoral program student at the School of Music. We expect to announce a new director by the end of June. Tom Shelton has been busy improving our capability for live-streaming Sunday worship, overseeing the installation of equipment, and mastering new technology. Our new fiber optic connection, coming in June, should eliminate annoying interruptions or delays associated with bandwidth issues. The technology team in charge of livestreaming is looking to add a few new folks who are interested in computers or media production and willing to learn how to operate our new equipment. Volunteers young and old willing to learn new skills and take a turn providing this wonderful service to the entire congregation are needed. Contact Jerry Kennedy to volunteer (jgkenn@lsu.edu).

Small Groups

Transitions Group

The Transitions small group will meet from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 17, in the Parks Wilson room to continue our conversations about decluttering and related topics people may face in the second half of life. Transitions will also meet at the same time and place on Saturday, July 15. For information, contact Lori Tucker at ltucker70@gmail.com or 225-288-0885.

Faith and Community

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

All are welcome to join us as we explore a wide range of topics concerning faith and community. We look forward to sharing ideas and conversation. Summer locations TBA - watch your bulletin for specifics.

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=YjdZeDc1WGJSNHhzcmluMjRWMFMyLUT09> Meeting ID: 884 2674 6848

Passcode: 960537



Youth Group

May Highlights:

We didn't have any youth turn out for the walk with Patterson's Posse in the fight against Huntington's Disease because most thought it had been rained out! We look forward to trying again next year. We finished up the month and the year with a pool party - just as we began it in August. We are grateful to the Bridwell-Bowles for the use of their pool and patio to be able to celebrate Owen Meier - our Senior - and to do a quick review of the year.

We hope to get together this summer to check in and have fun before we start things up again in August. Keep the youth and their families in your prayers in these couple of months!



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SUMMER



Congratulations on your great achievements and best wishes on your future endeavors!

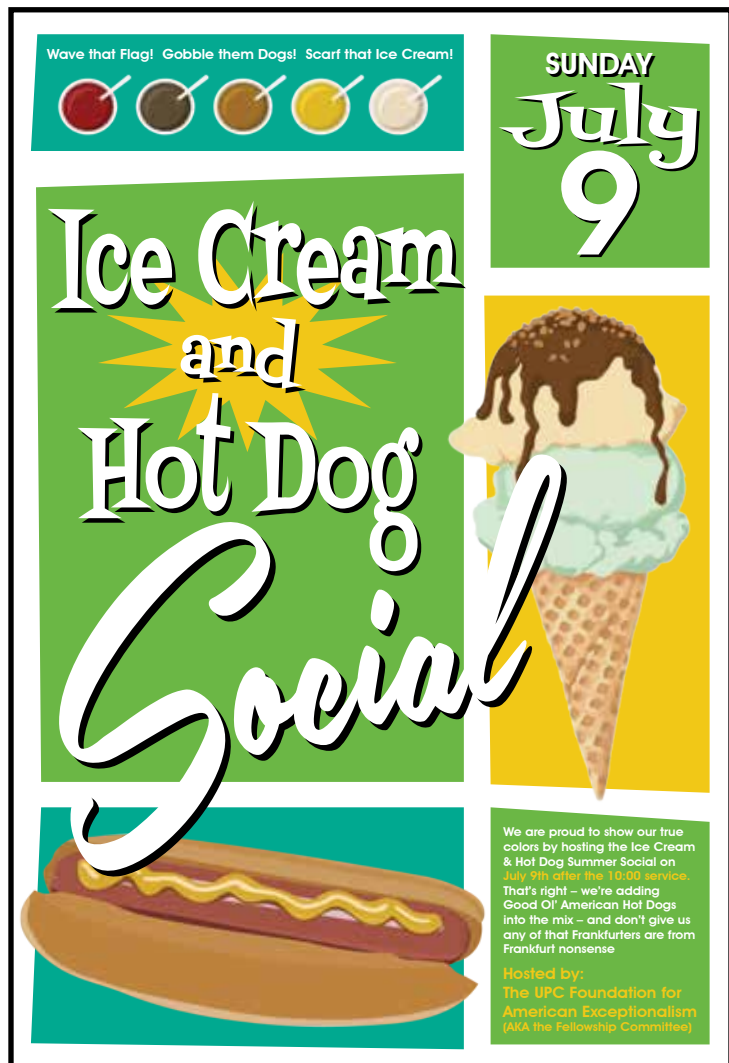
12th grade Graduates

Owen Meier graduated from Baton Rouge High and will be attending Southeastern LA University in the fall.

College Graduates

Gus Britton graduated from Southeastern LA University with a MBA. As 2nd Lieutenant of LA National Guard, he heads to Logistical Specialty training at Camp Gregg Adams, Virginia later this fall.

Marian Richardson graduated from Bryn Mawr College with a BA in Growth and Structure of Cities. She will be returning to Baton Rouge to work at the Center for Planning Excellence.



We are proud to show our true colors by hosting the Ice Cream & Hot Dog Summer Social on July 9th after the 10:00 service. That's right - we're adding Good Ol' American Hot Dogs into the mix - and don't give us any of that Frankfurters are from Frankfurt nonsense

Hosted by:
The UPC Foundation for American Exceptionalism (AKA the Fellowship Committee)

Presbyterian Women

Join our Facebook group PW of UPC, Baton Rouge

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

PW at UPC includes ALL!

Summer For Presbyterian Women

Day Circle 1 will not meet until September when we will begin the new Bible Study, "Sacred Encounters" The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts by Dr. Olive Mahabir.

Day Circle 2 will continue throughout the summer, gathering every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. on Peggy Carroll's carport. Come dressed comfortably to enjoy each other and God's world. 1545 Patrick Drive.

Celebrating 101 years of Birthday Offering

Our UPCPW sent \$432 to support The 2023 Birthday Offering recipients Making Miracles Group Home, Tallahassee, Florida and Berhane Yesus Elementary School, Dembi Dollo, Ethiopia.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands will meet in the Conference Room Tuesday, June 20 and July 18, 9:30 a.m. Quilts will be tied, merriment and fellowship will abound. Bring a sack lunch. All supplies are provided.

PLANNED GIVING THROUGH A LEGACY GIFT

Planned giving is an opportunity for us to return to God that which God entrusted to us during our lifetime. It is also an opportunity to strengthen UPC for the future by providing for ministry and mission for those who come after us. A legacy gift to UPC in your will can make a difference beyond what our annual budget provides.

Examples include:

- Funds to maintain our wonderful organ (which is beginning to show signs of age)
- Funds to maintain our church building and essential air conditioning systems
- Funds to maintain our leadership role in the Baton Rouge community and to expand outreach by UPC
- Or something that a future UPC congregation might be led to by God's spirit, something we cannot even imagine today.

Most of us put off decisions about estate planning. An easy way to get started is by gathering important personal and financial information. *The Record Keeper* from the Presbyterian Foundation can be a good place to start.

<https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/10009-PFD-Estate-Planning-Workbook-Rebrand-F-nocrops.pdf>

Estate planning is not just for the wealthy. We have received legacy gifts, large and small, from our members over the years. Perhaps UPC will be part of your legacy. If you have questions about making a legacy gift, please contact the church office.

ALABAMA/MISSISSIPPI Presbyterian Women's Conference July 12-15, 2023



"Sacred Encounters" The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts

Dr Olive Mahabir
Bible Study Leader

Spring Hill Presbyterian Church
10 Westminster Way
Mobile, AL 36608
251-342-1550

REGISTRATION FORM

July 13, 14, & 15, 2023

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

CHURCH _____

PRESBYTERY _____

Registration Fee: (meals included)

Before June 15 \$150.00

After June 15 \$160.00

Day Student

Before June 15 \$50.00

After June 15 - add \$5.00/day

If you would like supper add \$20.00/day

Glass Blowing Field Trip - \$15.00

(2:30-4:30 Thursday at University of South Alabama,
Carpool with a friend.) A few blocks away!

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Send registration and check to Registrar:

Martha Knichel, 3550 Plum Point Dr. E., Olive Branch, MS.
38654

H. 662-895-3297 C. 901-652-3297 mjknichel@gmail.com

Mission & Peacemaking

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?

When did we see you sick or in prison and go visit you?' The King will reply 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
Matthew 25:37-40

UPC is now a Matthew 25 church!

The movement was launched by Christian faith leaders in response to rising church/state conflict in the United States, asking individuals and denomination bodies to take the Matthew 25 Pledge "to protect and defend vulnerable people in the name of Jesus." Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so that our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities.

A letter from the Presbytery of South Louisiana (PSL) this spring suggested that churches like UPC are already active in service, and "now is the time to recognize those actions and join with Synods, Presbyteries, and Churches across the nation in declaring our intent and sign the Matthew 25 commitment." The PSL, for its part, has made this Matthew 25 declaration as a midcouncil. The Mission and Peacemaking committee made a motion to do so, which was then approved by the Session in May; we have accepted the PC(USA)'s invitation to embrace Christ's call to be active disciples and make a difference in our community and the world.

As part of our Matthew 25 commitment, UPC pledges to embrace these areas of focus:

- Dismantling structural racism by fearlessly applying our faith to advocate and break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.
- Eradicating systemic poverty by acting on our beliefs and working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

For our congregation, now is an excellent time to reflect on the ways in which we are already active and involved in anti-poverty and racial justice ministries, and it is also a time of opportunity to look for more ideas and next steps for our Matthew 25 ministry. At UPC, we already:

- Join with community organizing efforts to address root causes of poverty, homelessness and structural racism through our relationship with Together Baton Rouge.
- Incorporate into our ongoing mission budget, several organizations working on the root causes of poverty – Habitat for Humanity, Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless, and more.
- Offer our building space during the week to an organization in the community that is doing work to eradicate poverty – such as Najama Food Care.

And – what are we called to next? Where will this Matthew 25 commitment lead us now?

Will we... find needs in our neighborhood that have not been addressed, and partner with organizations in the community, as we assess what more of our congregation's gifts and strengths we may offer?

Will we... connect to our state chapter or the national level of the Poor People's Campaign? They are building effective community and a national moral movement to end poverty, fight racism, stop militarism, support voting rights and combat climate change. Visit poorpeoplescampaign.org for more information.

Will we... work to end cash bail? Cash bail systems penalize those who are poor and disproportionately impacts people of color because cash bail only keeps people incarcerated if they cannot afford to post bail. Meanwhile, being imprisoned while waiting for trial increases poverty because people can lose employment, custody of children and more. For more information, visit bailproject.org.

These and other ideas for next steps can be found here: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/next-steps/>

Stories shared by other Matthew 25 churches can be found here: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/matt-25-stories/>

What about you? Through your call and your discernment, what do you think we should do?

UPC dear ones,

Sometimes words fail. This is one of those times. "Thank you," cannot begin to express the depth of my gratitude to all of you for so very much. I won't even try to articulate my gratitude for our 21 years. However I do want to take a stab at expressing my gratitude for the celebration on April 23. From the beautiful blessing offered on your behalf by the choir that gave me a moment to really drink in your faces and my memories, to the beautiful, festive, tasty, and moving reception, and to Bill's stained glass version of the window and the book of your memories, each part of that day seemed to me to be just right. The love was palpable and unforgettable...just like you.

Thank you.

Patti

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

- **Barbara Bahs and family**, upon the death of Clarence Bahs on May 20
- **Whitney Rushing**, Lois Kuyper and Steve Rushing's daughter-in-law, recovering from a double mastectomy on May 25
- **Louie Eckhardt**, former UPC member, recovering from a heart attack and stent procedure
- **Edna Faust**, friend of Kay Lindsey, recovering from surgery
- **Sylvester Williams**, friend of David Hall, recovering in the hospital
- **St. Anthony's residents**, upon the closure of their house in June
- **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
- **Helen**, sister of Peggy Carroll, in hospice care
- **Nancy Pensis**, aunt of Linda Clark, in hospice care
- **Marla Kerr-Lawson**, Kelly Kerr's sister, undergoing chemotherapy and dialysis
- **Ruth Mitchell**, sister of Mary Wardlaw,
- **Cheryl Whitting**, awaiting a kidney transplant
- **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**
- **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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1 Sydney McGraw Diana Reynolds	8 Kelly Kerr	17 Grace Meier	26 Nan Patt Nora Watson	30 Connor Terry
2 Barrett Kennedy Sam Wallace	9 Tavia Crumpler	19 Frances Sullivan- Gonzalez	27 Lauren Cooper	
3 Shelby Lewis	10 Jean Coco	20 Connor Strain	28 Dave Launey Randy Nichols	
5 Paul Wallace	11 Jackson Reynolds	22 June Klimash Meredith Veldman	29 Linda Clark Michael Strain	
7 Jonathan Hubchen	14 John Foval Victor Klimash	24 Kathie Pohlman		

July Birthdays

1 Patti Jarreau	7 Steve Rushing	16 Bill Crummett Jena Ourso	26 Brannon Costello
2 Jason Carroll Isabella Fontenot Stafford Liam Fontenot Stafford	8 Karen Paterson	17 Rosemary John	28 Ava Haymon Ruby Storin
3 Marien Richardson Cheryl Whitting	12 Michael Terry	19 Morgan Kelly	29 Kristin Savicki Amy Vidrine
4 José Gaona	14 John Hartgerink Samantha Hartmann Jane Snyder	22 William Tyler	31 Cindy Tyler
5 Michelle Ourso	15 Pam Bartlett Donald Patt	23 Junita Meier	
		24 Peggy Reily Quentin Wright	

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