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August 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

One of the hardest things about moving to Louisiana is the fact that seasons don't match up with my childhood. Growing up North Carolina, I am used to four distinct seasons. One of them is incredibly hot with high humidity, but it only lasts for about 3 months. Here, however, what I would call "summer" lasts from late May until November (at least). We don't really get to "fall" until December, and without the leaves changing (and fall-ing) it is still hard for me to call it that. AND YET, here we are. School starts up this month, the church programming year gets in swing again, and one more summer will have passed. Change is a comin'...

This year church school and 11:00 a.m. worship will all begin on August 13th. We'll have a blessing of the backpacks and get to enjoy having more kids back in worship again. (We've missed y'all!) Youth group will get underway on the 20th. You can find out more about that on page 5.

We'll have to wait a few more weeks to get the choir back, but our new choir director, Ross Cawthon, will join us in worship beginning on the 13th. He will be getting to know us - who we are and who we might become, musically - so it's a great time to join the choir ranks if you have been considering it. You can read more about Ross on page 6.

As summer rolls into fall you can also see the steps to getting a Transitional Associate Pastor by following the train on the wall (near the stairs to the Welcome Center). You can read more about where we are in that process on page 3. This fall we'll also begin conversations about calling a new pastor to serve here longer term. Will we look for another Co-Pastor or for an Associate? Will we look for the right person and then figure out the staff pattern (as we did last time)? That's the start of questions to come.

With all of this, and the start of school, and all the unique happenings of your own lives, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed. If you begin to feel that way (as I sometimes do), let me invite you to stop for a few minutes to pray. You can use the Lord's Prayer (which we focused on a lot earlier this summer), or you can try breath prayers. - a practice which maps mindful breathing and prayer onto one another. You can read about how to do it by following the first link in Link Love (page 3) where there are also helpful examples. You can sit still, as suggested, or you can do it while walking around if movement helps you focus. If this isn't your thing, there are other suggestions for simple faith practices you can try from Rev. Traci Smith on page 4.

Even when the seasons don't feel quite the same, I'm grateful for the changes that come through the rhythm of the church year, and I'm even more grateful God is with us through all of them.

August...

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 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Conference Room & Zoom
7:00 p.m. UPC Book Group - 1725 Eugene
- 3 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 5 9:00 a.m. TBR Mental Health Workshop - Conference Room
- 6 10th Sunday after Pentecost - Communion**
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook (Live)
- 8 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
6:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom
7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 9 9:00 a.m. "Faith and Community" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
5:00 p.m. Property Committee - Zoom
- 10 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 12 10:00 a.m. Kyle Reeves Memorial Service - Sanctuary
- 13 11th Sunday after Pentecost - Fall Worship Schedule Begins**
Church School Starts, Blessing of the Backpacks
9:30 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook (Live)
Noon Faith Formation Teacher Orientation - Fellowship Hall
- 14 7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Conference Room
- 15 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom
- 16 6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom
- 17 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 19 9:30 a.m. PW Spring Gathering - First Presbyterian Scotlandville
10:00 a.m. Transitions Small Group - Conference Room
- 20 12th Sunday after Pentecost**
9:30 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook (Live)
12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
4:30 p.m. Youth Group Pool Party - 1455 Hearthstone Dr.
- 22 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
5:00 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom
7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 23 9:00 a.m. "Faith and Community" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 24 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 (tentative)
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 26 8:00 a.m. Youth Group - Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank
- 27 13th Sunday after Pentecost**
9:30 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook (Live)
1:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room
No Youth Group
- 29 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 31 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

Office Notes

Church Calendar

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

Check Reimbursements

Forms for requests/reimbursements can be found in the mail closet across from the church office (right side in a leucite box). If you are not a committee chair, your request will need to be approved by the chair. Once completed, attach your receipt and put it in Caralyn's mailbox. The pink copy is yours to keep. Please do not turn in requests without filling out this form. Checks are cut every Wednesday morning.

REALM Church Database

Have you moved in the past few months or changed your email or phone number? Summer is busy and sometimes things fall through the cracks. Please check your Realm profile to make sure all your contact information is listed and up to date.

Tech Folk Needed

We are looking for volunteers with IT skills or an itch to learn a/v production by helping to livestream Sunday worship. If you are interested please contact Mamie or on Sundays visit the tech booth located in the choir loft to see where the magic happens!



The **UPC Book Club** meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., 1725 Eugene St. Contact Ellen Morgan for info

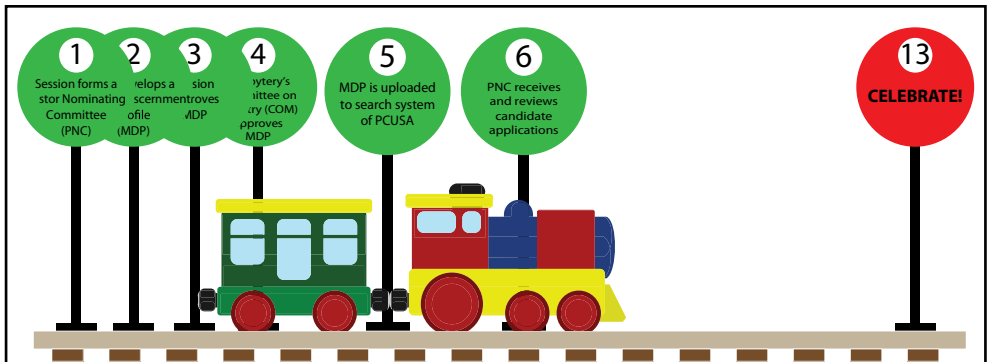
Aug 1 The Wedding Dress
by Jennifer Ryan

Sept 5 Never Let Me Go
by Kazuo Ishiguro

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!)*

- Sarah Bessey writes a helpful essay about breath prayers - what they are, how to do them, and some examples. They are a graciously low bar for finding more chances to pray. She also has a lovely book called *A Rhythm of Prayer*. <https://sarahbessey.substack.com/p/12-breath-prayers>
- A lovely quick video of the Lord's Prayer from the Church of England. Are you still saying the prayer throughout the day? Did you find yourself saying it in any similar situations to those in the video? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rgN0s2xmCuM&t=50s>
- Spongy cities, the ones that put in greenscapes instead of concrete, are becoming more popular and are proving to be very effective in preventing flooding. Bring on the parks! <http://bit.ly/3MFb5Ur>
- A space elevator. Pretty cool. <https://neal.fun/space-elevator/>
- A "mostly" improvised animation to a beautiful rendition of Tenderly by Roland Tempelaar. <https://vimeo.com/channels/staffpicks/589845940>
- Here's a different kind of visual to go with the music. Watch sound waves turned into dancing flames. This quick instagram video (reel) will show you the stunning visuals of a Ruben's Tube. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/CrGOnG-gVln/?igshid=YTUzYTFiZDMwYg%3D%3D>
- Maude White cuts incredible images out of single sheets of paper. The article can connect you to her Instagram account too, if you want to see more. <https://www.thisiscolossal.com/2023/01/maude-white-nature-paper-cuts/>



We're moving along...

We're one step closer in our search for a Transitional Associate Pastor! We've uploaded our Ministry Discernment Profile (think of it like UPC's resume; it tells potential applicants who we are and what we're about) and are now reviewing candidate application as they come in! Thank you for the prayers you've offered for the Pastor Nominating Committee. They're appreciated!! We promise to keep you updated as we progress.

To see the whole time-line visit the hallway near the Coke machine.



So how CAN I be involved?

Maybe you have been thinking about your meaningful commitment, and you would like to get involved in something here at UPC, but you aren't sure how. We can help!

There are a lot of ways to support this community and the wider community through the work of the church. There are committees (listed below, with their chair) that help show care to church members, that keep our building and grounds in shape, attend to the littles in our Day School, take part in efforts to make Baton Rouge a more just place to live, and more. Each of those committees also have opportunities for service and care that they coordinate, and they are always glad for help.

If you'd like to know more about anything happening here you can contact a committee chair directly or talk to Mamie.

Personnel & Administration - Gaines Foster
 Nurture - Diana Reynolds
 Stewardship & Finance - Mary Stevens
 Day School - Peggy Carroll
 Worship - Christine Kooi
 Mission & Peacemaking - Kristen Savicki
 Fellowship - Junita Meier
 Faith Formation - Meredith Veldman
 Property - Dave Launey & Doug Walker
 Membership - Lois Kuyper-Rushing
 Presbyterian Women - Julie Launey

Faith Formation

KICK - OFF SUNDAY

Sunday, August 13 - 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

(Note the new start time!)

Adults

BIBLE CLASS - *Living the Word (Year 2)* is a group led bible study centering on the lectionary texts for each Sunday. This class will begin August 13 in the Conference Room.

PARKS WILSON CLASS *Still on summer break. This class will tentatively begin Sunday September 10, watch the bulletin for more information.*

PreK - 12th Grade

This year we will once again use the *Follow Me (Year 2)* curriculum. Children in Pre-k - 5th Grade used it last year, and this year we are expanding it to children in 6th - 12th Grade. If you are interested in checking out the curriculum go to pcusastore.com/Pages/Item/15439/Follow-Me-Curriculum.aspx and click on the introduction video and a sample lesson.

Small Groups

Transitions Group

The Transitions group meets on Saturday mornings, from 10-11:30, to discuss changes that we face at various times in our lives. Starting September 16, we will begin a new series using the book Get It Together: Organize Your Records So Your Family Won't Have To. We will work through the topics in the book at home then meet to share challenges, questions and ideas. Some topics include financial records, health care documents, funerals, obituaries, and estate planning. On August 19, we'll discuss the challenges of reducing paper when rightsizing/decluttering. We'll be in the conference room. Contact Lori Tucker at ljtucker70@gmail.com for more information.

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. This group currently meets in the Parks Wilson Room. Watch your bulletins for changes in location.

Soul Feast - Parks Wilson Room

Every Thursday at 11:00 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=YjdZeDc1WGJSNHhzcmlNMRWFMLy9LUT09> Meeting ID: 884 2674 6848

Passcode: 960537

Five Faith Practices to Add to Your Daily Routine and How to Start

by Traci Smith - www.TraciSmith.com

All of us have routines that guide us every day and lead us to greater health and wholeness. We drink water, brush our teeth, and add some veggies to our dinner. When we neglect these things, we feel bad, and when we do them, we feel better. Adding spiritual practices to our daily routines can provide structure and order in the same way. Here are five practices you might consider adding to your day or week:

- **Gratitude** - Start by trying to identify just four things you are thankful for, once a week. In our family, we try to do it at Saturday morning breakfast. Try to give yourself a cue that will help you remember (like tacking it on to something else you do weekly.)
- **Morning Message** - Whether it's a passage from scripture, a devotional book, or a poem, start your day off with something inspiring to read.
- **Evening Check-In** - Do a quick review of the day by asking yourself: When did I feel close to God today? When did I feel far away? Alternately: When did I show kindness today? When did someone show kindness to me? Share your answers with someone in your family, or journal them.
- **Mealtime Prayer** - There are many ways to thank God before a meal. Say a favorite from childhood, pause in silence to give thanks, or ask each person to share a reason they're thankful. The beauty of mealtime prayer is in the consistency.
- **Connect with Creation** - Plan to watch the sunrise or sunset once a week. Notice the weather. Go for a daily walk. Try to connect with the beauty of creation every day, even if it's only for a brief time.

Many blessings to you as you embark on new faith routines and adventures!

Youth Group

Youth group is getting underway in August again this year, and we're going to start out as one big, happy, 6th-12th grade family.

Our first gathering will be on August 13th in church with a blessing of the backpacks at the 11:00 a.m. service. Faith Formation starts that Sunday at 9:30 a.m. We hope to see everyone now that "fall" is here!

On the 20th we'll have a pool party (and parent meeting) at Nora Costello's house from 4:30-6:00 p.m. to keep up the good times (and stay cool).

On the 26th - a Saturday - we'll go to the Baton Rouge Food Bank again. Parents are welcome, but we do need a head count to get some paperwork into the food bank before we go. Let Mamie or Samantha know if you can come!

Starting in September we'll meet 4:30-6:00 p.m. at church (mostly) on the first three Sundays of the month (mostly). We may even partner up with other folks at other churches for some fun 5th Sunday craziness. It's gonna be awesome.

This year Larry Reynolds, Samantha Hartmann, and Cindy Tyler Rice are all back as advisors! Hail, hail, the gang's all here! We have already done some planning, and we're all looking forward to being with the "yoots."

We've missed you!



Worship & Music



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Get ready for the start of another school year with prayer and blessings from a church community that loves you!

Bring your backpacks and school bags to church.

Sunday, August 13, 2022
11:00 AM

3240 Dalrymple Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

www.upcbr.org

Dear UPC Family,

I want to thank you for inviting me to preach on July 9th. It was so wonderful to be back with you and to enjoy such a supportive audience for my first climb into the pulpit. I only wish that I had more time to visit everyone while I was back in Baton Rouge. It was so great to be able to share some of what I have learned in seminary with you.

Sydney and I will always be grateful for the love and support that this congregation has showered on us. For those who may be unaware, I am currently enrolled in seminary at Brite Divinity School at TCU in Fort Worth, Texas and am seeking ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church.

For the last year, I've been gaining practical ministry experience at First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth. I am blessed to have a supportive staff who has helped me to grow as a minister. My work is primarily focused on providing pastoral care for homebound, elderly members of the congregation, but they have also allowed me opportunities to preach and to teach Christian education classes. I will be preaching here on September 3rd, the service will be live-streamed if you would like to tune in!

Your support through UPC's seminary fund has made it possible for me to pursue my Master of Divinity degree without the need incur additional student loans. This blessing has truly made straight the path for me to follow my call to ministry. UPC is the place where I discovered my home and call in the PC(USA) and I will always have a deep love and admiration for the witness of this congregation.

Thank you for all that you have done for me and for the church of Jesus Christ. My prayer for my life in ministry is that I continue to be blessed with opportunities to walk alongside faith communities that reflect the grace, love, and commitment of Jesus Christ like UPC has and continues to do.

God's Peace,
Matt McGraw, Inquirer for Ministry

Choir Notes

Choir Begins September 7

We hope you'll consider JOINING US! There is no audition, so if you like to sing (whether or not you read music), please come to the first choir rehearsal on Wednesday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. The choir's first Sunday singing for the 11:00 a.m. service is September 10. Contact Ross Cawthon (rcawthon@upcbr.org after August 13) or Ann Maverick (amaverick50@gmail.com) for more information.

Hello UPC Family!

I knew going in that this would be different. The pandemic changed so much, including the job descriptions for me and countless others. While music ministry is always more focused on people than music, that dynamic was never clearer than when I was charged with creating musical opportunities for a group of people who couldn't be in the same room. More than any creativity on my part, the generosity and adventurous spirit of this congregation and its music-makers are the reason UPC has such spiritual gravity. In the last three years, it has become so much more than a job that, at first, I needed.

Thank you to the UPC choir for your laughter, food, camaraderie, support, encouragement, and for your gorgeous voices. And also, the food... Wait, did I already say that?

Thank you to Patti, Mamie, and Caralyn for being such wonderful collaborators!

Thank you to Anne Maverick for being my partner in all this, for being my musical conscience, and for the depth of your interpretation. What a joy it's been working with you!

These years have been filled with a profound richness due in large part to University Presbyterian Church. Thank you for our time together. I will treasure it, always.

-David Walters



Meet our new Choir Director Ross Cawthon

Ross and Kristina Cawthon will be joining University Presbyterian Church, relocating from DeLand, Florida. Ross previously held positions at Lake Helen United Church of Christ and DeLand High School, while Kristina will be taking on the role of Speech-Language Pathologist at Our Lady of the Lake. Ross is currently pursuing a DMA in Choral Conducting at LSU, having previously attended the University of Florida, while Kristina holds degrees from Stetson University and the University of Central Florida. Their family includes a 7-year-old cat named Mavis. They are enthusiastic about getting to know everyone at UPC and establishing a new church home!

Note from Ross: Choir members, please make arrangements to attend our rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:00 p.m. The first rehearsal this fall will take place on September 6th.



Online giving is available...

- via the GIVE tab on our website (www.upcbr.org)
- by texting "upcbr (space) and then the number of dollars" to 73256
- by scanning the QR code

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2023 (as of 7/26/2023)

Received Pledged giving: **\$316,795** (56% of \$567,995 pledged)

Received Unpledged giving \$35,783

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$352,578

Thank you for your generous contribution!

Your support of UPC and its missions is greatly appreciated.

It's never too late to make a pledge! Contact the office for more information.



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

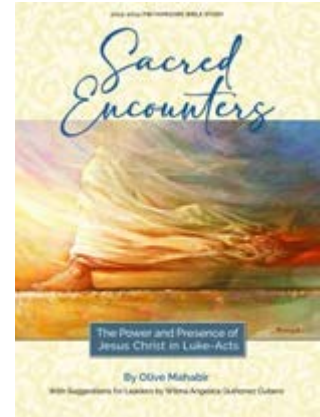
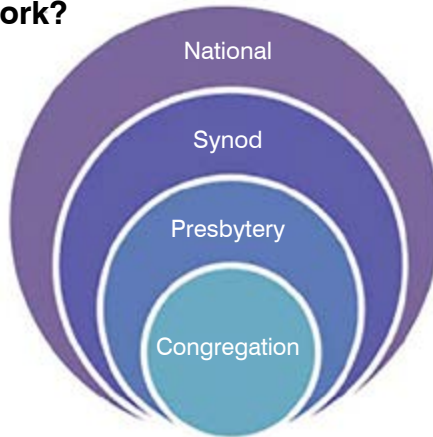
Presbyterian Women

Join our Facebook group PW of UPC, Baton Rouge

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

How does Presbyterian Women work?

Presbyterian Women (PW) is structured like the church. Congregational groups are central to the organization, as pictured in the circular graphic. PW in the presbytery connects congregational groups within a synod, and PW in the synods provides a link to national programming and services. Viewed another way, PW national supports the synods, presbyteries, and congregation with resources, networks, and events that benefit Presbyterian women across the country.



Bible Study 2023-2024 Sacred Encounters

The 2023-2024 PW/Horizons Bible study by author Olive Mahabir

Within the pages of this study, Olive Mahabir invites you to consider Jesus and Jesus' disciples who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people. The Gospel According to Luke and the book of the Acts of the Apostles, or Luke-Acts, "one story in two parts," demonstrate the unfolding of God's redemptive purposes in human history and present a distinctive perspective on the person and work of Jesus Christ. Written by Luke, a physician and traveling companion of Paul, the message to the early Christian community (and to us) is radical, inclusive, and hope-filled.

PW in the Local Congregation-OVERVIEW

The heart of Presbyterian Women is the groups that form within congregations. While women come to PW with varying experiences and views, the local circle or small group provides an open environment for fellowship, prayer and study in a place where all are loved and honored. Shared Bible study is central to the identity of PW since women across the country engage the same Horizons study each year. Congregational groups also provide a place to participate in mission projects, share spirituality practices, offer support to one another, learn and advocate for justice and peace issues and just let go and have a good time with friends!

2023-2024 Circle meetings

The UPC PW Circle begins on Tuesday, September 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parks Wilson Room. *(PW at UPC has expanded beyond women only to include ALL!)* Peggy Carroll's carport group will also meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at 1545 Patrick Drive to study the bible lesson. Their first meeting will be Wednesday, September 6th.



Six PSL Presbyterian Women attended the AL/MS PW Conference in Mobile, Alabama, July 13-15, 2023. Pictured seated Peggy Carroll (University PC). L to R: Kathy Randall (St Charles Ave PC), Rev. Patrice Butler and Darlene Bernard (1st PC Scotlandville), Pat Wright and Julie Launey (University PC).

Olive Mahadir, the author of "Sacred Encounters", the 2023-2024 PW Bible Study, was the keynote speaker. The Rev. Dr. Mahabir discussed the history of the Bible and explained to us what influenced her decision to choose to study familiar bible stories in Luke-Acts. We also attended workshops on glass blowing, grief, mission, fruit of the spirit, and other topics. The conference was a wonderful learning experience.

Presbytery of South Louisiana PW FALL GATHERING

Sponsored by PSL Presbyterian Women

Saturday, August 19, 2023

Registration 9:30 a.m.
Closing Luncheon 12:15 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church - Scotlandville
1246 Rosenwald Rd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70807

Sacred Encounters is a study of Luke-Acts with a new look at beloved stories Horizons Bible Study Introduction by Rev. Patrice Butler, CP

For more information, refer to flyers in the Welcome Center.

Mission & Peacemaking

This update from your Mission and Peacemaking committee is all about the kids! We were so grateful to support the work this summer of community partners helping our community's kids while school is out.

In addition to doing important support and advocacy work to “welcome the stranger” throughout the year, our partner organization the Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants (LORI) runs an enrichment program for kids during the summer. Enrollment for the summer program almost doubled this year! We directed the local component of UPC's Pentecost offering – which our congregation is able to retain to support ministries related to children and youth – to support LORI's summer enrichment program. The funds contributed to the purchase of school supplies; at the conclusion of the summer camp, enrolled children will receive a backpack with supplies for the upcoming year.

This summer we were also happy to grant funding to support the “Carver Cubs” free summer reading camp right “next door” to UPC at Carver Library, for neighborhood children of Old South Baton Rouge. Our funding supported the program to purchase books and school supplies for participating kids. In the words of the program's leader, Dr. Kim Skinner (LSU School of Education): “Words cannot fully express the joy-filled rooms at Carver Branch Library last Friday afternoon when the Carver Cubs Reading Camp children received numerous children's books on topics that they had self-selected...I have never seen the children that excited... it felt like Christmas morning. What a beautiful partnership of love and support for the Carver Library child patrons in Old South Baton Rouge.”

Now as we move into the new school year, UPC continued our traditional partnership with Uniforms for Kids, gathering on July 29th in Fellowship Hall to sort uniforms for kids in need. Thank you to all who participated!

And, we begin now our school supply collection for Park Medical Academy! Our longtime partner public school, now named Park Medical Academy, is beginning its second year in this project-based exploratory model in health sciences. Baton Rouge General Medical System continues as a major supporter of this program at Park. This year the program welcomes middle school 6th and 7th grades at Park. You can keep up with all things Park at their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/parkelem.ebr>. Contact Karen Foote if you are interested in visiting the school, becoming a Reading Friend or other volunteering at Park.

Thank you to the congregation for your support, that has allowed us to love our neighbors in all of these meaningful ways.



School supply collection for Park Medical Academy begins NOW. Please put donations in the marked box in the Conference Room by Sunday August 20.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF PARK!
Here is a list of supplies on Park teachers' wish lists:



PRIMARY composition journals
Expo markers
Magnetic letters (pre-k and autism class)
STEM building toys (autism class)
Highlighters
Earbuds
Scissors
Colored pencils
Glue sticks
1 1/2 inch binders for 3rd grade

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 • Gerard Klein
John Earle • Alan Williams • Kathy Poché
Kelly Kerr • Melanie Driscoll • Our Cuba Partners • Kathy Rossman
Jeanette Hanifen • Lynn Nichols Dull • Fay Coco • Cody Lucero**

- **Hannah Hoffman and Rebecca Sisson** who were married on July 22, in Hunt, NY, at Becca's family's farm. Hannah is the granddaughter of Paul and Barbara Hoffman.
- **Cheryl Whitting**, starting dialysis this week
- **Darla O'Connor**, recovering from COVID and pneumonia
- **Bizza Britton**, recovering from a minor procedure
- **Bill**, brother-in-law of Peggy Carroll, who had a heart attack
- **Blair Hagood LeBarge**, friend of Mary Mikell, having surgery on August 1, to remove a superficial, non-cystic tumor on her frontal lobe
- **Hugh Huffman**, friend of Rosemary John, undergoing chemo and radiation treatment for esophageal cancer
- **Edna Faust**, friend of Kay Lindsey, recovering from surgery
- **St. Anthony's residents**, as they each transition to their new homes
- **Jason Benedict**, son of Forest and Linda Benedict, diagnosed with advanced stage scleroderma/multiple connective tissue disease
- **Susana Arevalo**, a Cuba partner, undergoing chemo and radiation therapy
- **Bae Landry**, father of Dale Landry, in hospice care
- **Marla Kerr-Lawson**, Kelly Kerr's sister, undergoing chemotherapy and dialysis
- **Ruth Mitchell**, sister of Mary Wardlaw,
- **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 Courrage**, 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**
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