

# Contact

November 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

I probably associate the month of November most with Thanksgiving (and you will find a calendar you can use to guide you in giving thanks each day this month on page 6), but there is another day more closely associated with church life that comes at the very beginning of this month - All Saints Day.

We don't canonize saints as our Catholic siblings do (officially declaring certain folks extraordinary people of faith who have performed miracles - though the definition of miracle changes across the ages), and we don't appeal to them as intercessors to God on our behalf. Still, we do not leave the language of "saints" behind. We describe saints as those who are part of the "great cloud of witnesses" - those who may have not always lived perfect lives, but who, amid their faults and failings, kept moving forward, hoping to please God and serving as models for our own lives. Sometimes these folks are dead; sometimes they are not. We could call them ordinary saints, perhaps, though there is rarely anything about them that seems ordinary.

My grandmother was just such a saint. By the time I knew her she suffered from a number of ailments and could be irascible and clipped with me. But she also spent a great deal of time just listening to me and letting me help her, which made me feel quite important. She prepared communion bread for Sunday services, dicing perfect little squares for everyone to share. She prayed even when she was angry at God, and to this day I will always associate love with letters sent to me at camp before I even left home to make sure I had mail the first day I arrived.

On November 5th in worship we will remember the saints who have left us in this past year, and you are invited to bring in whomever you would like - in a photo for the window sills, in your mind's eye, or in prayer. It will be its own thanksgiving, actually, and it is always one of my favorites.

Bendiciones (Blessings) -

*Mamie*



# November...

*Meetings times/locations are subject to change.*

*Please check with your group leader for confirmation and/or information on how to log into Zoom meetings.*

- 1 5:30 p.m. Boy Scout Pack 37 Derby Setup - Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 2 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Boy Scout Pack 37 Derby - Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 4 9:00 a.m. Presbytery of South LA Stated Meeting - Covington
- 10:00 a.m. Transitions Small Group - Conference Room
- 5 **23rd Sunday after Pentecost** - *Communion, All Saints Day Observed*
- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- Noon Church-wide Work Day/Youth Group - UPC Facility
- 2:00 p.m. NAJMA Food Care - Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 6 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 7 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Parks Wilson Room
- 5:30 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. UPC Book Group - 1725 Eugene St.
- 8 9:00 a.m. Faith & Community Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 9 11:00 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
- 11 TBA LSU vs Florida @ LSU (*PARKING*)
- 12 **24th Sunday after Pentecost**
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 13 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 11:00 a.m. Membership Committee - Library
- 7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Conference Room
- 14 6:00 p.m. Don't Cook Night - Walk-On's on Burbank
- 7:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 15 6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 16 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 11:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Feast - Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 17 11:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Feast - Fellowship Hall
- 18 TBD LSU vs. Georgia State @ LSU (*PARKING*)
- 19 **25th Sunday after Pentecost**
- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Group - 6238 Riverbend Lakes Dr.
- 21 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom
- 22 9:30 a.m. Faith & Community Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 23 **THANKSGIVING DAY - Church Office and Day School Closed**
- 24 **Church Office and Day School Closed**

## Office Notes



Don't forget to set your clocks back on November 5

### •CONTACT DEADLINE

The deadline for article submissions for the December/January edition of Contact is Monday, November 20.

### •OFFICE CLOSURES

The Church Office and Day School will be closed Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 in observance of Thanksgiving.

### •SUNDAY FLOWER DONATIONS

Spots for Sunday Flower Donations for 2023 are all reserved. Available dates for 2024 will be published in December bulletins. Thank you for making Sunday services so beautiful.

### •A/V FOLK NEEDED

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



**The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is almost empty.**

**Please consider a donation.**

*This fund allows our Co-Pastor to respond quickly to particular needs of folks within the congregation and in the wider community.*

**DECEMBER/JANUARY  
CONTACT DEADLINE  
NOVEMBER 20**



## PARKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Almost there... only three more home games to go! For several years we have provided this service which doubles as a fund raising event with proceeds going to support youth, education, and mission projects. The remaining home game schedule is:

November	11	Florida
	18	Georgia State
	25	Texas A&M

Game times are subject to change due to television. Typically, volunteers arrive four or five hours before game time and are done an hour before kickoff. If you haven't participated, it is a fun activity and everyone is invited to participate. Contact Peggy Carroll (225-485-8485) for information or to add your name to the list of helpers.

### A PLACE AT THE TABLE

On behalf of Nurture Committee, if you would like to offer a member a place at your table for Thanksgiving, please contact Vic Robertson, 225-229-6455.

If you would like to be invited to a Thanksgiving meal please contact Vic before 11/21.

## Prayer for Parents of Young Children

*By Rev. Andrew Taylor Troutman,  
Pastor at Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian  
Church - Chapel Hill, NC  
(perhaps another variation on the Lord's  
Prayer - MB)*

Our Father, forgive us these messes—  
dirty dishes piled in and around the sink,  
dried Cheerios stuck to the floor,  
old milk in a puddle, beginning to stink,  
the cracker crumbs, spaghetti sauce, and more  
scattered and splattered across tables and chairs.

O Lord, if you were to head upstairs,  
beware the Lego landmines on the carpet,  
pardon our unmade beds,  
piles of unwashed clothes,  
the things under the bed that only you know  
from whence and whither they came. And give us  
this day our daily bread, and lead us  
not into despair. For your Son's sake,  
who welcomed children & the messes they make.  
Amen.

## November...

25	TBD	LSU vs Texas A&M @ LSU (PARKING)
26	<b>Christ the King/Reign of Christ</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
	11:00 a.m.	Worship - Sanctuary (Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org)
		No Youth Group
27	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting - Library
28	7:00 p.m.	NAMI - Conference Room & Library
29	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
30	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

### THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE INVITES EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE



### CHURCH WORK DAY

NOVEMBER 5 • FOLLOWING WORSHIP • ALL AGES WELCOME

## Get to Know our New Members!

We welcomed Stacy Brown, Kate and Wade Midkiff, and Sarah and Charles Sabin in worship as members on October 29th. You can see their photos and a short description of them on the membership board near the elevator, but be sure to meet them in person. They're great!

Remember to keep an eye out for anyone who is new to the church (or who you just haven't met yet) to greet them. It takes a lot of courage (and energy) to walk into a new place. We want to make sure folks who do know that we are glad they did.

If you want to know more about UPC and how to get involved here, we'll have another class in the spring, so get in touch with Mamie and/or keep an eye on the Contact and in the bulletin!

## Don't Cook Night

**Tuesday, November 14 - 6:00 pm**  
**Walk-On's @ 3838 Burbank**

*Food, fun, and fellowship! Everyone is welcome!!!*

### Pels vs. Mavs!!!

The UPC Pelican Booster Club (AKA the Fellowship Committee) is sponsoring a **Don't Cook Night** on Tuesday, November 14, at the Burbank Walk-On's (3838 Burbank Dr., 757-8010). Everyone is welcome to arrive at 6:00 p.m. and the Pels will take on the Dallas Mavericks at 7:00 p.m. Members are welcome to support the team with appropriate outerwear. Go Pels!





# 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 shown just below in case the hotlinks don't work or you are receiving this on paper!)*

- The news from the Middle East is alarming for anyone - and especially for children, who may be left grappling with questions about why other children are among those affected, and whether they are safe. Here's some advice on how to get started with talking to kids about the conflict. <https://n.pr/46OIF4F>

- Take a walk with a turtle? This guy does, every day. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tSGqALaEil>

- For decades, Native Americans have felt the lasting trauma of Indian boarding schools and fought to find healing. Indigenous families are seeking to identify the true scope of the abuse suffered as well as a measure of justice. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BFQQRm6z4I>

- All of our saints deserve to be honored in life and in death, but there are many cases in which the final resting places of African-Americans are not treated with dignity. There are folks trying to change that. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/reconciliation-for-abandoned-black-cemeteries-60-minutes-2022-11-27/>

- Army medic Tom Geerdes discusses his service during the Vietnam War, and the profound effect it had on his life upon his return home as a veteran. An illustrated story from Story Corps. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BICRXSb3bl>

- 2300 strangers sang a bit, laughed a lot, and were very kind to each other for a night. It's Pub Choir, and it looks like a lot of fun. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TqwujGRUiQ>

- Last month my opening letter talked about "third spaces"? Here's another general introduction to the idea if you're still curious to learn more if it's unfamiliar. <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/up-front/2016/09/14/third-places-as-community-builders/>

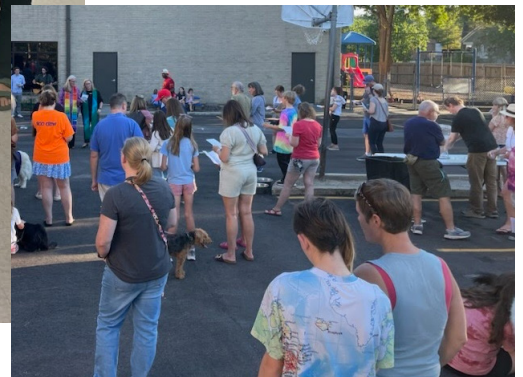
## Youth Group

**October Highlights:** It began with the Blessing of the Pets with University Methodist as well as planning to help with Halloween at month's end. We made lunches for the Baton Rouge Community Refrigerator (Instagram: brcommunityfridge), served at the pancake breakfast, and finally helped with the Halloween extravaganza. Thanks y'all! It is never too late to join youth group. You're always welcome!

**November Schedule:** *\*\* note alternate time and/or location*

5	Work Day with Property Cte - immediately following worship (with lunch)**
11	LSU vs. Florida - High School Youth Parking
12	Spiritual Discipline - Giving - Advent Angel
18	LSU vs. Georgia State - High School Youth Parking
19	Pottery with Lilly Bridwell-Bowles - 6238 Riverbend Lakes Dr.
25	LSU vs. Texas A&M - High School Youth Parking
26	Thanksgiving – NO YOUTH GROUP

**High schoolers need to volunteer for parking to get funding help for summer trips!**



# Faith Formation

## Small Groups

### Transitions Group

The Transitions group meets on Saturday mornings from 10-11:30 to discuss the changes we face at various times of our lives. Using the book Get it Together: Organizing Your Records So Your Family Won't Have To by Melanie Cullen, we will work through the topics at home, then meet to share challenges, questions and ideas.

Participation in all sessions is not required. Come to one or come to many! The schedule is:

Nov 4: Chapters 18-27

Dec 2: Chapter 16 - *Jan Risher will talk about writing obituaries*

### 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 meets in the Parks Wilson Room.

### 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.

## Church School

### Adults

#### BIBLE STUDY

*Conference Room (near the Church Office)*

Join us in November as this group led class learns about "God's Way of Leading" and "Our Sin, God's Faithfulness."

#### LIFE AND FAITH

*Parks Wilson Room (near the Sanctuary)*

In November, the adult church school class will continue to explore Second Thoughts, a reflection and discussion of the scripture, sermon, and poem from the previous week.

### PreK - 12th Grade

Classes are divided into PreK-1st Grade, 2-5th Grade, 6-7th Grade, and 8-12th Grade and are using the Follow Me (Year 2) curriculum. If you are interested in checking out the curriculum go to [pcusastore.com/Pages/Item/15439/Follow-Me-Curriculum.aspx](https://pcusastore.com/Pages/Item/15439/Follow-Me-Curriculum.aspx) and click on the introduction video and a sample lesson.



## What is... Visio Divina?

Visio Divina is Latin for "divine seeing" and refers to a method of meditation, reflection and prayer. The original tradition focused on Benedictine iconography. Today, there are varied practices. The UPC group uses modern religious art and a biblical text. Using simple art supplies, participants reflect on scripture and express their reflections as images on paper.

Consider this your invitation to find out by trying it! Beginning November 2nd and through the Christmas season, the Visio Divina small group will use illustrations from *A Sanctified Art* as its inspiration. If you're reading this, you are invited to participate and to pass this invitation on to others.

No artistic skill is necessary. Stick figure people are fine. The goal is to take a fresh look at a familiar biblical text while considering how it applies to our lives today. If visual imagery is elusive – it can be – it's fine to write words that speak to you instead. The words and images can bring up emotions, memories, hopes, and concerns for everyone. Our commitment is to provide for each other a safe place for reflection and sharing both our verbal and visual expressions without judgment. We advise beginners to turn off your inner

critic's comments on your work. Showing your art to others in the group is optional, however, the process of sharing is a meaningful way to connect with others during these chaotic times.



We begin with prayer, scripture, and then take note of any words, phrases or images that resonate. The leader shares a work of art related to the theme of the text. Participants have about fifteen minutes to create their own visual interpretation. After sharing our artwork and thoughts, there's an opportunity to add finishing touches.

The group meets on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Zoom. You can participate during your lunch break at the office, from home, or wherever! You are welcome to attend once, occasionally or regularly. If you have questions please call Melanie Driscoll at 225-938-7209, or email her at [melaniedriscoll3@gmail.com](mailto:melaniedriscoll3@gmail.com)

#### Meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88426746848?pwd=YjdZeDc1WGJSNlhzcmNMRWFMLy9LUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 2674 6848 Passcode: 960537



# NOVEMBER 2023 GRATITUDE EVERY DAY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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1 A family member I am thankful for	2 A song I am thankful for	3 A memory I am thankful for	4 A food I am thankful for	5 A place I am thankful for		
6 A book I am thankful for	7 A friend I am thankful for	8 An animal I am thankful for	9 A goal I am thankful for	10 A freedom I am thankful for	11 A dream I am thankful for	12 A teacher I am thankful for
13 A season I am thankful for	14 A treasure I am thankful for	15 A smell I am thankful for	16 A thing in nature I am thankful for	17 A possession I am thankful for	18 A promise I am thankful for	19 A time of day I am thankful for
20 An act of kindness I am thankful for	21 A piece of advice I am thankful for	22 A talent I am thankful for	23 A tradition I am thankful for	24 A memory from yesterday I am thankful for	25 A mystery I am thankful for	26 A word I am thankful for
27 A lesson I am thankful for	28 A game I am thankful for	29 An article of clothing I am thankful for	30 A color I am thankful for	Use the prompts each day to think about what you're thankful for. Share your answers with someone else or write them in a journal.		



# Day School

## Volunteers Needed

The Day School will have its annual Thanksgiving Feast 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 16 and Friday, November 17 in the Fellowship Hall. We need volunteers to help prepare the plates and drinks from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day. If you are available to help, please email the day school office at [upcdayschool@upcbr.org](mailto:upcdayschool@upcbr.org) by Monday, November 13 to indicate the time and day you are available.

Happy Thanksgiving wishes to you and your family!



*Thanks again Ms. Dianne for 40 amazing years!*



*On Tuesday, October 17, the ladies of Helping Hands presented a beautiful quilt they had created to Eleanor Canon for her many years of service and dedication to UPC. Eleanor is moving to northern Alabama in November and will be deeply missed here at UPC.*

# Presbyterian Women

Join our Facebook group PW of UPC, Baton Rouge

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

## Presbyterian Women at UPC includes ALL

*Purpose: Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to nurture our faith through prayer and bible study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.*

## MEETINGS:

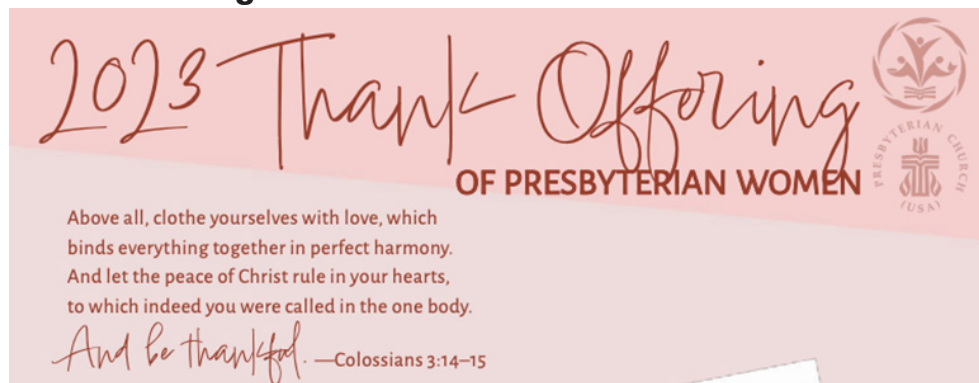
The Bible Study, Sacred Encounters continues with Lesson 3 "A bleeding woman encounters Christ" (Luke 8:43-48)

- Tuesday, November 7, 10:00 a.m. in Parks Wilson Room (Available on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81784562587?pwd=SkVBMFk1TFdqTUFTSTVEbU1oMmN6UT09> Meeting ID: 817 8456 2587 Passcode: 655870)
- Wednesday, November 8, 10:00 a.m. at Peggy Carroll's, 1545 Patrick Dr.

Check out PW's YouTube channel:

[youtube.com/presbyterianwomen](https://youtube.com/presbyterianwomen)

## Thank Offering



Each year faithful givers demonstrate their thankfulness to God through giving to the Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women which began in 1888. The grants for 2023 will support:

- Synod of Mid-America - Grounded Gardening hosts a worshipful support group for people with mental health variances.
- Synod of Mid-Atlantic - Summer Arts Camp offers a safe, tuition-free summer camp that introduces children from families that struggle financially to valuable art experiences for healing.
- Synod of South Atlantic - Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance provides safe and affordable housing for agricultural workers and their families.
- Synod of South Atlantic - Gainesville Community Counseling Center provides mental health support, community education and camping that addresses the challenges facing LGBTQIA+ youth.
- Synod of the Northeast - TAUM provides a safe space in an underserved area for youth to learn to use Microsoft Office to develop skills that prepare them for employment.
- **Synod of the Sun (our Synod) - Okra Abbey: Their sanctuary is a garden where food grows and where people and faith grows thru sharing stories, scripture and prayers. A solar power system will allow them to expand. Zambia: A new health care facility that will provide maternal, prenatal and postnatal care as well as primary care of children.**

# Stewardship

## End-of-Life Planning

by Mamie Broadhurst ([mbroadhurst@upcbr.org](mailto:mbroadhurst@upcbr.org))

As we have said goodbye to some long-term, beloved church members this past year, a number of folks have approached me to talk about plans/concerns/desires as they age. The Transitions class will gather to talk about funeral services in January as part of their ongoing conversations (you do not have to have come before to join any given discussion), but I am also glad to make appointments to have particular conversations with folks as well. We can talk about actual service elements, but we can also discuss what you think makes life worth living - to help clarify end-of-life decisions for family members as well.

There is not a "right" time to talk about these things, but there's rarely a "wrong" time either, and though we'll file any service plans in the church office, they can always be updated. It is a gift to walk with you in life and to reflect with you about death, always grateful that "in life and in death we belong to God."

## Year-End Financial Giving

As we near the end of the year, we want to make sure you know some important details regarding financial gifts to UPC.

**Pledges & Gifts** - All year end gifts, pledges, special offerings, and designated gifts to UPC should be postmarked by December 31. The office will be closed between Christmas and the new year, so anything delivered in person would need to come in by the 19<sup>th</sup> to be recognized as charitable gifts for tax purposes in 2023. If you pay your 2024 pledge online in 2023 the church will make sure to fulfill any remaining balance for 2023 before applying the rest to 2024.

**Gifts of Stock** - Because we believe in being good stewards of what God has entrusted to us, we encourage you to thoughtfully consider the advantages of giving stock to UPC. If you own appreciated stock, it is almost always better to contribute stock than cash. By giving appreciated stock to a charitable organization, you avoid paying capital gains tax on the increased value of the stock. Because you are giving to a charitable organization, your gift is deductible for the market value of the stock at the time it was given. Many of our members have found that giving appreciated stock to the church makes very good sense. Please ask your financial advisor if this is a viable option for you.

If you plan to give securities to the church, the deadline for the Texas Presbyterian Foundation to receive them on our behalf for this fiscal year is Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please first notify Edward Peterson, our church treasurer, and he can review transfer instructions with you personally. UPC's policy is to immediately sell all stock gifts and deposit the proceeds from the sale into the church bank account.

As always, we are grateful for financial support to UPC in all its shapes and sizes!

## Thank you!

Thanks to all who helped make the Pancake Breakfast a success.

We are grateful for:

our chefs (Edem, Ignace, and Mark),  
our preparers (Jerry, Barbara and Paul, Betty, Lilly, and Dave)  
our servers (Brooke, Connor, Hattie, Ian, Josie, Nora, Nora, Rowan, and Sadie),  
our speakers (Christine, Dave, Gaines, Kristin, Melanie, and Peggy),  
our cleaner-uppers (Kathie, Paul, and Betty)  
and for Beth Paskoff who couldn't even be there but still helped pull it all together.

Thanks also to Caralyn Durham and Robert Gourges who help with the behind-the-scenes magic of everything we do! We truly are better (and only really functional) together.

## Legacy Giving: Tyler Aldrich Gift

Connections and community across a lifetime can surprise. Tyler Aldrich was a member of UPC in the 1980s and 1990s. His connection to childhood friend, Joe Moreland, led him to UPC at a time when he was looking for a church home. After Tyler passed away, early this year, we learned that he had named UPC as a beneficiary in his will.

As executrix for his will, Joyce Moreland diligently worked to ensure that his gifts were given according to his wishes. We are thankful for her efforts over months at this work.

Tyler left a gift of one million dollars to UPC. UPC received this generous gift last month, and it is currently invested alongside other UPC funds. The Session is forming a small group to make recommendations for how to best use this gift and future legacy gifts.

If you would like to know more about how to give a gift to UPC through your estate, please contact Cordell Haymon or Beth Paskoff.

We are thankful for Tyler Aldrich's life and for his generous gift.



Mark your calendars for a morning of crafting in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 9 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We'll supply some ideas and materials for crafts attendees can make or you are invited to bring a project you already have underway... you can even bring your Christmas cards to work on. Lunch will be served at noon and we will have babysitting available! Middle Schoolers through adults are welcome to join the crafting fun.



## Prayer Requests

To add a name, remove a name, or update information on our prayer list, please contact the church office by noon on Wednesday at [cdurham@upcbr.org](mailto:cdurham@upcbr.org).

Lois Liggett • Gary Meise • Ruth Bivins • Gerard Klein  
John Earle • Alan Williams • Kathy Poché • Melanie Driscoll  
Our Cuba Partners • Kathy Rossman • Mickey Rose Braud Zaitoon  
Lynn Nichols Dull • Fay Coco • Cody Lucero

- **Tiffany White**, UPC Day School teacher, diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor
- **Linda and Forest Benedict**, on the death of their son Jason on Oct. 24
- **Jim Hanifen and his family** on the death of his mother, Jeanette Hanifen
- **Teegie Hamilton**, friend of Susan Seifert, recovering from hip replacement surgery
- **John Graff**, friend of Collier Roberts, with terminal bone and prostate cancer
- **Pat Strain**, recovering from wrist surgery
- **Hugh Huffman**, friend of Rosemary John, recovering from surgery for esophageal cancer
- **David Klimash**, brother of Victor, recovering from open heart surgery
- **James and Gloria Snowden**, Ethel Felder's parents, after recent hospitalizations
- **Cheryl Whitting**, on dialysis awaiting a kidney transplant
- **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
- **Ruth Mitchell**, sister of Mary Wardlaw
- **Jo and her family**, friends of Robbie Phillabaum, experiencing difficult times
- **Rev. Adelaida Jiménez and the efforts toward peace in Colombia**
- **All those affected by war - Ukraine, Middle East, and beyond**
- **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**

### IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2023 (as of 10/25/2023)

Received Pledged giving: **\$429,866** (76% of \$563,075 pledged)

Received Unpledged giving \$47,662

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$477,528

*Thank you for your generous contribution!*

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



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

Nov 7 Shrines of Gaiety  
by Kate Atkinson

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### IN PERSON

Drop your gift into the offering plate on Sunday



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# November Birthdays

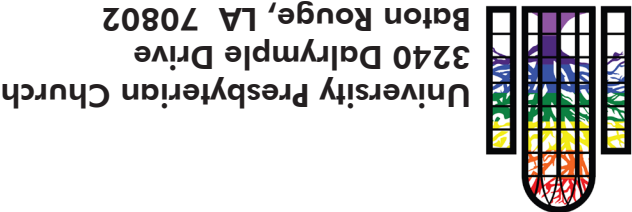
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| 2  | Necia Lanius<br>Ian Lewis | 19 | Gaines Foster<br>Victoria Robertson                          |
| 5  | Thelma Berg               | 21 | John Grubb   |
| 9  | Cynthia Peterson          | 22 | Lilly Bridwell-Bowles<br>Sofia Savicki-Kelly<br>Jalynn Terry |
| 10 | Eugene Berg               | 23 | Candace Wright   |
| 11 | Gus Rowland               | 25 | Margot Pilley  |
| 12 | Jerry Trahan              | 30 | Cindy Hartgerink<br>Cheri Strain                             |
| 16 | Nicholas Knapp            |    |  |
| 17 | Jack Perry                |    |  |

# Looking Ahead

- Crafting for Christmas - December 9
- Taizé - December 6 and 13 *(tentative)*
- Longest Night - December 21 *(tentative)*
- Lessons & Carols - December 24

Watch your bulletins and email for  
December Fellowship Events!

Change Service Requested



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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  
December 1995