



# Contact

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University Presbyterian Church Newsletter for church members and friends

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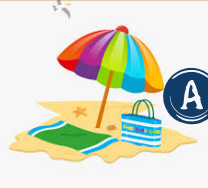
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## Along the Way



As we head into summer, I know that folks will be in and out of Sunday worship as vacations and camps and family visits take people all over the country (and even the world). We hope you have a great time, and we hope you'll join us whenever you can, either onsite or online.

Whether you are here or away, we want to make sure you are aware of the next steps in our staffing plans here at UPC.

With thanks to all who offered your feedback over the past month, on May 26th, at their stated meeting, the Session voted to begin our search for an Associate Pastor! Having already received the approval of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry to proceed, we now need to form a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to get the search started. A PNC is the first point of contact for any potential candidates for Associate Pastor, and, as such, they should be representative of the whole congregation.

We want to include folks who are long-time members as well as those who have been drawn to and joined our motley crew more recently. We want people from a variety of age groups and who have been involved in church in different ways. Each one should be a church member of integrity, who is:

- able to make a significant commitment of their time, energy, and very best wisdom;
- willing to accept this as a task of spiritual discernment, not being easily influenced by personal desires or congregational politics, but rather listening for the voice of God able to honor confidentiality.

As a group they need to be knowledgeable about the church and community and be willing to find answers if they don't know them.

Taking all of that into consideration, over the next few weeks you are all invited to submit names of people you think would be good PNC members - including your own - to Lois Kuyper-Rushing at [PNC@upcbr.org](mailto:PNC@upcbr.org). As suggestions are collected, the Congregational Nominating Committee will contact folks to see if they would be willing to be a part of the PNC. The congregation will get a list of all who agree to serve, if elected, at a congregational meeting later in June. Each congregation member present at that meeting will select their "dream team," but the top five individual vote getters overall will become our next search committee.

Once formed, the Pastor Nominating Committee will do much of the legwork, but to do any of this search well, the PNC and the church as a whole will need everyone's prayers and support. The good news is that you can offer that from anywhere and everywhere all summer long.

Bendiciones,

# 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 10:00 a.m. NAJAMA Food Prep - Fellowship Hall
- 2 3rd Sunday after Pentecost - Communion**  
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 3 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library  
11:15 a.m. Meet at UPC for Serving at Holy Grill - BREC Cadillac St. Park
- 4 9:00 a.m. Presbytery of South Louisiana Meeting -  
Chinese Pres. Church, 2901 W Esplanade Ave, Kenner  
11:15 a.m. Meet at UPC for Serving at Holy Grill - BREC Cadillac St. Park  
7:00 p.m. UPC Book Group - 1725 Eugene
- 5 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.  
11:15 a.m. Meet at UPC for Serving at Holy Grill - BREC Cadillac St. Park  
5:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom
- 6 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
11:15 a.m. Meet at UPC for Serving at Holy Grill - BREC Cadillac St. Park  
1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 7 11:15 a.m. Meet at UPC for Serving at Holy Grill - BREC Cadillac St. Park
- 8 4:00 p.m. Sonia Feres-Lloyd Recital - Sanctuary
- 9 4th Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 10 11:30 a.m. Membership Committee - Library  
7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Conference Room
- 11 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library  
7:00p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom
- 12 9:00 a.m. Faith & Community Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.  
5:00 p.m. Property Committee - Zoom
- 13 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 15 10:00 a.m. Summer Wellness Health Expo - 4727 Revere Ave. (*see p. 8*)
- 16 5th Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)  
11:30a.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
- 17 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 18 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room  
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom
- 19 Day School & Church Office Closed for Juneteenth Observation**  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.
- 20 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 23 6th Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)  
11:30 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room
- 25 6:00p.m. TBR Dinner - UPC, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 26 9:00 a.m. Faith & Community Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.
- 27 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 29 Baton Rouge Pride Fest - BR River Center
- 30 7th Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)  
11:15 a.m. Ice Cream & Hot Dog Social - Fellowship Hall

## Office Notes

### CLOSURES

The Day School and church office will be closed on Wednesday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth and Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

## WELCOME!

***Meet our new accompanist  
Christopher Cunningham!***



Christopher is a conductor, pianist and composer from Pass Christian, Mississippi. An avid performer, he has performed throughout the southern United States as well as in Canada, Ireland, and Switzerland. Christopher holds a BA in Music with Concentrations in Piano Performance, and Music theory and Composition from Millsaps College. Christopher has also served in numerous church capacities: choir director and pianist for memorial United Methodist Church (Bolton, MS), member of the Evensong Choir St. James Episcopal Church, (Jackson, MS), percussionist for First Baptist Church, Jackson (Mississippi), and staff singer for St. James Catholic Church and St. Agnes Catholic Church (Baton Rouge, LA). Christopher has also worked with several children's choirs in Mississippi and Louisiana. He currently attends Louisiana State University where he is pursuing an MM in Choral Conducting under Dr. Alissa Rowe. Christopher's first sunday to play is June 9.

**AUGUST  
CONTACT  
DEADLINE  
JULY 22**



## ConGRADulations!

- **Piper Naudin**, graduated from LSU with a bachelor's degree in political communications. She has accepted a position with Teach for America in Denver where she will be teaching high school math. She left Louisiana for Colorado on May 27.
- **Braden Stoker**, graduated from Denham Springs High School with honors. He is headed to LSU in the fall.
- **Jack Watson**, graduated from Baton Rouge Magnet High School and will be attending LSU in film production and directing.



This summer, we need volunteers to perform a musical offering during the offering. This could be a solo or small group performance. The summer season begins May 26 and will run into September.

If you are interested in singing or playing an instrument, please contact the Choir Director, Ross Cawthon at [rcawthon@upcbr.org](mailto:rcawthon@upcbr.org)

### IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2023

(as of 5/28/2024)

Received Pledged giving: \$230,373

(40% of \$571,538 pledged)

Received Unpledged giving \$11,326

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$241,699

Thank you for your generous contribution!

## July...

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Zoom  
5:30 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom  
7:00 p.m. UPC Book Group - 1725 Eugene
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.
- Independence Day**  
**Church Office and Day School Closed**
- 8th Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)  
11:30 a.m. Membership Committee - Library  
7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library  
7:00p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom
- 9:00 a.m. Faith & Community Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.  
5:00 p.m. Property Committee - Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- High School Youth leave for Montreat
- 9th Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room  
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.  
6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom
- 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 10th Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)  
11:30a.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 9:00 a.m. Faith & Community Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.
- 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Transitions Small Group - Conference Room
- 11th Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)  
11:30 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Conference Room
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.

## Transitions Small Group

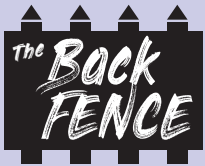
On Saturday, July 27, Linda Melancon with Legacy Estate & Elder Law of Louisiana LLC will return to Transitions for Part 2 of "How to Protect Your Family and Leave a Lasting Legacy: A Primer on Basic Estate Planning in Louisiana." The focus will be on Louisiana-specific questions about wills. All are welcome even if they missed her first presentation. The meeting will be from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the conference room at UPC. Contact: Lori Tucker at [ljtucker70@gmail.com](mailto:ljtucker70@gmail.com) or Beth Paskoff at [Bpaskoff@lsu.edu](mailto:Bpaskoff@lsu.edu). There will be no Transitions gatherings in June or August.





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 4     No Two Persons  
by Erica Baurmeister
- July 2     Women in White Coats  
How the first Women  
Doctors Changed the  
World of Medicine  
by Olivia Campbell
- Aug 6     The Women  
by Kristin Hannah



• Congratulations to **Gina Costello**, Associate Dean of LSU Libraries, who was selected as one of 20 leaders for UCLA Library's Senior Fellows program! Read: [https://lib.lsu.edu/24/05/01\\_uclafellowcostello](https://lib.lsu.edu/24/05/01_uclafellowcostello)



## Sounds of the CommUNITY Concert

Sunday, June 23 - 3:00pm  
St. Gerard Catholic Church  
(5354 Plank Rd.)

This year's theme is "Unity in Diversity." Unity is not found in uniformity, and to come together we don't need to whitewash or ignore our differences. Rather, those differences can be celebrated! We are a richer community because we are so diverse, and this is an opportunity to celebrate that diversity through our music and art!

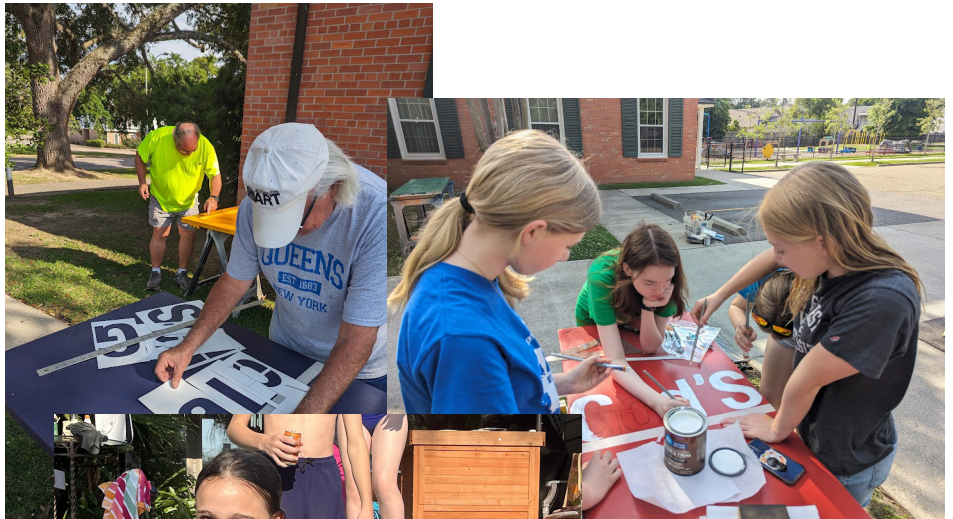
## Youth Group

### May Highlights:

In May we wrapped up youth group for this program year with yet another session painting new versions of God's Doors for display beginning in June for Pride month and with a pool party to celebrate graduations and to thank "retiring" youth group advisors. We give special thanks to Julio Naudin and Lilly and Rick Bowles for their help this month. Samantha and Mamie are looking for another colleague to join the advisor crew. Please talk them if you have questions or might be interested. These kids are great!

### For the Fall:

We'll kick off youth group next year on August 18th, along with the rest of Faith Formation. We'll start out by joining in the Fish Fry just after worship. Go ahead and put it on your calendar!



hello  
SUMMER



## Presbyterian Women

Join our Facebook group PW of UPC, Baton Rouge

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

*PW at UPC has expanded beyond women only to include ALL!*

### Summer for Presbyterian Women

**Day Circle 1** will not meet until September when we will begin the new Bible Study, *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*.

**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 102 years of Birthday Offering

Our UPC PW sent \$294 to support The 2024 Birthday Offering recipients this year are Advocates for Community Choice (dba Bethel Hills Villa 5 Apartments and Recreation Area), Marthasville, Missouri and Shawnee Presbyterian Church, Café Gingko, Louisville, Kentucky.

### Helping Hands

Helping Hands will meet in the Conference Room Tuesday, June 18th and July 16th, 9:30 a.m. Quilts will be tied, merriment and fellowship will abound. Bring a sack lunch. All supplies are provided.

## Membership

# WELCOME

BATON ROUGE PRIDE

Saturday, June 29, 2024 • Raising Cane's River Center Arena

### Join us for Pride!

Baton Rouge Pride Fest 2024 is right around the corner! This year, it will be on Saturday, June 29 (11:30am – 5:00pm) at the Raising Cane's River Center. We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help staff our table in the Resource Fair! Why should you consider volunteering at Pride?

1. Community Connection: Pride Fest brings together people from all walks of life and all over town. By volunteering, you'll connect with fellow community members and celebrate our shared diversity.
2. Impact: Your contribution matters! There are only a few churches in town that set up tables at Pride; we want to show up where we're needed and wanted, and we need your help to do so.
3. Visibility: Pride Fest isn't just a party; it's a platform for advocacy. By volunteering, you amplify LGBTQ+ voices and show your support for equality, inclusion, and love.

How do you get involved? Go to <https://forms.gle/fHee13u1A6ibfn9LA> to sign up for a one or two hour (or more!) shift. Detailed information on parking and logistics will be sent to volunteers by email the week before the fair.

## LINK LOVE

*Some fun, funny, inspirational, or thought-provoking links for you enjoy this month.*

- Summer Clayton is a single, childless Black man in his late 20's, who has taken TikTok and Instagram by storm by being Your Proud Dad. He offers Dad advice: How to pump gas, how to shave, how to change a tire. He has "meals" with his viewers, where he tells his kid (the viewer) how proud he is of them. We don't need to have children to be parents, and folks with children are grateful for all the help they can get. <https://www.instagram.com/officialyourprouddad/>
- Drones as an alternative to fireworks. People are astounding (as is this dragon). <https://www.instagram.com/p/CuQK58UPC4n/>
- A West Virginia man started a "green" company that considers workforce development to be part of the job description. His faith, and his experiences on youth mission trip, are driving forces behind his business plan. <https://bit.ly/48njkpD>
- The medieval mosaic floors of the Duomo are revealed just twice a year - late June and July is one of those times. You can see some lovely photos of them here. <https://bit.ly/3PnDZtB>
- In 2022 a bus company led by a female director and employing about 300 female bus drivers entered the public transit business in Bogota, Colombia. It's fleet of 100% electric buses is the second largest in the world, and it serves a lot of people in one of the poorest sectors of the city. Gender, economic, and environmental justice -trifecta anyone? <https://bit.ly/3UyrkaY>
- Any chance you have been having trouble understanding movie dialogue recently? Here's a quick video with some reasons why you may find yourself needing (or at least really appreciating) subtitles these days. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VYJtb2YXae8>
- An interview with Jon Batiste, a Louisiana native, after receiving the most nominations at the Grammys last year. He talks about his music, particularly the ways in which he breaks categories, but also about the reality of community in a world that is often reported to be irreparably divided. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhsX\\_OA6KAo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhsX_OA6KAo)
- In Madison, WI you can check out an e-bike from the library! <https://bit.ly/3NrQyaX>





# SPOTLIGHT on FAITH FORMATION AT HOME

We know that crazy schedules and traveling means that church attendance is a bit more unpredictable in the summer-time, so we won't be asking the kids to call us to worship each week while school is out. However, just because we won't be lighting the candle together on Sunday mornings, doesn't mean you can't do so at home!

We have a pillar candle for each UPC family with a pre-K-12th grader at home that you can pick up any Sunday, or you can use one you already have, or grab one from the dollar store. Light it at some point each day or each week just to remind yourselves that God is everywhere all the time and that you can always talk to God. You can light it at dinner together, when you offer a prayer (for someone's surgery, or someone's difficult meeting, when someone has the sniffles, or there's a challenging world event happening), or whenever, but try to pick a predictable time your kids and you can count on.

It's simple. It's inexpensive. It's unassuming. And yet, when that candle is lit, the reminder is there: the Holy Spirit is present in your home as well as at church - each and every day. Don't forget to blow it out together too, letting the smoke that rises serve as a continuation of your prayer and remembering that God is, indeed, everywhere.

Wave that Flag! Gobble them Dogs! Scarf that Ice Cream!

**SUNDAY**  
**June**  
**30**

**Ice Cream  
and  
Hot Dog  
Social**

We are proud to show our true colors by hosting the Ice Cream & Hot Dog Summer Social on June 30th 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)

## SUMMERTIME FAMILY FAITH

Summer is a great time to build faith habits. Every day has a different theme! Do your best to complete as many activities as you can for the month. For each activity you complete, put a star on the calendar! Don't worry if you miss a day or if the activity doesn't work for you. Just pick it back up again the next day.

### SCRIPTURE SUNDAYS

On Sundays we read a very short scripture for the week. Just reading it is enough for a star! If you'd like to post the verse somewhere in your house for the week to memorize or think about more deeply, feel free! Note that sometimes only a part of the verse is listed. All wording comes from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible (NRSV).

### MINDFUL MONDAYS

On Mondays we practice mindfulness by recalling something we felt or experienced. Share your answer with your family members around the dinner table or before bed and put a star on for the day!

### TRANQUIL TUESDAYS

On Tuesdays we find peace and stillness through nature by observing something special about the world God created. We look for ways to appreciate nature and unwind in the beauty of our natural world! Put a star on the calendar when you complete the activity!

### I WONDER WEDNESDAYS

On Wednesdays we'll talk about an open ended "I wonder" question that invites us all to think about something with curiosity and flexibility. Just spend a few minutes wondering together and put a star on your calendar.

### THANKFUL THURSDAYS.

On Thursdays we think of the many things we are grateful for by naming a unique gratitude. After everyone shares, you can put your star on the calendar!

### FUN FRIDAYS

On Fridays we do a fun activity together as a family. These ideas are suggestions, and you might choose something different to do together or modify the activity to better suit the ages and preferences of your family. Put a star on the day if you do something fun together for the day!

### SERVICE SATURDAY

On Saturday we show our faith through acts of service. Sometimes the activities are within our own household or family and other times they are in support of the world around us. Add your star to the day when you complete your activity for the week!

### REMINDERS

These activities are to help you build a habit. Don't try to be perfect! If there's a day or activity that doesn't work for you, either complete the activity on a different day, or skip it altogether. Feel free to modify the activities to best suit your family. Have fun! Share your progress with your church leaders or friends so you can build these habits together!

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# FAMILY FAITH IN JUNE

SCRIPTURE SUNDAY	MINDFUL MONDAY	TRANQUIL TUESDAY	I WONDER WEDNESDAY	THANKFUL THURSDAY	FUN FRIDAY	SERVICE SATURDAY
						1 Deliver treats to a neighbor.
2 "Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46: 10 (NRSV)	3 "One time I felt peaceful today was..."	4 Listen to the sounds of birds chirping outside. How many different chirps and songs can you identify?	5 I wonder if it's easy for you to be still and quiet?	6 A friend I am thankful for...	7 Play a game together.	8 Make a simple bird feeder to care for the birds in your neighborhood.
9 "Sing to the LORD a new song!" Psalm 98:1 (NRSV)	10 "One sound I noticed today was..."	11 Lie on your back and look at the clouds. What do they look like? What shapes do you see?	12 I wonder what songs you sing when you are happy?	13 A place I am thankful for...	14 Paint, color, or play with play-doh together.	15 Pick up trash in your neighborhood.
16 "You are the light of the world!" Matthew 5:14 (NRSV)	17 "One texture I touched today was..."	18 Close your eyes and listen for the rustling of leaves. Can you hear them or is the air too still?	19 I wonder how others know we love them?	20. A person I am thankful for...	21 Listen to songs from different decades.	22 Make a card and send it to someone you needs extra love and support.
23 "Love is patient." 1 Corinthians 13:4 (NRSV)	24 "One time I felt happy today was..."	25 Draw a picture of a plant, tree, or flower.	26 I wonder when you feel God's love the most?	27 A thing I am thankful for...	28. Make a collage of things that make your family unique.	29 Reuse something instead of throwing it in the trash.
30 "Love is kind." 1 Corinthians 13:4 (NRSV)	© 2024 Traci Smith, All Rights Reserved					



# FAMILY FAITH IN JULY

SCRIPTURE SUNDAY	MINDFUL MONDAY	TRANQUIL TUESDAY	I WONDER WEDNESDAY	THANKFUL THURSDAY	FUN FRIDAY	SERVICE SATURDAY
	1 "One color I noticed today was..."	2 Go outside in your bare feet and feel the grass on your feet or mud in your toes.	3 I wonder how we can show others we love them?	4 A freedom I am thankful for...	5 Have a family talent show!	6 Give away toys or clothes you don't need anymore.
7 "We love because [God] first loved us." 1 John 4:9 (NRSV)	8 "One smell I smelled today was..."	9 Eat a meal or snack outside on a picnic blanket.	10 I wonder what it means to say that "we love because God first loved us?"	11 A book I am thankful for...	12 Go on a nature walk	13 Help organize the recycling in your home.
14 "Rejoice always." 1 Thessalonians 5:16 (NRSV)	15 "One sound I heard today was..."	16 Sit outside with your eyes closed and notice how the sun feels on your face.	17 I wonder what makes you rejoice?	18 A color I am thankful for...	19 Tell silly jokes!	20 Learn about an organization in your community that is making the world a better place.
21 Jesus said "I am the light of the world." John 8:12 (NRSV)	23 "One thing I tasted today was..."	23 Find a tree to sit under. Thank God for its shade.	24 I wonder why Jesus said "I am the light of the world?"	25 A memory I am thankful for...	26 Make your own ice cream sundaes.	27 Write an encouraging message on the sidewalk in chalk.
28 "Jesus said to them "Peace be with you." John 20:21 (NRSV)	29 "One feeling I felt today was..."	30 How many different colors do you see in nature? Look for every color in the rainbow.	31 I wonder how we can show peace to others?			

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# Mission & Peacemaking

## And introducing...

### UPC's new community partner, Family Service of Greater Baton Rouge!

You may know that UPC has made a commitment over many years to hospitality, care, and fellowship with our neighbors coping with HIV and AIDS. UPC maintained a long-term relationship with St. Anthony's Home in Baton Rouge which served individuals disabled by HIV and AIDS, and we valued our relationships and fellowship with St. Anthony's residents.

When St. Anthony's closed last year, your Mission and Peacemaking committee sought to continue our commitment to our neighbors experiencing HIV, and we researched and discerned new partners whom we could support in this work. UPC became a new community partner of Family Service of Greater Baton Rouge (FSGBR) last year. FSGBR is supported by The United Way, federal programs and community partnerships and has been assisting the health under-served community since the 1960's.

Specific HIV programs at FSGBR include:

- Ryan White Part A Program- Care Coordination, resources and programs that enhance health and well-being. This program assists with emergency financial assistance, transportation, utilities, medication and other supportive services.
- HIV Women & Children Program - Assist clients to access services, resources and programs that enhance health and well-being. Services include: medical case management, support groups, counseling, health/treatment education, transportation, and emergency financial assistance.
- HIV, Counseling, Testing, Referral & Linkage to Care- combines HIV education, counseling, testing and referral services aimed at prevention, early identification of the HIV infection and linkage to medical care.

More program information is available at <https://fsgbr.org/index.php/programs>

Come meet our new partner! On Saturday June 15th, UPC has the opportunity to join the Family Service Center's work by helping as they host their First Annual Summer Wellness Health Expo. The Health Expo will feature their in-house clinic and counseling department, including free and confidential services such as screening for HIV.

**When:** Saturday June 15, 2024, 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

**Where:** 4727 Revere Ave, Baton Rouge.

**What:** UPC will be handing out cold juice and snacks, and leading children's art activities.

**How to volunteer:** Sign up for a 2 hour shift (10am- noon or noon- 2pm) by emailing Karen Foote - [olfo@aol.com](mailto:olfo@aol.com) or calling 225-939-2889.

Your Mission and Peacemaking committee has been working with partners old and new to look for opportunities for UPCers to put our faith into action this year, and... there's so much happening in June! Keep an eye out at worship, and for announcements in the bulletin, for how to join in for any and all of these activities. Here is a preview of coming events:

#### June 3-7 (Monday-Friday)

UPC staffs the Holy Grill. To volunteer, add your name to a sign-up sheet at worship in May, or email Linda Clark at [Linda@decuirlaw.com](mailto:Linda@decuirlaw.com).

#### June 15 (Saturday)

UPC supports our new partner Family Service of Greater Baton Rouge at their Summer Wellness Health Expo! UPC will host a children's art table, and a table to hand out drinks, to offer our help and hospitality as attendees receive free confidential health services like HIV testing and other clinic and counseling services. Sign up to volunteer by contacting Karen Foote at [olfo@aol.com](mailto:olfo@aol.com) or 225-939-2889.

#### June 22 (Saturday)

UPC supports our partner LORI (Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants) in celebrating World Refugee Day. More information to come, or volunteers can sign up now to support the event at this link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQXmc5qm58vXN\\_5ebcxRdSsoXgu87SkpgFc\\_HZT9yntVVIgW/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQXmc5qm58vXN_5ebcxRdSsoXgu87SkpgFc_HZT9yntVVIgW/viewform)

#### June 25 (Tuesday evening)

UPC is the host for a Together Baton Rouge dinner! Stay tuned for how you can help to welcome our TBR partners for dinner at our house that evening.

#### June 29 (Saturday)

Baton Rouge Pride – come show God's love and UPC's welcome for our LGBTQ+ neighbors at the UPC table at the Pride festival. Contact Kristin Savicki at [ksavicki@gmail.com](mailto:ksavicki@gmail.com) to join us at the table.

## Day School

The UPC Day School will begin the summer program under the direction of Ethel Felder. She has worked as our assistant director for several years alongside Terry. As Interim Director, Ethel will be able to continue the excellent program that we know and love. We are grateful for Ms. Ethel and we are confident that the Day School will continue to thrive under her leadership!

The search for the new director is still in progress. The hiring committee is working hard to secure the most qualified candidate to fill Ms. Terry's shoes. Thank you for your patience, and we will keep you updated as we are able.



## 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  
 Alan Williams • Kathy Poché • Melanie Driscoll • Cheryl Whitting  
 Our Cuba Partners • Kathy Rossman • Mickey Rose Braud Zaitoon  
 Lynn Nichols Dull • Fay Coco • Cody Lucero

- **Jennifer Foret**, friend and quartet colleague of Griff Campbell, with a possible recurrence of kidney cancer
- **Alvin**, nephew-in-law of Robbie Phillabaum, at Duke Medical Center in Durham, NC
- **George Strain**, as he recovers from a mild stroke
- **Virginia Williams and her family**, upon the death of her sister-in-law, Debbie Williams on May 24
- **Asst. Day School Director Ethel Felder and her family**, upon the death of her mother, Gloria Snowden, on May 24
- **Robbie Phillabaum's nephew Bart and his family**, facing difficult medical problems
- **Chuck Short**, father of Tanner Short, transitioning to a new living situation
- **Angelle Bradford and her family**, upon the death of her grandmother
- **Kathy Kennedy**, Jerry's sister, having scans at Cleveland Clinic
- **Peggy**, mother of Darla O'Connor, recovering from a hip replacement
- **Al Meador**, brother-in-law of Lee Jenkins, readmitted to the hospital for removal of an infected pacemaker
- **Martha Spruell**, friend of Barbara Hoffman, recovering from surgery
- **Koreen Walker** who has entered hospice, friend of Barbara H, Peggy C, Julie L., and Deanna B.
- **Sarah Shuman**, sister-in-law of Barbara Hoffman, with leukemia
- **Robin Bolner**, cousin of Susan Seifert, who has entered hospice care
- **Jeremy Walters**, son of a friend of Susan Seifert's, undergoing home therapies
- **Eddie Sylvester**, brother of Anne Cramer, struggling with a difficult health diagnosis
- **Julio Pina**, nephew of Jan Risher and Julio Naudin, with multiple brain tumors
- **Corrie Hale's Dad, Conrad**, with inoperable cancer on his spine
- **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, with Lewy-Body dementia
- **Hugh Huffman**, friend of Rosemary John, undergoing treatment for cancer
- **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**



**The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is currently low on funds. 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.*

*Contributions may be made in Realm, but there is a 10 day delay in processing.*

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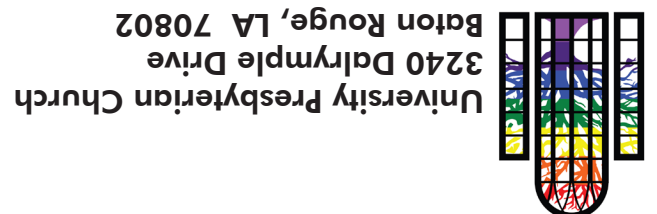
## June Birthdays

1 Sydney McGraw Diana Reynolds	9 Tavia Crumpler	19 Frances Sullivan- Gonzalez	24 Margaret Feierabend Kathie Pohlman	29 Linda Law Clark Michael Strain
2 Barrett Kennedy Sam Wallace	10 Jean Coco	20 Connor Strain	26 Nan Patt Nora Watson	30 Connor Terry
3 Shelby Lewis	11 Jackson Reynolds	22 June Klimash Meredith Veldman	27 Lauren Cooper	
5 Paul Wallace	14 Victor Klimash	23 Julianne Falls Lea O'Donnell Imogene Sabin	28 Dave Launey Randy Nichols	
7 Jonathan Hubchen	17 Grace Meier			

## July Birthdays

1 Patti Jarreau	7 Steve Rushing	15 Pam Bartlett Donald Patt	23 Junita Meier	31 Cindy Tyler
2 Jason Carroll Isabella Fontenot Stafford Liam Fontenot Stafford	8 Karen Paterson	16 Bill Crummett Jena Ourso	24 Peggy Reily Quentin Wright	
3 Marien Richardson Cheryl Whitting	10 Sarah Sabin	17 Rosemary John	26 Brannon Costello	
4 José Gaona	12 Michael Terry	19 Morgan Kelly	28 Ava Haymon Ruby Storin	
5 Michelle Ourso	14 John Hartgerink Samantha Hartmann	22 William Tyler	29 Kristin Savicki Amy Vidrine	

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