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University Presbyterian Church Newsletter for church members and friends

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I had a whole theory about what I was going to write this month, and then it snowed.

I don't know about you all, but I spent a great deal of that Tuesday just looking out the window. Sure, I made some phone calls, worked on some stuff for worship, and finished all this Contact stuff, but I also just watched the snow fall. Then I went out for a little bit, and it was so quiet. Some of that was the snowfall, but it was also the fact that no one was out driving, or doing much of anything really (understandably). Having lived further north for much of my life - even up in the arctic of Chicago - I am no stranger to snow, but there was something different about having snow here.

For one, it is not a given. When we got here in 2021 there was a big freeze, but hardly any snow. My hairdresser was clear that the last time the weather did anything like what we saw last month was in 2017. (She even knew the day, though I don't remember it now.) Then, you take into account the fact that it didn't just snow. It snowed...like a lot, for a long time. It may not have beaten the record (12.5 inches in 1895), but new snow kept coming for hours, and it made snuggling up on the couch that much more delightful. Even knowing it was coming I think we were all still a little flabbergasted, or it seemed that way, as I got text after text with photos of the same snow falling at other people's houses, or at one of the lakes, or at the church. And I loved every single one of them.

The biggest difference for me though, was how everything just stopped. Because we don't really have the infrastructure to clear the snow (why would we?) folks were strongly encouraged not to drive, and from what I could tell, they didn't. Hardly a car passed by our house, and there was no sound of traffic from Florida Blvd. There weren't snow plows working hard to make the roads passable again so we could get back to it (whatever *it* was). We all just knew that the world was going to stop for a while that day, and, at least in my house, we enjoyed the heck out of it.

Some folks were not able to sit back and enjoy the day as I did. They had to get to the hospital, or dialysis, or hospice, or what have you (to work or to receive care), and part of my time looking out the window was taken up with prayers for those folks and the ones they care for. Still, for me, that day was a gift. It was a day, taken out of time, at a time when I really needed it. It was an inbreaking, an epiphany, of awe and wonder that offered an interruption from the anxiety of the world. It reminded me that sometimes we do just need to stop and offer prayers of "wow," even as we also offer ones of care and concern.

And to everyone who checked in to see how happy my kid was about the snow...too thrilled for words, my friends - too thrilled for words.

# February...

Meetings times/locations are subject to change.  
Please check with your group leader for confirmation and information on how to log into Zoom meetings.

- 2 **4th Sunday after Epiphany** *Communion*  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)  
1:00 p.m. Youth Group @ LSU Women's Basketball
- 3 5:00 p.m. APNC - Zoom  
7:00 p.m. LSU Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 4 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
- 5 9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6 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
- 9 **5th Sunday after Epiphany**  
9:00 a.m. Blood Drive - Bloodmobile  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)  
**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
4:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 10 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library  
11:30 a.m. Membership Committee - Library  
5:00 p.m. APNC - Zoom  
7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Conference Room
- 11 7:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom  
7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 12 9:00 a.m. Faith and Community Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive  
5:00 p.m. Property Committee - Zoom  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 13 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom  
6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom  
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 15 10:00 a.m. Worship Workshop with David Gambrell - Sanctuary
- 16 **6th Sunday after Epiphany**  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)  
Noon New Member Lunch - Parks Wilson Room  
12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room  
2:00 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room  
TBD Youth Group (Trash Pickup)
- 17 5:00 p.m. APNC - Zoom
- 18 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room  
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom
- 19 9:45 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 22 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom

## Office Notes

### Called Congregational Meeting

There will be a called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 9 immediately following worship for the purposes of presenting the budget, voting on changes in terms of call for Mamie Broadhurst, and constituting the 2025 Congregational Nominating Committee.

### Sunday Giving

If you give a cash donation and wish to receive credit for it toward your pledge or for your taxes at the end of the year, please make sure it is in an envelope with your name on it so we may properly record the contribution. Thank you.

### Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for 2024 have been e-mailed and are also available by checking your Realm account. If you have problems logging in or have questions about your contributions, please contact Caralyn in the church office at [cdurham@upcbr.org](mailto:cdurham@upcbr.org).



### A CALL FOR SINGERS!

If you are interested in joining the choir, new folks are welcome to join at any time. Please see Ross Cawthon if you are interested in learning more. The UPC Choir will collaborate with the UUMC Choir for a Good Friday service on April 18. It will be an incredible experience for all.



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

Contact Ellen Morgan for info

Feb 4 [Almost Everything: Notes on Hope](#)  
by Ann Lamott

## APNC UPDATE

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is chugging along! We have a few candidates we are interviewing for a second time. Our next step is to decide who we will bring to Baton Rouge for a site visit. Please keep us (and our candidates) in your prayers through this discernment process.



## INQUIRER'S CLASS

Have you been visiting lately and have some questions about UPC? Are you wondering how to join this fabulous community and get more involved than you already are? Do you wonder what Presbyterians believe and how we organize ourselves? Would you just like to meet some new people and see their names on name tags so they're harder to forget?

All these things can be yours if you are able to join our Inquirer's Class this spring. We are still working out the specific dates, but we hope to gather on Sunday mornings for about 4 weeks in March to talk about Presbyterianism, UPC, our own stories, and whatever else comes up. Please let Mamie know if you are interested in learning more.



## WORSHIP WORKSHOP WITH DAVID GAMBRELL

On Saturday, February 15th from 1-4 p.m., the Presbytery is hosting a continuing education event at UPC focusing on Reformed Worship. Rev. David Gambrell, of the PCUSA's Office of Worship and Theology (and a former member of this church!) will be leading us in the ways that Reformed Worship is a gift for the church, and how we can all better use the Book of Common Worship. All are welcome!

# February...

- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 23 7th Sunday after Epiphany**
- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 1:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room
- 1:00 p.m. Youth Group @ Mid City Mardi Gras
- 24 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 5:00 p.m. APNC - Zoom
- 25 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 26 9:00 a.m. Faith & Community - Parks Wilson Room
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 27 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Don't Cook Night - Bay Leaf Indian Cuisine, 5160 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd.
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Mens Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room



Presbyterian Children's  
Homes and Services™

University Presbyterian Church, You've Done It Again!! We at Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) want to take a moment to Thank You for your generous support and incredible difference you have made in the lives of the families we served here in Baton Rouge this year. Because of your kindness and belief in our mission, we were able to spread the joy of Christmas to 14 families with a total of 34 kids despite their circumstances. A special Thank You to Samantha Hartman and her helpers for organizing and making sure we received the gifts. When one of the parents of the Angel Tree came to pick up their gifts, she was overwhelmed with delight to see the many gifts purchased for them. As a way of showing her appreciation, she expressed how grateful she was and wanted to share the following story. "The magic of Christmas. "This season in our lives has been unlike any other for my family and me. We were uprooted from our place of refuge and peace during the holiday season leaving us facing uncertainty and turmoil. Yet even amidst the challenges, I woke up every day determined to keep going. As a parent one of my greatest joy is creating special memories for my children during the holidays. This year however, I found myself in a season unsure of how I would bring the magic of the holiday to life for them. While receiving services through Presbyterian Children's Homes and services, I was comforted with the news that we will have a Christmas. Thanks to University Presbyterian Church for making what seemed impossible into a beautiful reality for me and my family". Your support reminded me that even in the hardest times, there is love, kindness and hope to be found. Knowing that there are people who are willing to help those in need touched my heart dearly. This season you brought back the magic of Christmas to my family, not just through material blessings, but through the gift of connection, care and joy. And for that I Thank You All".

If not for your charitable giving, the families we serve would not have been able to experience the joy of Christmas as fully as they did. Again, Thank You for your support of our program. Together as a team we are changing lives one family at a time!

With Gratitude,

Mavis Matthews  
Child and Family Specialist  
Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

### IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2025 (as of 1/29/2025)

Received Pledged giving: \$76,570 (13% of \$577,742 pledged)

Received Unpledged giving \$1,793

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$78,363

*It's not too late to make a pledge!*

*Pledges may be made in Realm, by filling out a pledge card, or contacting the church office.*

*Thank you for your generous contributions!*

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DEADLINE  
FEBRUARY 20**



# Day School

All publicly funded early childhood education sites in Louisiana receive an annual performance rating from the state. The overall performance ratings are based on classroom observations scoring the interactions between teachers and children, that are grouped into three domains: emotional support, classroom organization, and instructional support. Ethel Felder, our Day School Director, reports UPC's performance rating is currently in the highest ("Excellent") category.

DS enrollment is currently below expectations and the Day School continues to advertise it has openings. If we do not increase enrollment, the Day School will not be able to continue far past this year. Please take every opportunity to promote the UPC DS. Thanks.



**DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION - NOW OPEN!**  
*Accepting ages 3 months to 4 years!*

Spread the word! Registration for the Summer 2025 and Fall 2025/Spring 2026 sessions is now open to present students, their siblings, and members of University Presbyterian Church on a first come, first served basis.

Registration packets are available in the Day School office.  
Registration will open to the public on Monday, February 3.

If interested in registering your child or are interested in touring the school please contact the Day School office at 225-344-8077 or [upcdayschool@upcbr.org](mailto:upcdayschool@upcbr.org)



*You will receive an official acceptance letter at a later date.*

## Chocolate Bourbon Pecan Pie

*Submitted by Junita Meier, 2025 Golden Pie Plate Winner*

- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tbs melted butter
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 tsp vanilla flavored bourbon
- 1 tsp Steen's cane syrup
- 2 1/2 cups pecans
- 1/3 cup mini semi-sweet chocolate chips
- unbaked pie crust

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix corn syrup, eggs, sugar, butter, vanilla, bourbon, & cane syrup together using a spoon; stir in pecans & chocolate chips. Pour into pie crust.

Cover edges of pie crust with aluminum foil strips.

Bake for 60-70 minutes.

Allow to cool for 2 hours, then refrigerate until ready to serve.

# LINK LOVE

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

- Sometimes you just need to make sure you remember there is good news out there too. Here is "The Year in Cheer" from 2024.  
<https://reasonstobecheerful.world/the-year-in-cheer-2024>
- \* You may have seen a clip of the final three minutes of The Right Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde's sermon at the National Cathedral on Inauguration Day, but the whole thing is worth a listen.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwwaEuDeqM8>
- In an attempt to fight social isolation, particularly among middle school students, one group has begun a project called "No One Eats Alone." This year it's February 14th. Maybe your kid could take the idea to their school for next year?  
<https://www.beyonddifferences.org/national-programs/>
- Sometimes you just need to do something a little bit different to get a boost. Here are 10 "microadventure" suggestions that could help lift your mood if you need it.  
<https://www.realsimple.com/microadventure-ideas-8682309>
- Ice huts are not an architectural style we see in Louisiana, but there is really no one way to have one - as these pictures will attest! Who can direct us to a website with swamp huts/camps that we can share?  
<https://www.richardjohnson.ca/ice-huts>
- Peter Sagal, the host of NPR's quiz show "Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me!" offers his Twitter (now "X") rules which are pretty solid advice for any social media platform. What are your social media rules?  
<https://twitter.com/petersagal/status/1452698959974129669>
- Read about First Presbyterian Church in Lansing, MI and their participation in a group of churches working toward reparation and healing for African-Americans in their community.  
<https://bit.ly/4grTsWb>

In December and January we did a variety of things that included service, learning, and fun. There was a lot of practice for the Nativity Play, we helped wrap presents for Presbytery Children's Homes and Services, and did some caroling. We joined the Walls Project and painted a house for MLK Day, talked about baptism, and ate a lot of soup and pie. Now we're ready for February!

## February

- 2 LSU Women's Basketball Game (1pm)
- 9 Speaking Truth to Power (4:30-6pm)
- 16 Trash Pick-Up with Larry Reynolds (more information to come)
- 23 Mid-City Mardi Gras for anyone that wants to go! (1pm)



## Planning for Summer!

### CAMP AGAPE: 3RD-12TH GRADERS

Camp Agape is a local camp run by folks in our Presbytery for grades 3-12 (completed). This camp is a week long (June 1-7 this year) and is held at Feliciana Retreat Center in Norwood, LA. Campers are divided into cabins by age and have lots of traditional summer camp fun, including: rock wall climbing and a zip line, archery, canoes, swimming, hiking, 4 square, gaga ball, arts and crafts, and more. Campers will use the week to dive deeper into their faith as well with either indoor or outdoor worship every day. The camp is memorable for its daily energizers and huge indoor games! Older campers experience off-site adventures like tubing and hiking to local waterfalls. Meals are eaten camp-style together outside or in the dining hall.

Prices and additional information will be available soon, though in recent years it has been about \$600 for the week. You can talk with Sadie Knapp, Nora Broadhurst Williams, or Jude Raetzsch about their experience as well.

(For those of you with even younger children (grades 1-3) there is also an intro "try it out" camp from May 30-June 1!) The deadline for registration is May 15th. You can register and see more information at <https://www.asburylafayette.org/campagape/>

### TRIENNIUM: RISING 9TH-13TH GRADERS

Every three years the national Presbyterian church puts on a three day gathering for youth just finishing 8th grade through those finishing 12th from all over the country. There is worship, music, fellowship, silliness, joy, and it is a chance to see the connectivity of our church. This year it is being held in Louisville, KY from July 28-31. You can check out their FAQ page here: <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/faqs/>.

The Presbytery of South Louisiana will be taking a group to Triennium this year instead of Montreat. If you have a youth that wishes to go, please let Mamie know. They are getting together cost estimates now, but it will likely be between \$500-\$600 for the conference fee, travel, hotel, and food.

## SUMMER VBS IS BACK!

IT'S COMING BACK! Yes, it has been awhile, but All-Age Vacation Bible School will return **July 11-13** for three spectacular sessions. There will be dramatic reenactments, lively discussions, expert commentary (for the adults) and creative crafts (for the kids)--plus dinner. Get ready for "Fun, Funky, Dysfunctional: Family Life in the Old Testament!"



# Fellowship

## OPEN TABLES - FEBRUARY 27



The UPC Curry Appreciation Society (AKA the Fellowship Committee) invites everyone in the congregation to meet us at Bay Leaf Restaurant on 5160 Shouth Sherwood Forest Blvd. (225 291-4250, <http://bayleafindiancuisinela.com/>) on Thursday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m. Of course, the Lamb Saag is pretty good too!

### SOUP & PIE UPDATE

The 2025 Soup and Pie competition is a wrap and the competition was fierce! It takes a village to put on Fellowship events, and none more so than the beloved Soup and Pie Luncheon. For the January 2025 event, nineteen adults, ten youth, as well as Caralyn Durham, and Robert Gourges, all contributed time and effort to make this luncheon a success. In all, sixteen soups and fifteen pies were judged by new members and former winners. An estimated 98 UPCers attended! Recipes for the winning soup and pie can be found in this edition of Contact. And the winners were...

#### Soup

3rd place:  
Sarah Kennedy

Golden Ladle:  
Christine Kooi

2nd place:  
Kathie Pohlmann



#### Pie

3rd place:  
Sarah Kennedy

2nd place:  
Pat Wright

Golden Pie Plate:  
Junita Meier



If you are interested in planning or assisting with future Fellowship events, as a committee member or as a Wild Card, contact Barbara Hoffman.

### Ellie Krieger's Spinach Lasagna Soup

Submitted by Christine Kooi, 2025 UPC Soup and Pie Golden Ladle Winner

#### Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 8 ounces sweet Italian-style chicken sausage, casings removed (see NOTE)
- 1 medium yellow onion (about 8 ounces), diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced or finely grated
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon fine sea or table salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 4 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- One (15-ounce) can no-salt-added crushed tomatoes
- 1 cup water
- 4 ounces lasagna sheets, broken into pieces (about 5 noodles)
- 3 cups (2 ounces) lightly packed fresh spinach leaves, coarsely chopped
- 1/3 cup ricotta cheese (part-skim or whole)
- 1/4 cup (scant 1 ounce) grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, cut into ribbons

#### Directions:

In a large, heavy soup pot over medium-high heat, heat the oil until shimmering. Add the sausage and onion and cook, stirring frequently and breaking up the sausage with the spoon as it cooks, until the onion has softened and the sausage is browned, 4 to 5 minutes. Add the garlic and cook until aromatic, about 30 seconds, then stir in the tomato paste, oregano, basil, salt and pepper.

Add the broth, crushed tomatoes and water (swirl it around the empty tomato can to get all the tomato flavor out) and bring to a boil. Add the lasagna noodles, then reduce the heat to medium-low and cook, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until the noodles are al dente and the soup has reduced slightly, about 15 minutes. Stir in the spinach and remove from the heat.

### CROSS STITCH AND CHRISMONS

We had a great turnout for our first gathering of stitchers, but we're just getting started! There is still plenty of time to join us in making new Chrismons for the UPC Christmas tree. If this Winter doesn't work for you, we'll welcome you this Spring or Fall.

We've made some important decisions about the project and are awaiting some supplies, then we will make everything available for stitchers to begin stitching. We hope to gather every few weeks to stitch together, share stories, answer questions, make group decisions and teach new skills. It will never be too late to join us, and everyone of all ages is welcome.

Watch for an announcement about our next gathering in February and the weekly bulletin announcements for stitching days and locations across the year.



# 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!*

## 2 CIRCLE MEETINGS to choose from

### FEBRUARY

**Tuesday, February 4th at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parks Wilson Room. Lesson 6, "Climate Change" of Let Justice Roll Down. Peggy Carroll will lead the study. We will finalize the planning of the Spring PSL PW Gathering that will be held at UPC on Saturday, March 15th.


**Wednesday, February 5th at 10:00 a.m.** Peggy Carroll's carport group(1545 Patrick Drive) will also study Lesson 6, "Climate Change" of Let Justice Roll Down., led by Peggy Carroll.

### HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands will meet in the Conference Room on Tuesday, February 18 at 9:30 a.m. Bring a lunch and join us for a morning of projects, fellowship, and laughter. No sewing experience necessary.



*At a luncheon held on January 16, Ms. Dianne Shaw was presented a quilt made by Helping Hands in honor of her many years of service to the UPC Day School.*



**Save the Date**  
Saturday, March 15th

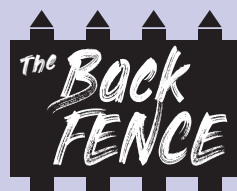
The PSL Presbyterian Women will hold their Spring Gathering on Saturday, March 15th at UPC. We are delighted to have Kendall Cox as our workshop leader. Kendall is Director of Education for Living Waters for the World. In 2023, Kendall participated in the Presbyterian Women USA Mission Experience to mission partners in Phoenix, Tucson, and the Arizona-Mexico border. The trip focused on immigration and refugee issues, violence against women, and children throughout the immigration process and challenges facing indigenous people living in Arizona. She will tell us about her trip and lead discussion about the topics the trip covered.

Hope you can join us! Remember we are all Presbyterian Women!

## The More You Know: African-American History Month

Black History Month has been observed each February in the United States since 1976. PCUSA's Presbyterian Women has some ideas for how you or a group you are in can observe this celebration.

- Learn more through documents, photos, audio/video files compiled through various collections. <https://blackhistorymonth.gov/>
- Are documentaries more your thing? Check out offerings through PBS. <https://www.pbs.org/search/?q=black%20history>
- If you'd like to be more Presbyterian focused, the Presbyterian Historical Society can help. <https://bit.ly/4aEXcBm>
- You can also do an 8-day Racial Equity Education Challenge through PW (<https://bit.ly/3CGCy7f>) or check out other resources they offer (<https://bit.ly/3PWWBRT>)
- There are even children's book suggestions! <https://socialjusticebooks.org/booklists/black-history/>




- **Mamie Broadhurst** has been invited to be the preacher at the Sprunt Lecture Series at Union Seminar in Virginia in May.
- **Violet Stroope** got first chair viola in All-State Middle School Orchestra
- **Bella Fontenot-Stafford** will be competing in a national cheer competition this month

**TOTAL IDENTIFIED GIVING FOR 2024**

Received Pledged giving: **\$570,447**  
(99% of \$573,738 pledged)

Received Unpledged giving \$42,713  
**TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$613,160**





# SPOTLIGHT on FAITH FORMATION AT HOME

You all may have heard of a communication tool called “the five love languages” that was developed by a man named Gary Chapman. His premise is that different people with different personalities give and receive love in different ways, and learning to recognize your own preferences and those of ones you love can help ease conflicts and increase connection. It’s not a perfect system, but it’s one tool in the toolbox that I sometimes use in premarital counseling, and it can be an interesting conversation to have as a family. After all, it can’t hurt to try and figure out how we can help show each other we love one another a little better!

You can read the names of the love languages Chapman chose below and probably have a sense of where you fall, but you can also use an online quiz if that feels helpful. You can find it here: <https://5lovelanguages.com/quizzes/love-language>. My friend Greg Allen-Pickett made me laugh with a recent post representing the five love languages in HIS love language... TACOS!



### THE 5 LOVE LANGUAGES

1. Acts of Service: I made you some tacos.
2. Words of Affirmation: Your tacos are delicious.
3. Quality Time: Let’s go out for tacos tonight.
4. Receiving Gifts: Here’s a taco.
5. Physical Touch: Let me hold you like a taco.



**4 WAYS**  
TO REMEMBER GOD'S  
LOVE IN FEBRUARY

01. Write a love letter from God.
02. Pray for your enemies.
03. Read 1 Corinthians 13
04. Notice God's love in nature.

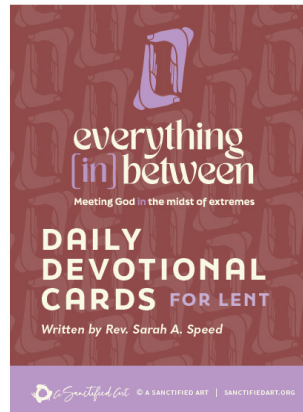
www.tracismith.com



## TEXT PRAYERS

It can be hard to set aside a time to pray. What if you had a group of 3 or 4 people who would meet you on your phone once a week for just twenty minutes to share a joy and concern with you and who would listen to yours and hold it too? If that sounds compelling to you, join us for text prayers during Lent (March 5-April 19). It’s a simple way to hear from others and to share your joys and concerns so we all remember we’re in this together. It’s a bit early to talk about Lent, but the season begins pretty early in March, so we need to act now to make plans!

Let Mamie know if you are interested ([mbroadhurst@upcbr.org](mailto:mbroadhurst@upcbr.org)).



Advent Daily Devotional Cards have been ordered and will be available as soon as they arrive. Watch your bulletin for an announcement when they are available for pickup!



EXPERIENCE the stillness... the music... the prayer  
for a whole new season

# Taizé

## Sung Prayers

Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. March 5 - April 9

Make Taizé a part of your Lenten preparation.



# 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 • Cheryl Whitting • Kathy Rossman  
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- **Family and friends of Patti Jarreau**
- **Mamie Broadhurst and her family**, upon the death of her uncle, Bill Benton
- **Gus Britton**, who is now serving in Lithuania. Prayers for peace in the area.
- **John Johnson**, Mary Steven's father, in hospice care
- **All those affected by the wildfires in California**
- **Sara**, long time friend of Robbie Phillabaum
- **René Vanhaelen**, uncle of Christine Kooi, recovering from heart surgery
- **Holly Palughi**, family friend of Darlene Rowland, with recurrent breast cancer
- **Becky**, friend of Patti Snyder, facing surgery for a malignant tumor in her eye
- **Jennifer Crancer**, family friend of Virginia Davis, undergoing breast cancer treatment
- **Warren Goodman**, friend of Mary Stevens, having difficulties with cancer treatment
- **George Gullett**, friend of the Hoffmans, undergoing cancer treatment
- **Vanessa Harris**, sister-in-law of Jonathan Hubchen, undergoing chemotherapy for liver cancer
- **Doug Toothman**, brother-in-law of Jerry and Sarah Kennedy, with liver cancer
- **Lee Wirth**, brother of Karen Paterson, as he continues treatment for lymphoma
- **Suzanne E.**, friend of Kathie Pohlman, at home recovering from a stroke
- **Frances McGraw (95)**, grandmother of Matthew McGraw
- **Lillian Magruder**, aunt of Leslie Green, in hospice, and Leslie's cousin, Tad, her caretaker
- **Faye Beroth**, Bizza Britton's aunt with Alzheimer's, and her son, Tom, her sole caretaker
- **Josh Rosenberg and Angelle Bradford** as Josh undergoes radiation and chemotherapy
- **Kathy Kennedy**, Jerry's sister, undergoing chemotherapy
- **Julio Piña**, nephew of Jan Risher and Julio Naudin, with multiple brain tumors
- **Corrie Hale's Dad, Conrad**, with inoperable cancer on his spine
- **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
- **The United States of America** as we transition to a new administration
- **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**

## IN MEMORIAM

Patti Stirrat Jarreau who died on January 24, 2025



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# February Birthdays

2 Paul Paskoff	7 Barbara Gray Robbie Phillabaum Shannon Stafford	13 Caroline Elder	22 Beverly Jones Elizabeth Roberts
3 Wade Midkiff Ian Strain	10 Ryan Black Amy Braymer	18 Stephen Hoffman	23 Cheryl Giles Joyce Moreland
5 Dinah Keyes	11 Pat Ho	19 Glenda Crummett	24 Janet Whyde
6 April Whitting	12 Larry Moss	20 Armin Meier Graham Nichols	28 Christopher Cunningham
		21 Robin Patty	

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## UPC Blood Drive

### Sunday, February 9

### 9-12:00 in the Bloodmobile

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