



# Contact

March 2025

University Presbyterian Church Newsletter for church members and friends

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## A l o n g t h e w a y

This month marks five years since the world shut down because of COVID-19. Though there was never a coordinated national response, the Session of UPC met and decided to move to a virtual service between Sunday, March 15th and Sunday, March 22nd. We all thought that would last for a few weeks and then things would get “back to normal.” Little did we know, that version of “normal” was not in the cards.

Today Covid is still something to take seriously, but we understand it much better than we did before, and the availability of a vaccine to ameliorate its effects has made a world of difference. Masking in public is not nearly as strange as it once was, and, while we don’t want anyone to feel unwell, fear is not our primary response to a positive diagnosis. We have learned to live with Covid.

Unfortunately, with the whirlwind actions of the new presidential administration, “normal” still doesn’t seem to be in the cards, and, unlike Covid, it is important that we do not learn to live with everything that is happening. Some disruptions are always to be expected with a changing of the guard, and sometimes the changes made are for the better, but insofar as they are harming people - especially “the least of these” - we must resist. We cannot acquiesce or become accustomed to the dismantling of rights and safety nets. We must decry injustice being done in our names in both word and deed.

As the season of Lent begins (on March 5th), I invite you to take stock of your gifts and of your commitments. Lent is often talked about as a time of giving things up, but it is also about strengthening our devotion to God and God’s people through more regular practices of faith. So this Lent I hope each of us can:

- give up overwhelm and devote ourselves to a few issues that are deeply meaningful to us;
- give up despair and devote ourselves to persistent prayer along with tangible action;
- give up outrage and devote ourselves to doubling down on empathy and compassion.

As with any Lenten practice, you are unlikely to live this out perfectly, but perfection is not the point. The point is to draw closer to God and God’s people, and there’s no better time to undertake that practice than right now.

Bendiciones,

# March...

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 **Transfiguration of the Lord Communion**  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)  
No Youth Group (*Mardi Gras Break*)
- 3 **Day School & Church Office Closed** (*Mardi Gras Holiday*)  
10:00 a.m. Chrismon Stitchers - Conference Room
- 4 **Day School & Church Office Closed** (*Mardi Gras Holiday*)  
7:00 p.m. UPC Book Group - 1725 Eugene
- 5 **Ash Wednesday**  
9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive  
6:00 p.m. Taizé - Sanctuary (*imposition of ashes*)  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 8 7:00 a.m. Westdale Middle School Orchestra Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class - Conference Room & Library
- 9 **1st Sunday in Lent Communion**  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)  
4:30 p.m. Youth Group (*Youth Sunday Planning*)
- 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 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. 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  
6:00 p.m. Taizé - Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 13 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
6:30 p.m. Westdale Middle School Orchestra Recital - Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom  
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 15 8:30 a.m. PSL Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering @ UPC
- 16 **2nd Sunday in Lent Communion**  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)  
12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room  
12:30 p.m. Racial Wealth Gap Program - Fellowship Hall  
12:30 p.m. Youth Group @ Racial Wealth Gap Program
- 17 5:00 p.m. APNC - Zoom
- 18 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room  
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom  
7:00 p.m. LSU Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 19 9:45 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive  
6:00 p.m. Taizé - Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 20 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

## Office Notes



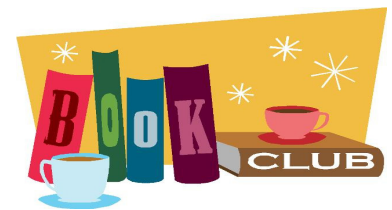
Daylight Saving Time  
SPRING FORWARD

### Sunday, March 9

(set your clocks ahead one hour the night before!)

### Office and Day School Closures

The Church Office and Day School will be closed Monday, March 3 and Tuesday, March 4 for the Mardi Gras holiday.



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

Contact Ellen Morgan for info

March 4 [The Henna Artist](#)  
by Alta Joshi

## APRIL CONTACT DEADLINE MARCH 20

### GIVING STATUS 2025

(as of 2/26/2025)

Received Pledged giving: \$141,370

(24% of \$577,742 pledged)

Received Unpledged giving \$2,761

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$144,131

Thank you for your generous contributions!

## CHRISMON STITCHERS

Please join us for the next gathering of the Chrismon Stitchers on Monday, March 3 (the day before Mardi Gras) at 10:00 in the conference room at UPC to do some stitching and planning together as a group. We'll finish by noon.

Newcomers are very welcome. We'll supply the cloth and thread, you bring your fingers and eyes. Please contact Suzanne Trahan ([suzannetrahan@cox.net](mailto:suzannetrahan@cox.net)) or Peggy Carroll ([peggoc@yahoo.com](mailto:peggoc@yahoo.com)) with any questions.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR CASH DONATIONS

If you're planning to make a cash donation and would like to receive credit toward your pledge or for tax purposes at the end of the year, please follow these guidelines:

1. Use an Envelope: Ensure your cash donation is placed in an envelope with your name clearly written on it. This will help us accurately record your contribution.
2. Check Donations: If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to University Presbyterian Church (not UPC). This small detail helps our bank and check depositors process your donation smoothly.

Thank you for your generosity and support! Your contributions make a significant difference in our community.

## HELP US REPLACE OUR RAINBOW DOORS!

We need your help! A couple of our beloved rainbow doors have seen better days and need to be replaced. Unfortunately, two of our doors that were not exterior doors last year didn't survive the elements. If you have an exterior door at home that you no longer need, or if you come across one at the Habitat ReStore or a friend's house, we would greatly appreciate your contribution!

How to Help:

- Bring your exterior door to the church.
- We'll take care of getting everything ready to put the doors out once again.

Your support will help us continue to brighten our community with these vibrant symbols of inclusivity. Thank you for your generosity!

## March...

### 23 3rd Sunday in Lent *Communion*

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  
No Youth Group

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.

6:00 p.m. Taizé - Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

27 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room

7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Mens Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

### 30 4th Sunday in Lent *Communion*

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. NAJAMA - Fellowship Hall

31 5:00 p.m. APNC - Zoom

## BUDGET QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The 2025 UPC budget was presented at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 29, 2025. Following, there was a "Family Budget Meeting" where members of the congregation could ask detailed questions about the budget and UPC finances. Answers to those questions will be shared with the congregation through the Contact over the next few months. General budget topics are included here. Questions about the Property Committee will be answered in April, and questions about the Day School budget will be answered in May.

General Budget Questions and Answers

### 1. What is the historical budget data over the last 5 years?

Check with the office for detailed information. UPC's budget and Session meetings are open to the congregation, and we want you to have the information you need.

### 2. Could we get a 5-year projected budget of known/fixed expenses?

We anticipate that the budget will increase at the rate of inflation. Some increases, such as utilities and insurance are out of our control. Projected expenses for HVAC and the roof will be included in the April edition of Contact.

### 3. Could giving data be provided by the number of congregants, not by giving households?

This is difficult to do because some households have one person pledging (even if there are two people in the household), others have two or more people pledging,

### 4. In the pledging categories, does "under 40" include children? College students?

The "under 40 category" includes any person who has become a member of the church through confirmation or a new member class. That can include people as young as 7th grade.

### 5. Is the Session going to do an all-member canvass, where every member receives an in-person visit to discuss pledging?

UPC did conduct every-member canvasses in the past, but this has not been our practice in recent decades.

### 6. Will we be able to financially support two pastors after 3-5 years?

We anticipate that the congregation will continue to support the expenses of UPC. If giving does not meet our needs, we will have to discern next steps as a community.



This year during Lent the scriptures in Luke are likely to be very familiar - the Good Samaritan, Mary and Martha, the fruitless fig tree, the Lost Sheep, Zaccheus, and more. This year's Lenten theme is "Everything [in] Between," and we will be using materials provided by the creators at A Sanctified Art. In looking at the scriptures they noted:

*Jesus' ministry was rooted in relationships that disrupted the established social, political, and religious divides of his time. As modern readers, we sometimes lose the "shock factor" behind Jesus' words, as his teaching tactics likely felt extreme for those in his context. He describes a stigmatized Samaritan as a good neighbor. He emphasizes the value of 1 sheep in a herd of 100. He dines with a tax collector who amassed wealth through extortion. While dying on the cross, he tells a convicted criminal he will soon find paradise. In these narratives, Jesus intentionally highlights the cultural and political polarities of his time to emphasize the radical, inclusive, and surprising love of God. When we study these stories in their historical and cultural context, we see how they mirror the cultural and political divides many of us experience in our families, churches, and communities today.*

God meets us *in between* these divides. God meets us *in between* what is and what can be. May we look out for the ways God meets us *in between* March 5th and April 20th.



Bring us your extra plastic Easter eggs!!

If you have plastic eggs around your house that you would like to donate to the Easter Egg Hunt at church on Easter Sunday, we would be glad to have them. Please don't buy new eggs; we're glad to use the old ones! Also, if you would like to fill eggs for the kids to find, please let Meredith Veldman or Caralyn know.

*Eggs may be dropped off in the church office.*

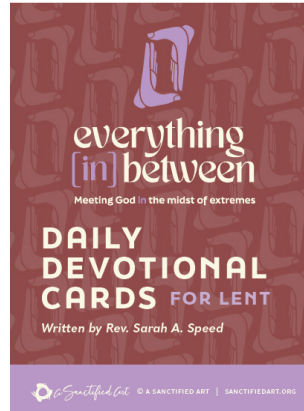
EXPERIENCE the stillness... the music... the prayer  
for a whole new season

# Taizé

Sung Prayers

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

Make Taizé a part of your Lenten preparation.



### Devotional Cards

This year we have printed daily devotional cards with prompts for building a daily rhythm of prayer. You can keep them by your bedside and take time when you wake up or before you go to bed, or maybe they stay at the dinner table to consider when you sit down to eat. They don't take much time, but perhaps they will help you notice the ways God shows up *in between*.



### Devotional Book

If you want to take a little more time some days, we invite you to read Turning Over Tables: A Lenten Call for Disrupting Power by Kathy Escobar. Each day features a short reading and reflection question on how Jesus dismantled systems of inequality and injustice. From flipping moneychangers' tables to uplifting the marginalized, Jesus challenged oppressive powers. With each week of Lent, this is a chance to dig deeper into Jesus' challenge to the pervasive influence of privilege and oppression that have dominated since ancient times.

If you'd like to join in a conversation navigating how, together, we can turn the tables and build a world where justice, healing, and equity reigns supreme, let Meredith Veldman or Mamie know so we can gather folks together to make good trouble.

### JOIN THE UPC CHOIR FOR LENT!

Are you interested in singing with a choir but hesitant about a long-term commitment? We have the perfect opportunity for you! This Lent, the UPC Choir invites you to join us for a seasonal collaboration with the University Methodist (UUMC) Choir for Good Friday. This is a wonderful chance to be part of a meaningful musical experience that culminates in the joyous celebration of Easter. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just looking to try something new, we welcome you to join us!

If you're interested or have any questions, please reach out to Ross Cawthon. You can find him after services or email him at [rcawthon@upcbr.org](mailto:rcawthon@upcbr.org). Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to share your voice and be part of something special this Lenten season!

# Youth Group

## February Highlights:

February began cheering the Lady Tigers to a win in their basketball game against Mississippi State. We had a big crowd and even got on the jumbotron doing the macarena... We reflected on the work we did over MLK weekend and considered what small actions we could each take to face our fears and live up to our ideals. We did trash pick up to try to keep Baton Rouge beautiful and then enjoyed the fun at the Mid-City Mardi Gras Parade.

If you have a 6th-12th grader, it's never too late for them to join us! Check out what's happening in March!

## March Schedule

- 2 Mardi Gras - NO YOUTH
- 9 Youth Sunday Planning - 4:30pm at UPC
- 16 Wealth Gap Simulation (following worship)
- 23 4th Sunday, no youth
- 30 Camping at Feliciana?



**\$650** ★ **GRADES: 9-12**

**PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH LA**

**TRIENNIAL**

**IN LOUISVILLE, KY**

**JULY 27-31, 2025**

★ **SIGN UP DEADLINE: 5/1/25**

**CONTACT AMY@PBYSOUTHLA.ORG FOR MORE INFO**

## Planning for Summer!

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

Join us for Camp Agape from June 1-7 at the beautiful Feliciana Retreat Center in Norwood, LA! Designed for grades 3-12, our camp offers a week filled with exciting activities like rock wall climbing, archery, swimming, and more, while deepening your faith through daily worship. Experience unforgettable adventures, including off-site tubing and exploring local waterfalls. Enjoy meals together in true camp style, and make lifelong memories with new friends. Stay tuned for pricing details soon! For questions, reach out to Sadie Knapp, Nora Broadhurst Williams, or Jude Raetzsch.

(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/>

## INTERGENERATIONAL 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!"

# Mission and Peacemaking

**Let's Lunch and Learn Together  
March 16**

## **The Racial Wealth Gap Simulation**

Please join the Fellowship and Mission & Peacemaking Committees following worship on March 16th, as we co-sponsor a "Racial Wealth Gap Simulation." Lunch will be served, and members of the Presbytery's Racial Reconciliation Committee will lead us in an interactive learning activity for adults and youth alike.

By actively participating in this learning simulation, you will come to understand the role that racial inequity played in real US policies and their implementation. This activity will also help debunk the idea that racial inequality is only about individual attitudes and behaviors.

The goals of the simulation support UPC's Matthew 25 commitments to eradicate systemic poverty and eliminate structural racism – come join us as we gain a better understanding of the racial wealth, income, and hunger gap, so that we can.....

- understand why racial equity is important to address structural inequality,
- discuss racial equity within our organizations, congregations, and communities,
- incorporate a racial equity lens into our daily work, life, worship, policies, practices, and advocacy, and
- feel more comfortable explaining the importance of applying a racial equity lens when working to end hunger or poverty.

You may contact Kristin Savicki, (Chair, Mission and Peacemaking Committee) if you would like more information about this event.

We hope to see you! Please click the registration link below or use the QR code, to indicate if you plan to attend. (This is very helpful for planning purposes, but for the spontaneous among us, do not dismay – we will welcome you whether you register or not!).

<https://onrealm.org/University/Presb15909/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MGEKNTVINjYyYWM1MS00M21yLThhMmUrVj40DAcMDVjMmJj>



## **SPOTLIGHT on FAITH FORMATION AT HOME**

At least half of my job is just trying to keep an eye out for where I see God in the world and then doing my best to point that out. Some days God is tough to spot, but the more I practice, the better I get at noticing the movement of the Spirit. What a great activity to undertake with our kids - God-spotting! Practice makes better (not perfect, come on...), so how can you help foster your child's life with God? A big part of the task is listening, acknowledging, and encouraging our kids own ideas of when they felt the Spirit moving. To get to some of those stories, ask open-ended questions. Forego the Yes-or-No question in favor of ones that encourage sharing.

Questions like:

- When did you see goodness or beauty today?
- Can you tell me about a time when you heard God speak to you or when you told God something?
- When is a time when you knew everything was going to be okay?
- Tell me about something that happened that made you so happy.
- When did you feel very safe?

You can read more about helping children notice God here:

<https://renovare.org/articles/helping-children-notice-god>

## **FAITH FORMATION WINTER/SPRING 2025** *Sundays at 9:30 a.m.*

### **For Adults:**

#### **Bible Study**

This group uses the "Living the Word" curriculum which follows the Narrative Lectionary used in worship. Everyone is encouraged to weigh in on the class discussion. Meet in the Conference Room.

#### **Bless This Mess**

This adult discussion class is aimed at parents of babies through college-age kids, but is open to anyone. We'll be using podcasts and book chapters to spark discussion of what it means for Christians to parent in 2025. This class meets in the "Room of Requirement" (opposite Mamie's office).

#### **Digging Deeper**

- March 2: *Introduction to Taizé led by Leslie Green and Jeff Perry*
- March 9: *Brad Storin, "Jesus and the Gospels"-- Class 2: Gospel of Mark*
- March 16: *Kendall Cox, Director of Training for Living Waters for the World: In 2023, Kendall was a member of a group of 18 Presbyterian Women who travelled to the U. S./ Mexico border on the USA Mission Experience.*
- March 23: *Update on the current crisis regarding the OneStop Homeless Services Center*
- March 30: *Brad Storin, "Jesus and the Gospels"-- Class 3: Gospel of Matthew and Luke*

## **2025 Congregational Nominating Committee**

Congratulations to those selected for the 2025 Congregational Nominating Committee:

Gaines Foster (chair), Bizza Britton, Griff Campbell, Virginia Davis, Barbara Hoffman, Larry Reynolds

This group will prayerfully identify and nominate members of the congregation for leadership roles for the Class of 2028.



# 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

### MARCH

**Tuesday, March 4th at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parks Wilson Room. Lesson 7, "Economic Climate Justice" of *Let Justice Roll Down*. Barbara Hoffman will lead the study and do Least Coin. Susan Seifert will provide snacks. Julie Launey will prepare Birthday Cards. We will finalize the planning of the Spring PSL PW Gathering that will be held at UPC on Saturday, March 15th.

**Wednesday, March 5th at 10:00 a.m.**

Peggy Carroll's carport group(1545 Patrick Drive) will also study *Let Justice Roll Down*, led by Peggy Carroll.

### HELPING HANDS

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

### One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering Online March 5 - April 20 and in person on April 20

Started in 1949, OGHS is a long-standing ecumenical effort aimed at raising funds to provide relief and reconstruction for communities in the aftermath of disaster. What started as an hour-long radio appeal has evolved over the years and has become the most participated-in offering in the PC(USA). Today, projects supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are underway in more than 100 countries.

- 36% Supports the Presbyterian Hunger Program, which is committed to ending hunger globally.
- 32% Supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which is committed to helping others repair from disaster during and beyond the initial aftermath globally.
- 32% Supports Self-Development of People, which is committed to helping communities around the world gain the skills they need to improve their communities.

There are three ways you can give:

- through your congregation on April 20
- by phone, call 800-872-5885
- <https://pcusa.org/donate/og999999-one-great-hour-sharing>



## Presbytery of South Louisiana

### PW SPRING GATHERING

Sponsored by PSL Presbyterian Women

**Saturday, March 15th, 2025**

Registration 9:30 am - Closing Luncheon 12 Noon

**University Presbyterian Church  
3240 Dalrymple Dr, Baton Rouge, LA**

### Mission Stories from the Arizona Border PW USA Mission Experience 2023

*Open to all*

*Join us for a time of WORKSHOPS and WORSHIP and FELLOWSHIP*

**10:00 am Welcome and Introduction**

Workshop Leader – PW USA Mission Experience participant,  
Kendall Cox, Director of Education, Living Waters for the World

**11:15 am Worship – Rev. Mamie Broadhurst  
Pastor, University Presbyterian Church**

**12:00 noon Luncheon**

**PLEASE BRING FOOD ITEMS** for LORI (Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants) Choose from this list: Rice, Dried or Canned Beans (Pinto, Black, Pidgeon Peas)

An Offering will be taken to assist Frontero de Cristo, Douglas, Arizona (more information will be provided at the Gathering)

A delicious lunch will be served and is included in the registration fee.

Cost \$15 – covers luncheon and printed hand-outs. More Info: Julie Launey, 225/236-6949  
Please send check made payable to **PSL Presbyterian Women** to PW Treasurer: Pat Wright – 287 Baird Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 by Wednesday March 12th.

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## LENTEN SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES:

*Faith Formation invites you to consider joining a small group for Lent (March 5-April 17)*

- Jan Risher will lead "A Second Look." This group will use the previous week's sermon and Bible reading as a jumping-off point for reflection and discussion. A Second Look will meet on Sundays during the Church School hour (9:30-10:30) in the Library (room behind the conference room - please enter through the office.)
- Let Mamie or Meredith Veldman ([hyveld@lsu.edu](mailto:hyveld@lsu.edu)) know if you'd like to join a Lenten group that will use the Turning Over Tables devotional book for reflection and discussion. Participants will decide where and when this group will meet.
- Visio Divina restarts this Lent. Let Melanie Driscoll know if you have any questions.

## Day School

### University Presbyterian Church Day School

PLAY, LEARN, AND GROW TOGETHER



Early childhood qualified teachers and staff  
Low student/teacher ratio  
Vibrant learning environment  
Developmentally appropriate programs  
State Licensed Facility



#### OPEN ENROLLMENT

Full time program for ages 3 mos. - 4 yrs.

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Morning and afternoons snacks, lunch, and rest time



## Call to schedule a visit TODAY!

Contact us at 225-344-8077 or email [upcdayschool@upcbr.org](mailto:upcdayschool@upcbr.org)



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# LINK LOVE

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

- Repentance can be a hard word and a hard concept. Brittany Cooper does a good job of talking about how she came back around to it when she met a loving God. <https://bit.ly/40VmR4l>
- The Birdsong Project developed during COVID as a way to create a collection of new pieces of music built around birdsong, with the notion that if artists created pieces of music inspired by birdsong, we could draw attention to threats to birdlife by celebrating the beauty of birdsong. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHpemQ1Y8Hc>  
You can see more about the project (and find other videos with all kind of music) here: <https://www.thebirdsongproject.com/>
- Ukrainians are consoling us by setting an example of how to live - or so argues Yale historian Timothy Snyder in this blog post. <https://snyder.substack.com/p/ukrainians-are-consoling-us?s=r>
- A reminder about why it is good to take a walk. <https://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2022/4/25/to-fully-observe-we-need-to-walk>
- Not sure if you knew that Teen Vogue is a magazine to keep your eye on, but sometimes they have really good information - like this article about NC folks helping immigrants know their rights and keep an eye out for ICE agents. <https://www.teenvogue.com/story/ice-watch-programs-immigrants-how-to-start?>
- Good news from Baker, LA! A common sense program for reducing chronic absenteeism is working. Isn't it great when things work? <https://bit.ly/40NLW25>
- The PC(USA) has announced major cuts to mission co-workers as part of restructuring. There are lots of feelings about this decision, and more conversation is certain to follow. <https://bit.ly/3CzBYbl>
- Diane Wilson is a fourth generation shrimper in Texas who is fighting the pollution that is harming the water and people in her small town. She has spent the last 30 years in "Diane vs. Goliath" fights against petrochemical plants wreaking environmental havoc. Makes me want to get a slingshot. <https://bit.ly/3PZH3fn>



# 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 Kamile Geist**, Professor at LSU, upon her death
- **Sue Kenyon**, recovering from a stroke
- **Robert Gorges and his family**, upon the death of his nephew, Brian Zito
- **Gus Britton**, who is now serving in Lithuania. Prayers for peace in the area.
- **John Johnson**, Mary Steven's father, in hospice care
- **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
- **Hugh Huffman**, friend of Rosemary John, undergoing treatment for cancer
- **The United States of America** during this uncertain time of change
- **Those who are suddenly unemployed or experiencing significant job insecurity**
- **All those affected by the wildfires in California**
- **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**



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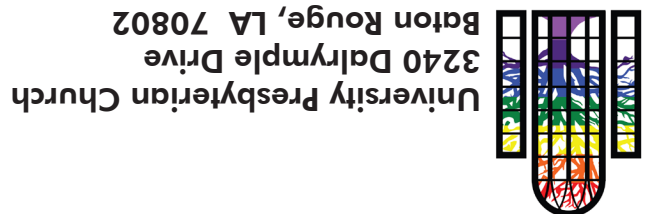
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# March Birthdays

2 Camille Short Lote Thistlethwaite	10 John Mazoch	20 George Armstrong Josie Costello Adam Knapp Terry Miller	24 Jason New Katie Strain New Rachel Urs-Sheffield Jack Watson
4 Lee Jenkins Tip Tipton Samear Zaitoon	12 Edem Mensah Tom Shelton	21 Andy Maverick	26 Gus Britton
5 Matt McGraw	17 Henry Tyler	22 Faimon Roberts II Aden Rowland	29 Emory Wright
6 Gabi Perry	18 Linda Babin	23 Mary Collier Wilks	30 Rich Cooper
8 Chris Richardson	19 Michael Purser		

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 University Presbyterian  
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 seeks creatively – through  
 nurture, education, worship  
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 – to sustain an inclusive,  
 compassionate family of  
 faith; it seeks to promote  
 spiritual growth by  
 awakening souls to God's  
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 the reconciling love of Christ.  
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 December 1995



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