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April 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

I subscribe to a number of email newsletters, and in one from the theologian and writer Diana Butler Bass, she offered a meditation on the phrase, "Increase our faith!" from Luke 17:5. In her meditation she reflects on other three world theologies that can be found in scripture:

Here I Am  
Don't Be Afraid  
Love Your Neighbor  
Go, Do Likewise

There are lots more (God Is Love, Peace on Earth, Pray Without Ceasing... and more), but sometimes it feels like those messages get overwhelmed by other three-word theologies that take up a lot more airtime these days. A few came to mind quickly:

Get Rich Quick  
On Sale Now  
Resistance Is Futile  
Health Makes Wealth

After a few deep breaths I can admit those first answers come from my frustration and fears. I think they are fair, but they are not the whole story, and if Lent teaches me anything it is that you often have to take a beat - to pause for a moment - to begin to see a fuller picture of things. So I waited a few days, and here were others that I could see:

Can I Help?  
You Are Mine (in a good way...)  
I Hear You  
Thanks So Much

It got me wondering what my three-word theology would be, and yours too. We are still in Lent for a few weeks, but as we move toward and into the season of Easter (remember, it's not just a day!) what three words are guiding your journey with Jesus? What three words are summing up your longings right now? What three words speak to your heart?

Ready to Listen

Bendiciones, *Mamie*

# April...

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

- 1 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - 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
- 2 9:30 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
- 3 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 6 **5th 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 - *final Youth Sunday Prep/Decorating*
- 7 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library  
5:00 p.m. APNC - Zoom
- 8 7:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom  
7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 9 9:00 a.m. Faith and Community Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
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
- 10 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
5:30 p.m. Bella Voce Rhearsal - Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom  
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11 5:30 p.m. Bella Voce Recital - Sanctuary
- 12 10:00 a.m. Cub Scout Pine Derby - Fellowship Hall
- 13 **Palm Sunday** *Communion, Confirmation, Baptism, Youth Sunday*  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 14 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
- 15 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room  
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom
- 16 **Holy Wednesday**  
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
- 17 **Maundy Thursday**  
10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
6:30 p.m. Worship & Potluck Meal - Fellowship Hall  
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 18 **Good Friday**  
**Day School & Church Office Closed**  
6:30 p.m. Worship - University Methodist Church
- 20 **Easter Sunday** *Communion*  
9:30 a.m. Easter Potluck Brunch - Fellowship Hall  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 21 **Church Office Closed**  
5:00 p.m. APNC - Zoom

## Office Notes

### EASTER HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Day School - April 18  
Church Office - April 18 & April 21

### QUARTERLY GIVING STATEMENTS

Quarterly giving statements will be e-mailed on April 14. Please check to make sure your giving records match ours and let Caralyn know if you see any discrepancies. If you want to make any adjustments to your pledge, you can do so at any time.

### CELEBRATING OUR GRADS

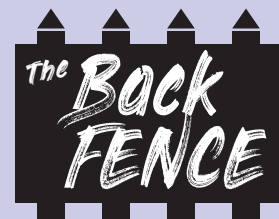
If you are graduating in May, please let us know. We would like to celebrate this momentous occasion with you! High School grads, please include your future plans. College grads, please indicate your degree and future plans. Please send this information to the church office by April 21.



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

Contact Ellen Morgan for info

May 6 [The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared](#)  
by Jonas Jonasson



Congratulations to **Morgan W. Kelly**, Department of Biological Sciences, College of Science, for having been awarded an LSU Distinguished Faculty Award.

## 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!

A couple of our rainbow doors have seen better days and need to be replaced. 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!



**LSU VS SOUTHEASTERN**

**ARE YOU READY FOR SOME LSU BASEBALL?**

Get ready for a grand slam of a time! Join us for Baseball at the Box on Tuesday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. as LSU takes on Southeastern. The Fellowship Committee will be selling tickets for just \$5.00 (adults and kids over 3) on April 6 and 13 in the Welcome Center. Little sluggers under 3 get in free—no ticket needed. Batter up!

## April...

22	7:00 p.m.	NAMI - Conference Room & Library
23	9:00 a.m.	Faith & Community - Parks Wilson Room
	10:00 a.m.	Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.
	6:00 p.m.	Take Back the Night Memorial - LSU Memorial Tower
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
24	10:30 a.m.	"Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
	7:30 p.m.	New Orleans Gay Mens Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
<b>27</b>	<b>1st Sunday after Easter</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship - Sanctuary ( <i>Live Streamed via Facebook &amp; upcbr.org</i> )
	1:00 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	NAJAMA - Fellowship Hall
	2:00 p.m.	New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
28	10:45 a.m.	Staff Meeting - Library
	5:00 p.m.	APNC - Zoom
29	Noon	Emily Guagliardo dress rehearsal - Sanctuary
	6:30 p.m.	Basball at the Box - LSU Alex Box Stadium
	7:30 p.m.	Emily Guagliardo Recital - Sanctuary
30	10:00 a.m.	Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal -- Choir Room

## BUDGET QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT UPC PROPERTY

At the UPC "Family Budget" meeting on February 9, there were several questions about our HVAC system and other property matters.

1. What is cost of the new HVAC system? How will we pay for it?  
*We've received quotes exceeding \$260,000. We have some money set aside for major maintenance but will likely need to use some of our investment funds.*
2. What is the estimated savings in utilities and maintenance with a new HVAC system?  
*This is unknown. The existing HVAC system was built in the 1940's. Its boiler, pumps, and cooling system break down repeatedly. It requires constant maintenance, is a huge energy hog, and leaks water. This replacement will be an improvement in energy usage, but is primarily a reliability project. When it fails completely – not if – our 1st floor offices, classrooms, library, and Fellowship Hall will be unusable.*
3. What other items besides HVAC need to be fixed or replaced?  
*There are many concerns that the Property Committee are managing. A potential major concern is the health of our underground drainage piping, some of which is clay. Also, the Fellowship Hall/Office HVAC is one of 11 HVAC systems at UPC, several of which are over 15 years old and may be problems in the future.*

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.





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.*

### One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering Collection is April 20

Begun in 1949, OGHS raises funds for disaster relief - evolving from a radio appeal to a top PC(USA) offering, supporting projects in over 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 two ways you can give:

- through your congregation on April 20
- <https://pcusa.org/donate/og999999-one-great-hour-sharing>

### GIVING STATUS 2025

*(as of 3/31/2025)*

**Received Pledged giving: \$164,275**

*(28% of \$586,337 pledged)*

Received Unpledged giving \$3,750

**TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$168,025**

*Thank you for your generous contributions!*

## worship for holy week

### Palm Sunday April 13

11:00 a.m.

This year the youth (6th-12th graders) will be in charge of our Palm Sunday service. It will also be the day youth who wish to confirm their baptismal vows (or be baptized) will be recognized during the service. Palms will be waved, but maybe not when you think...

### Holy Wednesday April 16

We will have a Taize service at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. It will not be livestreamed. You can read more about the original Taize community here: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taiz%C3%A9\\_Community](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taiz%C3%A9_Community)

### Maundy Thursday Service April 17

*A Service of Word and Sacrament centered on the events of this sacred evening*

We will have a service at 6:30 p.m. starting in the Fellowship Hall. It will not be livestreamed. Following the traditional Maundy Thursday story, we will begin with a meal (potluck) and shared supper around tables. Please join us. If you will be going, and would be willing to help Mamie as a liturgist in this service, please let her know.

### Good Friday Service April 18

*The Service of Tenebrae (the extinguishing of lights)*

This year, as with last, we are joining with the Methodists next door for our Good Friday service. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. in their sanctuary for a service of readings and song. It will be livestreamed through the UUMC Facebook page, YouTube channel, and also on the UUMC website. Please let Mamie know if you will be going and would be willing to read a scripture passage during the service.

### Easter Sunday April 20 - A Service of Word and Sacrament

*Brunch, an Egg Hunt, and the Hallelujah Chorus*

Instead of Church School we will fellowship together (see details below.) Then we join together to celebrate the gift of resurrection life at 11am. Hallelujah! The One Great Hour of Sharing PCUSA offering will be collected.

*NOTE: The Day School and Church office will be closed on Good Friday. The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 21.*

### Easter Sunday Brunch and Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Potluck Brunch will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday starting at 9:30 a.m. Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring their favorite brunch items to share.

Older and younger children will be invited from our Easter brunch to the playground beginning at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to assist - let Meredith Veldman know if you are interested in helping!

**We hope to see you there!**

# Youth Group

## March Highlights:

March included a lot of planning for Youth Sunday (April 13th/ Palm Sunday - don't miss it!) as well as taking part in the Racial Wealth Gap lunch and learn.

## April Schedule:

- 6 Final Youth Sunday Planning/Decorating
- 13 Youth Sunday/Palm Sunday - *no afternoon youth group*
- 20 EASTER SUNDAY - no youth group
- 27 No Youth Group - 4th Sunday/End of Spring Break

## And a look forward to May...

- 4 Sunday, Funday
- 11 Mother's Day - no youth group
- 18 Final Gathering - Pool Party and Senior Recognition

As you can see, there are only a few youth group meetings left before we break for the summer, so make sure to join us every time you can!



**\$650** **GRADES: 9-12**

**PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH LA**

**TRIENNium**

**IN LOUISVILLE, KY**

**JULY 27-31, 2025**

**SIGN UP DEADLINE: 5/1/25**

**CONTACT [AMY@PBYSOUTHLA.ORG](mailto: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/>

## Congratulations and Welcome Confirmands!

With great joy and celebration, we are thrilled to announce that Josie Costello, Hattie Knapp, Connor Strain, and Violet Stroope were examined by Session on Sunday, March 23, 2025, and were confirmed into full membership of University Presbyterian Church on Palm Sunday! This is a momentous occasion, marking their commitment and welcoming them into our loving church family. Please join us in congratulating these wonderful individuals as they take this significant step in their faith journey. Praise be to God for His grace and the growth of our community!



# Mission and Peacemaking

## Volunteer at LSU's Take Back the Night Event

UPC's Mission and Peacemaking committee is supporting the Take Back the Night event being hosted by LSU's Feminists in Action student organization, on Wednesday, April 23rd from 6-8:30 p.m. at Memorial Tower on LSU's campus. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness about interpersonal violence, provide support for survivors, and create a safe and inclusive community.

Take Back the Night began in the late 1800s in the UK as a protest to the fear that women experienced while walking alone at night. The event has expanded globally and now serves to oppose sexual and intimate partner violence. The Baton Rouge community has had a TBTN for over thirty years, and UPC has often joined at these events. Do you want to help out with this powerful event supporting our Baton Rouge and LSU community? We are gathering a small group of volunteers -please contact Kate Midkiff by email [katelmm@gmail.com](mailto:katelmm@gmail.com) or text at (225) 290-4738 for more information.

## Racial Wealth Gap Simulation – What Next?

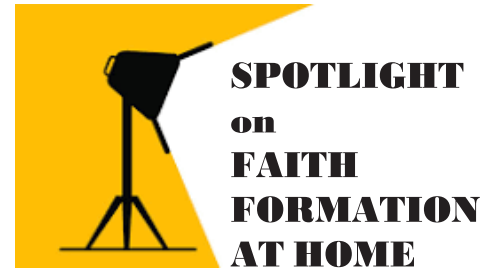
“Really enlightening and helpful!” “Thanks so much for putting it all together!”

“Thanks for organizing that program, it was an eye-opener!” “I knew of some policies/history, but not all”. “Great program but what next?” These are some of the reactions to the Racial Wealth Gap Simulation held on Sunday, March 16 in the fellowship Hall, immediately following Sunday worship. This event was jointly sponsored by the Mission and Peacemaking (M&P) and the Fellowship Committee.

After a delicious lunch, 28 UPC members and five facilitators from the Presbytery of South Louisiana's Racial Reconciliation Committee sat down to discuss how 13 specific federal policies have created and sustained the gaps in wealth, income, and hunger between white and black Americans, and by extension, the systemic racial discrimination that all communities of color confront. As a Mathew 25 church, the members of M&P believe that this simulation is consistent with UPC engaging in the three core pillars of the Mathew 25 movement: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism and eradicating systemic poverty.

In a nutshell, the simulation involved each participant in a group of 7-8 being randomly assigned a race (Black or White). Following the review of each policy, participants were instructed to either take or relinquish dollars, land, or opportunities depending on how that policy impacted people of their race. In the end, white participants held 13 times more dollars than black participants. This symbolizes the proportional difference between the median net worth of white households (\$141,900) and of black households (\$11,000) in the United States.

We are very pleased that despite strong competition from the St. Patrick's Day Parade, UPC showed up! Thank you! The comments following the simulation as well as the discussions that ensued in each small group reflected the impact of the simulation. One participant asked, “What next?” We call your attention to one of the objectives of the simulation: to “incorporate a racial equity lens into our daily work, life, worship, policies, practices, and advocacy.” To that end, we invite you to pay attention and participate in the initiatives in which M&P engages on an ongoing basis. A Special Offering for the YWCA's Revolving Bail Fund, supporting the National “Mother's Day Bailout” is the next such initiative. We also invite you to share your ideas with us about how we can incorporate a racial equity lens in our programs. Finally, we hope that you use the information you learned to inform and strengthen your professional and personal conversations about racial equity. So much of “What next?” depends on you!



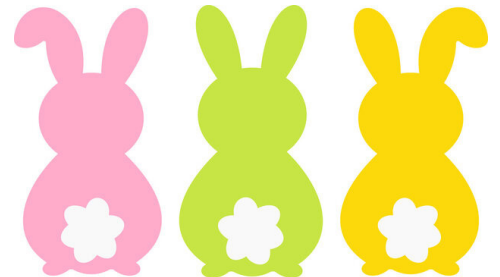
“This Little Light” is a podcast for kids and their grown-ups who want to grow in faith together. Each week on Wednesday they explore a bible story, learn a new way to pray, or talk about something we can do to live out our faith. (The intent is to have fun too!) The podcast is geared toward littles - probably from 3-7, though you might check it out to see whether it hits a sweet spot for your own kid/grandchild/fun neighbor friend if they're not in that range. The podcast is only ten minutes long, so try it out and see what you think!

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/this-little-light/id1796400036>

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## INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW

We couldn't make schedules line up for the Inquirer's class this fall, but we're going to reschedule! Make sure Mamie knows you're interested in learning more about UPC (and Presbyterianism, and each other) so she can keep in touch about when we might put it on the calendar again. If you'd like to learn more first, she's glad to take time to chat.



**MAY  
CONTACT  
DEADLINE  
APRIL 21**



# 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

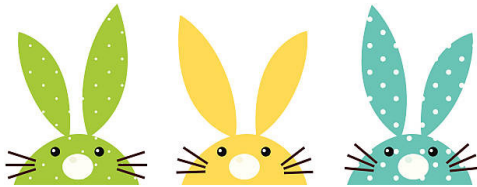
### APRIL

**Tuesday, April 1st at 10:00 a.m. in the Parks Wilson Room.** Lesson 7, "Intergenerational Justice" of Let Justice Roll Down. Linda Walker will lead the study. Barbara Hoffman will provide snacks. Linda Walker will prepare Birthday Cards. We need a volunteer for the Least Coin. We will finalize the planning of the rescheduled Spring PSL PW Gathering that will be held at UPC on Saturday, May 3rd.

**Wednesday April 2nd at 10:00 a.m.** Peggy Carroll's carport group(1545 Patrick Drive).

### HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands will meet in the Conference Room on Tuesday, April 15 at 9:30 a.m. Bring a lunch and join us for a morning of projects, fellowship, and laughter. No sewing experience necessary.



Presbytery of South Louisiana

## Rescheduled PW SPRING GATHERING

Sponsored by PSL Presbyterian Women

**Saturday, May 3rd, 2025**

Registration 9:30 am - Closing Luncheon 12 Noon

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

### Local Mission at Work

*Open to all*

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

**Workshop I** – What is LORI (Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants)?  
**Workshop II** – Learn about Bertha Hinojosa's ESL classroom and the students

**12:00 noon Luncheon**

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

An Offering will be taken to assist LORI (more information will be provided at the Gathering)

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

***If you had registered previously, we will assume you are coming.***

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 April 30th.

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## 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

April 6: Brad Storin, "Jesus and the Gospels"-- Class 4: Gospel of Matthew and Luke continued

April 13: Brad Storin, "Jesus and the Gospels"-- Class 5: Gospel of John

April 20: Easter—No class

April 27: Brad Storin, "Jesus and the Gospels"-- Class 6: The Proto-Gospel of James and the Infancy Gospel of Thomas (non-canonical)

# Day School

Ethel Felder, Day School Director, reported that the students and teachers dressed as their favorite Dr. Seuss characters for Dr. Seuss's birthday and everyone enjoyed the day. Other activities in March were a St. Patrick's Day celebration, a field trip to the AG Magic LSU, and celebrating the beginning of spring on March 20. Ethel also reported enrollment is up from 45 budgeted slots to an enrolled number of 61 students. We are enrolling more students in the infants class and may have to hire another teacher if we get a few more students. Enrollment for the fall is looking good. Spring observations of classroom teachers will end May 15, Teacher Appreciation Week will be May 5-9. Graduation for 4 year olds will be held on May 14 at 10:00 a.m.

## 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.*

- Good Friday comes and the disciples must say goodbye to a man they love. This is a simple, but really moving series of photos of 27 years of good-byes. It's the small moments we miss most sometimes, isn't it? <https://deannadikeman.com/leaving-and-waving>
- This video is a one-take shot of Michael Tan playing a short original Canon, inspired by Bach's Musical Offering (aka Crab Canon), with... himself. The entire video is a palindrome (the same backward and forward). People are amazing, and sometimes, as with Easter, there is more going on than you can take in. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qflwzf0D4vw>
- With all the talk of egg prices and preparations for egg dying, it seemed worth sharing this article. Raw eggs gain a longer shelf life with a coating developed from crawfish shells. LSU professors are an amazingly creative bunch! <https://www.lsu.edu/blog/2024/10/31-chitosan-eggs.php>
- From "forest bathing" to clinically prescribed time in national parks, a growing medical movement is sending patients back to nature, with remarkable results. Medication can be a big help as well - both/and, not either/or. <http://bit.ly/3oB5czl>
- A podcast from NPR about shrimping in Louisiana. Donald Dardar (pictured at the top of the page if you follow the link) took all the new pastors in the Presbytery out in his boat as part of our orientation to the region. It is a little over a half an hour listen. <https://www.wno.org/podcast/sea-change/2023-03-29/shrimp-on-the-line>
- Relatedly, you can listen to a recently released investigative podcast examining the first-ever federal attempt to relocate an entire community - the mostly Indigenous residents of Isle de John Charles because of climate change. Episode 3 includes conversations with the Dardars again. <https://www.audiation.fm/leaving-the-island>



# 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  
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- **Brandon Moree**, son of Caralyn Durham, having an angiogram/stent procedure on April 10
- **The family of Millie Townsend**, friend of Debbie Abernathy and Rick Pitcher, upon her death
- **Jerry Kennedy**, as he recovers from knee replacement surgery
- **Janel Worsley Feierabend**, former member of UPC, recovering at home
- **Jerry Landry**, uncle of Kate Midkiff, recovering from open heart surgery and her Aunt Joann and cousin Jared, as well, as they support him in his recovery
- **Pope Francis** - as he is hospitalized battling bilateral pneumonia
- **Warren Goodman**, friend of Mary Stevens, recovering from a splenectomy
- **Sue Kenyon**, recovering from a stroke
- **Gus Britton**, who is now serving in Lithuania. Prayers for peace in the area.
- **John Johnson**, Mary Steven's father, in hospice care
- **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
- **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
- **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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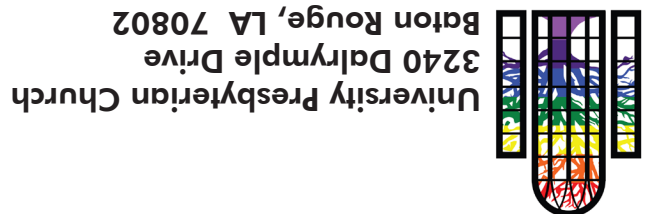
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# April Birthdays

1	Corrina Storin	5	Ashleigh Bowles Nora Costello Paul Hoffman	12	Braden Stoker	21	Patti Snyder
2	Maggie Richardson Caroline Wright	6	Kate Midkiff	13	Alicia Lewis	24	Jim Hanifen
3	Madison Barron Anna Snyder Kelly Sarah Meier	7	Jill Kerr Bailey Stoker	15	Barbara Hoffman	26	Betsy Irvine Jerry Kennedy
4	Bizza Britton Jim Wilcox	9	Daniel Burch Stephanie Launey Short	17	Kathy Rossman	27	Lois Kuyper-Rushing
				18	Cheryl Hedlund		
				19	Mary Anne Sheffield		

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 In response to God's grace, University Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge seeks creatively – through nurture, education, worship and community outreach – to sustain an inclusive, compassionate family of faith; it seeks to promote spiritual growth by awakening souls to God's infinite mercy embodied in the reconciling love of Christ.  
 --Adopted by the Session December 1995



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