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University Presbyterian Church Newsletter for church members and friends

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A l o n g t h e W a y

A few weeks ago, I made my first overnight trip away from Baton Rouge. Last year, I committed to be on the 2026 Montreat Youth Conference planning team, which involves a September planning retreat weekend in preparation for the 2.5 week conference marathon in July. I was excited for the task at hand, but also apprehensive about how I would emotionally process the experience. When I returned to Baton Rouge, would it feel like home?

Moving is not new to me. Baton Rouge is somewhere between the 8-10th town I've lived in, depending on how you count. So while this part of the country is unfamiliar, transition is not.

Times like this often bring to mind a mantra I developed several years ago during yet another transition: "I'm grateful for the many places and people to whom I belong, and I look forward to feeling at home again soon." It reminds me of the gratitude I have for each community I have been part of, and tells me I am not limited to one "home." There are many people I value and many places I belong. While occasionally difficult to navigate, what a gift to know that any place can become home!

As I think about the places in which I am grounded, I am not constrained by my roots. Instead, they strengthen me to move forward to whatever comes next.

One might even say I'm rooted and reaching.

During in our stewardship season at UPC, I encourage you to think about your own life journey. How have you planted your roots, and where do you want to grow? This is also a communal question. What are the beliefs, traditions, and theologies that keep us grounded? What hopes do we have for growing into the future?

We answer these questions with where we spend our time, how we use our money, and what we think about when making decisions. The world tells us to keep our time, money, energy, and talents to ourselves. Faith instructs us to do otherwise. We hear God's call to build each other up in community, and take God's message of infinite love and abundant grace into the world. I'm excited to claim our roots and grow together.

Erin

October...

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 9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive
7:00 p.m. UPC Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 2 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Library
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 5 **17th Sunday after Pentecost** *Communion*
9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast - Fellowship Hall *No Church School*
9:30 a.m. Youth Group @ Pancake Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary *(Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org)*
4:30 p.m. Youth Group then to Blessing of the Pets at UUMC
5:00 p.m. Blessing of the Pets @ University United Methodist Church
- 6 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 7 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Zoom
10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Parks Wilson Room
5:30 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom
7:00 p.m. UPC Book Group - 1846 Glendale Ave
- 8 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. UPC Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 9 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Library
6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11 *Kickoff TBA* LSU vs. S. Carolina @ LSU *(PARKING)*
- 12 **18th Sunday after Pentecost**
9:30 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary *(Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org)*
4:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 13 11:30 a.m. Membership Committee - Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Les Sirens Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 14 6:00 p.m. Bella Voce Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom
7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 15 9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive
6:00 p.m. Faith Formation - Zoom
7:00 p.m. UPC Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 16 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Library
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 18 9:00 a.m. Huntington's Disease Support Walk - Highland Rd. Park
- 19 **19th Sunday after Pentecost**
9:30 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Inquirers Class - Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary *(Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org)*
12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
No Youth Group *(Fall Break)*
- 21 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room
6:00 p.m. Bella Voce Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom
- 22 9:00 a.m. Faith & Community - Parks Wilson Room
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.



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

Oct 7 Becoming Duchess Goldblatt
by Anonymous

Nov 4 My Friends
by Fredrik Backman

Day School

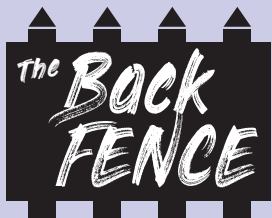
Day School Thrives with New Space and Upcoming Events

The Day School (DS) has a lot of new students and has even had to relocate the 1-year-olds' class to a larger room! We do still have room at all age levels, so please refer families to us whenever you can. On September 12, the DS hosted a joyful Grandparents Day celebration.

Mark your calendars for the DS Book Fair, set for October 20-26. Pam Bartlett is seeking church member volunteers to assist. The fair will be open weekdays (October 20-24) from 8:00-9:30 a.m. and 3:00-4:30 p.m., and on Sunday, October 26, for congregation members to shop for Christmas and birthdays.

Additionally, a Day School Open House will be held on a Sunday for church members to explore the program. Stay tuned for more details!





• On September 4, VIVA, a group of professional musicians and music educators from the capital city area, held its debut concert under the direction of **Ross Cawthon**. The program, titled "The Courage to Continue," celebrated themes of perseverance, resistance, and mutual love. The performance featured texts ranging from Percy Shelley's Ozymandias to writings by Martin Luther, Martin Luther King Jr., and Fred Rogers. Our sincere gratitude to everyone who attended and supported this musical event. If you missed the concert, a video recording is available here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc59d9rn>.

• Congratulations to **Dr. Jeffrey Perry**, Paula G. Manship Professor of Music Theory, on receiving a competitive Subvention Grant from the Society for Music Theory (SMT)!

This prestigious grant supports the publication of ground-breaking work in the field of music theory. Dr. Perry's recognition highlights not only his scholarly excellence but also the impact LSU faculty continue to have in advancing music research and knowledge.

October...

- 25 *Kickoff TBA* LSU vs. Texas A&M @ LSU (*PARKING*)
6:00 p.m. Corn Maze at Burden - 4560 Essen Ln
6:00 p.m. Youth Group @ Corn Maze at Burden
- 26 **20th Sunday After Pentecost**
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. Najma Food Distribution - Fellowship Hall
No Youth Group (*4th Sunday*)
- 27 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
7:00 p.m. Les Sirenes Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 28 6:00 p.m. Bella Voce Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 29 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive
7:00 p.m. UPC Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room



LSU GAME DAY PARKING AT UPC!

Football season is back, and so is our parking fundraiser! Each fall, we open our parking lot on LSU home game Saturdays to raise funds for youth, education, and mission projects. This season, we've already raised \$6,600!

October	11	South Carolina
	25	Texas A&M
November	15	Arkansas
	22	Western Kentucky

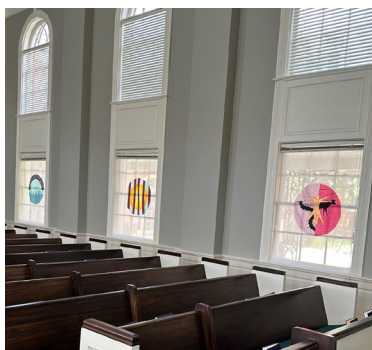


Parking cars is a fun and meaningful way to showcase UPC's hospitality to fans from near and far. More volunteers make it even better! Join us for this exciting opportunity to serve. Game times vary due to TV schedules, but volunteers typically arrive 4-5 hours before kickoff and finish about an hour before the game starts. To learn more or sign up, contact John Ward at 225-505-4418.

Art Guild Update

This summer we mentioned starting an Art Guild, and boy did you all respond! A group of 15 folks met and "illustrated" Genesis 1 for our sanctuary. They developed beautiful tissue paper discs depicting each day of creation (shout out to Sarah Sabin), got our whole congregation to put our hands to the task, and even used a globe that has been in the nursery for years (thanks Hattie).

Enjoy their creation for a few more weeks, and then get ready for what will come in Advent. If you are interested in thinking about ways scripture can come alive in our worship space, contact Leslie Green or Mamie. Art Guild includes artists, engineers, tinkerers, and wonderers. Come join in the fun!



Stewardship & Finance

DEDICATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 26

Please join us as we pledge our time, talents, and financial support for 2026!

If you do not pick up your annual giving packet at the pancake breakfast, it will be mailed to you.
(Additional pledge cards will be available in the sanctuary and Welcome Center)

How to Give in Realm

Log into your Realm account at onrealm.org. If you don't yet have a realm account, please contact the church office. Once you are in your profile go to GIVING then +PLEDGE and a new pledge window will appear. Choose the GENERAL FUND for 2025, fill in how often you would like to pledge, from dates 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025, and how much you would like to pledge. Realm will calculate the yearly total for you. When you are done click SAVE PLEDGE. It's that easy!

REMINDER:

If you change your pledge and have automatic payments sent through REALM, remember to update your bank information. REALM will not automatically do that for you.



How to Pledge Time/Talents

In your REALM account go to SERVING. Under SERVING you will see your "Serving Profile", "Assignments," and "Teams" information. Click on the ••• to edit days and times you are available to volunteer and to add skills. Under the OPPORTUNITIES tab on that page there is a list of available opportunities to get involved with UPC. You can browse by Role (specific task) or by Team (general area). Choose as many as you would like and a leader will be in touch with you.

UPC ANNUAL GIVING KICKOFF

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

sunday, october 5
9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall



I pray that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith,
as you are being rooted and grounded in love.
Ephesians 3:17

The annual Pancake Breakfast is almost here! The breakfast kicks off our 2026 Giving Campaign and gives us a chance to consider the ways we can be generous with our time, talents and treasure here at UPC and beyond. The theme this year is "Rooted and Reaching." The logo features a tree with roots digging deep into the earth and hands/branches reaching up toward the sky.

During the month, you will hear from various members of the congregation as they share some of the ways UPC has helped to keep them rooted in their faith as well as ways it keeps them reaching out. We will dedicate our pledges on October 26th, but you can turn them in any time. It is your support that allows us to stay rooted and to keep reaching. Thank you.

But what about the pancakes (and sausage)? The cooks are ready, the tables are set, and information for the 2026 campaign has been gathered. In addition to the yummy platters of food there will be entertainment and fellowship. Who could ask for anything more? Thanks to all the organizers, and bon appétit.

Pledge Updates

Thank you for your 2025 pledge! Your support, in any amount, helps us plan and operate with confidence throughout the year. We're thrilled to share that by mid-2025, we've collected just over half of our pledged contributions—great news!

If you're not up to date with your pledge, no worries! We understand that circumstances can change, and pledges may need adjustments (up or down). This month, we'll send email updates reflecting our records. Please review them and contact Caralyn if anything needs correction.

As you prayerfully consider your 2026 pledge, note that if you use automated giving, any changes must be updated twice: once with your bank and once with UPC.

Thank you again for your generosity!

Youth Group

Everyone had a blast at the lock-in last month! Our advisors Alvin and Samantha get a special thank you for staying up much of the night to supervise and spend time with our youth.

There is now a "UPC Youth Parents" Whatsapp group serving as the primary source of quick updates or time-sensitive information. Parents should email Erin if they are not in the group or need a different way to communicate. Families will still receive emails approximately twice per month with schedules and more detailed information.

October

- *5 Youth serve at the pancake breakfast (*meet at 9:15 a.m.*)
Brief lesson at UPC at 4:30 p.m., then to UUMC for the Blessing of the Pets at 5:00 p.m.
- 11 Gameday parking vs. South Carolina
- 12 Youth group at UPC at 4:30pm
- 19 Fall break: NO YOUTH
- *25 Gameday parking vs. Texas A&M
Corn Maze at Burden, 6-9pm (RSVP to Erin)

Blessing of the Pets

We will once again be joining with University United Methodist Church for a Blessing of the Pets! We'd love to see you Sunday, October 5th at 5:00 p.m. at UUMC. You are welcome to bring pet(s), pictures of pet(s), or memories of animals that have touched your life.



LINK LOVE

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

- If you have not yet registered to vote in Louisiana, here's the page with information about how to do so. You have to register at least 30 days before the next election you wish to vote in, so don't delay!
<https://tinyurl.com/3m2rt9mx>
- Last month it was Ben Folds, this month Jacob Collier is improvising with the National Symphony Orchestra. What Collier does is impressive, but the attentiveness and skill of the orchestra is also outstanding.
<https://tinyurl.com/3swhusn4>
- The World Whistling Competition is this month. Geert Chatrou is a former champion, and in this video he is whistling Czardas with the Kiel Philharmoniker. It is, to say the least, impressive. <https://bit.ly/4nfEsOs>
- A Death Cafe sounds like it might be very frightening, but it is really just a place to gather to talk about death and dying. It's not a support group, it's just a space to be able to talk about the end of life, yours or that of others.
<https://tinyurl.com/bddmdnzb>
- The UK has initiated "Safe Spaces" in banks and pharmacies where victims of domestic abuse can go to work on plans to get out of their current situation. It allows those abused to take steps while appearing to be on regular errands. What a great idea.
<https://tinyurl.com/nnh492ha>
- A generation of black chefs in New Orleans are trying to dismantle the "whitewashed" stories on which the tourist economy of NOLA rests. To do so they are sharing food and stories - two of my favorite things.
<https://bit.ly/4fwNCmy>
- Walk through a Japanese Garden in Brooklyn. At 18 minutes long you can dip in and out of it whenever you wish. It is not narrated except by the wind and bird song. Relax and enjoy the sunshine.
<https://vimeo.com/406022457>

Mission & Peacemaking

Team Hope Walk for Huntington's Disease

The 2025 Baton Rouge Team Hope Walk, supporting the Huntington's Disease Society of America, is set for Saturday, October 18, at BREC Highland Park Grand Pavilion, 14024 Highland Road, Baton Rouge.

Event Details:

Registration: Free, starts at 9 a.m.

Walk: Begins at 10 a.m.

Donations: All amounts welcome; raise \$100+ to receive a 2025 Team Hope Walk t-shirt.

The HDSA has hosted this Baton Rouge event since 2009, with strong support from UPC, including Paterson's Posse. Huntington's disease is a fatal neurodegenerative disorder affecting walking, talking, thinking, swallowing, and movement control. Its symptoms resemble those of Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and ALS, and a cure for one could benefit all.

For questions, contact Leslie Green (event chair) or Karen Paterson. Learn more at: louisiana.hdsa.org/events/2025-team-hope-walk-baton-rouge-la.



Join Us to Build an Oyster Reef on October 25!

Do you love oysters, birds, mud, UPC friends, and our Louisiana Coast? Each Sunday this fall we have been seeing the globe, representations of each part of God's creation, and our own hands connected together in the windows of our sanctuary. After contemplating God's creation we have an opportunity to do something to help.

On October 25th, M&P invites you to join a project led by the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana (CRCL) to build an oyster reef in Terrebonne Parish. We will be working to construct a living shoreline in partnership with the Grand Caillou/Dulac Band of Biloxi-Chitimacha-Choctaw and LUMCON. We will carpool to LUMCON in Chauvin, Louisiana. It is a 2.5 hour drive from Baton Rouge, so we will meet at a location, TBD, before leaving town. The volunteer event is from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., but we would need to leave by 7:00 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. registration time. For more details about the event, follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2fkxewhf>

This is an opportunity to give through your time and talents. There will be some lifting required, and the work is likely to leave you wet and muddy. Lunch is provided, though it will not be gluten free.

For more information and help preparing for this opportunity, contact Melanie Driscoll (melaniedriscoll3@gmail.com). The event will fill up quickly, so please contact Melanie as soon as possible with your interest. She is trying to find out if we can join as a group, but for liability reasons, each individual will need to register and fill out a liability waiver.

Positive News

for our Partners in Cuba

Among many of the privations experienced by our Cuban partners (and all Cubans) is declining access to electrical power. It may only be available a few hours a day or none for several days straight. The national power grid has collapsed multiple times. This means no purified water from the water treatment system, no refrigeration, no lighting after dark, no necessary medical support devices, no charging of computers and phones. Fortunately, we were able to provide our partner church with a Bluetti portable power station with solar recharging panels, which now enables them to manage the shortages. It can be charged when electricity is available and by the solar panels when not, meeting the church's electrical needs during shortages. The station was purchased by one church family and shipping was covered by another family. Thanks be to God!



The Peace & Global Witness Special Offering World Communion Sunday - October 5

Our goal for this year's offering is \$1500, which would exceed the \$1,024 collected in 2024. **The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be collected on October 5;** however, online giving is available at any time through (1) the GIVE tab on our website at www.upcbr.org (2) the Realm mobile app, (3) your REALM profile in the Realm website at www.onrealm.org, or (4) by texting "UPCBBR [number of dollars]" to 73256. Be sure to specify that your gift is for the Peace and Global Witness Offering.

**NOVEMBER CONTACT
DEADLINE OCTOBER 20**

Faith Formation Fall 2025

*As individuals and as a church community, we are always forming and reforming our faith.
It's what makes us Presbyterians and what enlivens our understanding and our response
to God's love for each of us at this time and in this place.*

To encourage our faith-forming journey, we offer these classes on Sunday mornings this fall.

NO CHURCH SCHOOL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

**JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
at 9:30 FOR PANCAKES!!**

For Children and Youth:

- Babies - kindergarten: in the nursery
- 1st-7th - Act Up! - 2nd floor in Room 204 -Each month, this class will study a different Bible story and create a unique way to tell that story as part of our worship service.
- 8th-12th - Follow Me - 2nd floor in Room 206 -Fall themes for this curriculum-based class include spiritual disciplines, joy, following Jesus, and hope.

For Adults:

Bible Study

This group uses the "Living the Word" curriculum which follows the Narrative Lectionary used in worship. Themes for this fall include: "God Provides Blessings", "Encountering the Messiah", and "God's Kingdom Revealed". Class volunteers lead the round table discussion on scripture that will be preached on in worship. Meet in the Conference Room.

Bless This Mess!

This adult discussion is a class for adults who are raising young people, babies through college-age. We discuss issues and concerns that come up for "kids these days" in the context of their (and our own) spiritual formation. The format is democratic and flexible, depending on the needs and whims of those present; in the past, we have had book studies and discussed podcasts.

. This class will meet on the 2nd floor in Room 208.

Digging Deeper

This class explores various topics using a lecture and discussion format. This class meets in the Parks Wilson Room near the Sanctuary.

- "Welcoming the Stranger: Louisiana, America, the World" October 12: LA AID presentation

La-AID is a primarily volunteer-driven abolitionist organization supporting immigrants in Louisiana detention centers and the Natchez, Mississippi detention facility. Volunteers write letters to detainees, visit detention centers, and advocate for humane treatment and access to medical care. The organization is dedicated to community education, advocacy, and direct actions to improve immigrant treatment in the U.S. Note that La-AID does not provide legal advice or counsel. Interested in learning about the expansion of immigration detention in Louisiana? Want to join others at UPC in

visiting detained immigrants, assisting with their release, or becoming a pen pal for detainees? Join our class on October 12! This session also serves as the required training for those interested in volunteering with La-AID. To volunteer with La-AID, please complete their volunteer form at: <https://tinyurl.com/z466s8pj> The class will be held in the Parks Wilson Room on October 12. To attend via Zoom, email Kristin Savicki at ksavicki@gmail.com for the link.

- Religion, Race—and Reparations?

Beginning Oct. 19, Gaines Foster will lead a four-part series on Religion, Race—and Reparations?

Beginning with the origins of American slavery in the 1600s and continuing until today, this class will provide an overview of the history of how Christians and their churches (with some emphases on the role of Presbyterian churches) supported and sometimes challenged America's racial system. It will end with a discussion of the Presbyterian Church USA's discussion of the possibility that the nation's racial past merits reparations for African Americans.

Small Groups

Small groups continue: Soul Feast (Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.) in the library and Faith & Community (2nd/4th Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.) in the Parks Wilson Room. Contact Jan Risher if you are inspired to start a new group.

You and your family are invited to the
LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens
**CORN
MAZE**
OCTOBER 25 • 6-9 pm
Tickets are pre-sale only
<https://tinyurl.com/4rddydk37>
Admission to Night Maze is \$20 per person
and free for children two and younger.
Contact Erin for details.



SPOTLIGHT on FAITH FORMATION AT HOME

Do you ever get tired of praying in the same way? Good news - there are many different ways to pray, and some of them don't even involve words. The youth group tried these in September, so feel free to ask them for recommendations!

Doodle prayer: Write a name for God, faith attribute, or short Scripture verse in the middle of a sheet of paper. Take five minutes to "doodle" around it in whatever way makes sense to you: abstract colors, shapes, an image, repetitive pen strokes, etc.

Movement prayer: Stand in several different positions (e.g., hands to the sky, touching your toes, covering your eyes, hugging your torso, cupping your ears, hands held out in front of you). What prayerful words or emotions does it inspire?

Breath prayer: Choose a short two-part phrase to focus on. With each breath, ponder the first half as you inhale and the second half as you exhale. Repeat indefinitely. For example: (inhale) Be still and know (exhale) that I am God.

Walking prayer: Choose a person or situation to lift up to God. Walk with intention, allowing each step to ground your focus. If you can walk in a labyrinth that sets your path, even better.

Waterfall prayer: Pray with others! One person says, "Dear God," then everyone prays their own prayer all at once (with the mixing voices sounding like a waterfall). Hold the space as a group until the last person says Amen.



*UPC's booth
at the LSU
Lavender
Bash (formerly
known as the
Pride Mixer)
on August 22.
Several of the
students saw
our handouts
and commented
"Oh you're the
church with the
rainbow doors!"*

Presbyterian Women

Join our Facebook group PW of UPC, Baton Rouge

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

**Presbyterian Women invite YOU to the Parks
Wilson Room on
Tuesday, October 7th at 10:00 a.m.**

*(Additional days and times possible. Contact Peggy or Julie if
interested)*

**To join us for the study of Lesson 2, "Mary Magdalene, the
Tower"**

ALL ARE WELCOME

Peggy Carroll will lead the lesson.

**"Finding Resilience, Joy, and our Identity in Jesus Christ"
2025-2026 Presbyterian Women Bible Study**

Presbytery of South Louisiana PW Fall Gathering

The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of South Louisiana held their Fall Gathering on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at Jefferson Presbyterian Church in Jefferson, Louisiana. Worship was led by Patrice Butler, Stated Supply Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Scotlandville. An offering of \$900 was collected and donated to Living Waters for the World.

Two informative sessions were held. In the first, Kendall Cox, Director of Education for Living Waters for the World, provided an update on the organization's work in the 26 countries where water purification systems have been installed. We were honored to have Savannah and Arden Weiser, seniors at Ursuline Academy in New Orleans, as special guests. These remarkable twins shared their experiences from a school project focused on planning a water system installation in Peru, which was a highlight of the day.

In the second session, Bertha Hinojosa presented an overview of the 2025-2026 Horizons Bible Study, "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ." Bertha's enthusiasm was infectious as she shared the Bible Study introductory video available on the PCUSA Presbyterian Women website.

Jefferson Presbyterian Church, with approximately 50 members—most over the age of 70 or 80—hosts a food bank on two Saturdays each month, supported by friends, relatives, and members from other churches. Participants in the Gathering contributed numerous food items to support this vital ministry.

After enjoying a delicious lunch prepared by the Jefferson Presbyterian Women, attendees left feeling inspired and grateful for their warm hospitality.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands, a sewing ministry of UPC, will meet on Tuesday, October 21. **Sewing skills are not essential.** Bring a brown bag lunch and join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

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.

**Lois Liggett • Ruth Bivins • Cody Lucero • Gerard Klein • Gary Meise
Alan Williams • Kathy Poché • Kathy Rossman • Cheryl Whitting
Fay Coco • Melanie Driscoll • Lynn Nichols Dull • Dawn Dominy**

- **Leroy Gongora**, father of Maeghan, as he recovers from surgery
- **David Strain**, George's brother, in memory care support
- **Family of Veronica Tucker**, college friend of Christine Kooi, who died unexpectedly this past week
- **Christopher Cunningham and his grandfather, Bill Bell, and his mother, Vicki Meyer**, upon the death of his grandmother on September 14
- **Michael Williams**, Jonathan Hubchen's brother in law, who has developed an infection that looks like it will result in an amputation of one of his toes
- **Albertha Hubchen**, as she grieves the loss of her sister-in-law, Sandra Williams, and continues care for her brother Michael
- **Members of our sister church in Cuba, San Jose de los Ramos**, who are suffering from Dengue Fever and Chikungunya
- **Tip Tipton**, as he recovers from shingles.
- **Faye Coco**, after falling and breaking her hip.
- **Robert Gourges**, as he recovers after a car accident
- **David Pohlman**, dealing with liver disease
- **Peter Wren McGuyer**, nephew of Shannon Couhig & Joanie Cangelosi, deployed
- **Pat Phelps**, after a car accident
- **Edith Veldman**, Meredith's 95-year-old mother, in hospice care
- **Josh Rosenberg and Angelle Bradford** as Josh undergoes radiation and chemotherapy
- **Carl Stoddard**, brother of Linda Walker, recovering from sarcopenia
- **Warren Goodman**, friend of Mary Stevens, restarting chemotherapy
- **Gretchen Goodrich**, mother-in-law of Kathie Pohlman
- **Ron Veldman**, Meredith's brother, with pancreatic cancer
- **Will**, neighbor to the Walkers, undergoing chemotherapy for bladder cancer
- **Holly Palughi**, family friend of Darlene Rowland, with recurrent breast cancer
- **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
- **Faye Beroth**, Bizza Britton's aunt with Alzheimer's, and her son, Tom, her sole caretaker
- **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
- **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**



The Presbytery of South Louisiana
joyfully invites you
to the installation service of
Rev. Erin Tolar
as Associate Pastor
at University Presbyterian Church.
The service will be held at UPCE on
Sunday, November 2nd
at 4:00 p.m.,
with a reception to follow.

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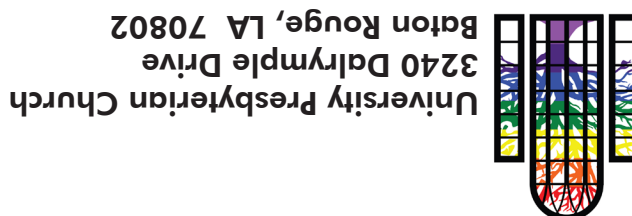
October Birthdays

1	Talia Daigre	18	Jill Scherrer
3	Pamela Bistany Jon Cogburn Amybeth Mainord	19	Sadie Knapp
5	Peggy Carroll Casey Cogburn	20	Rick Bowles Lori Tucker Doug Walker
6	Drew Patty Scott Phillabaum	21	Jane Wallace
10	Micah Short	22	Joseph Tyler
12	Linda Walker	23	Pat Wright
15	Kelly Larson	25	Ed Britton Larry Reynolds
16	Mickey Brown	26	Elliot Purser
17	Laurie Gaona Ann Miller	27	Becca Bartlett Michael O'Donnell
		31	Cecil Eubanks

Looking Ahead

Daylight Savings Time Ends - November 2
 Rev. Erin Tolar Installation Service - Nov. 2
 Church Picnic - November 9
 Day School Thanksgiving Feast - Nov. 20 & 21
 Advent Begins - November 30
 Taizé Begins - December 3

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



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