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February 2026

University Presbyterian Church Newsletter for church members and friends

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## A l o n g   t h e   W a y

Last month, I showed up at church the week after Epiphany and was confused to be presented with the opportunity to try three different king cakes. While I have tried king cake before on the east coast, this is not the same thing as having a Louisiana king cake. As I quickly discovered, there is stiff competition here and people have strong opinions about which is best!

I also learned there are many different flavors and textures, which led me to ask: what defines a king cake? The immediately apparent answer was the purple, green, and gold adornments. Not being from Louisiana, I asked the followup question: why are those the Mardi Gras colors?

Upon further investigation with the children and youth Sunday school class, I was delighted to learn what each color represents: purple for justice, green for faith, and gold for power. What appropriate values to uphold this month! In the face of illegal actions by ICE, questions of international sovereignty, and all kinds of actions that threaten the fabric of our society, these are things I can get behind:

Recognizing the power we hold to work for a better community, nation, and world;

Elevating voices long silenced and seeking justice for all; and

Relying on our faith to anchor us in what is true, honorable, and just.

There are days when fear, exhaustion, anxiousness, frustration, or defeat threaten to take over, but whenever I see Mardi Gras colors this season, I will find hope in the power, justice, and faith they represent. I hope you do, too.

*Eim*

*In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.*

*Excerpt from "A Brief Statement of Faith", The PC(USA) Book of Confessions*

# February...

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

- 1 **4th Sunday after Epiphany Communion**  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)  
Noon Soup & Pie Luncheon - Fellowship Hall  
Noon Youth Group @ Soup & Pie
- 2 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 3 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Zoom  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Parks Wilson Room  
4:30 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom  
6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Committee - Zoom  
7:00 p.m. UPC Book Group - 1725 Eugene
- 4 9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 5 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 7 10:30 a.m. AJ Meek Memorial Service & Reception - Sanctuary
- 8 **5th Sunday after Epiphany**  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)  
2:00 p.m. Youth Group @ Mid City Gras  
2:00 p.m. Bella Voce Choir Retreat - Sanctuary & Parks Wilson Room
- 9 11:30 a.m. Membership Committee - Library  
6:00 p.m. Bella Voce Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room  
7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Conference Room
- 10 9:00 a.m. Presbytery of South Louisiana Meeting - Zoom  
7:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom  
7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 11 9:00 a.m. Faith and Community Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive  
5:00 p.m. Property Committee - Zoom  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 12 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom  
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 15 **Transfiguration**  
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  
No Youth Group
- 16 **Lundi Gras - Day School & Church Office Closed**
- 17 **Mardi Gras - Day School & Church Office Closed**  
9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room  
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom
- 18 9:45 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive  
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Taizé Service - Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 19 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

## Office Notes

### Sunday Giving

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

### Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for 2025 have been e-mailed and are also available by checking your Realm account. If you have problems logging in or have questions about your contributions, please contact Caralyn in the church office at [cdurham@upcbr.org](mailto:cdurham@upcbr.org).



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

Contact Ellen Morgan for info

Feb 3 Matrix by Lauren Geoff



### Inquirer's Class

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

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



## “Rooted and Reaching” We Soared!

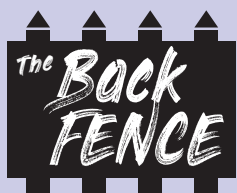
Huge thanks to Caralyn Durham for designing our beautiful and inspiring “Rooted and Reaching” logo. Her powerful visual reminded us all to stay deeply grounded in our values while boldly stretching out to serve and give — and it truly helped carry us through the campaign!

We’re thrilled to share the amazing final result:

**114 generous households pledged, and together we raised \$620,512 — surpassing our \$618,000 goal!**

Thank you to every single person who gave so faithfully.

Because we stayed rooted, we reached far beyond what we hoped for. What a blessing this community is!



•**Becca Bartlett** is facilitating a Healthy Aging program at the Louisiana Art & Science Museum (LASM). The program requires at least 10 participants to move forward. If interested, please email Becca at [rbartlettpt@gmail.com](mailto:rbartlettpt@gmail.com). You can also find program details on the LASM website.

## February...

### 22 1st Sunday in Lent *Communion*

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|---------------|---|
| 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                                  |
| 4:30 p.m.     | Youth Group   |
| 23 10:45 a.m. | Staff Meeting - Library   |
| 6:00 p.m.     | Bella Voce Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room                                   |
| 6:00 p.m.     | Lenten Small Group - Parks Wilson Room                                    |
| 24 7:00 p.m.  | NAMI - Conference Room & Library  |
| 25 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  |
| 26 10:30 a.m. | “Soul Feast” Small Group - Parks Wilson Room                              |
| 6:00 p.m.     | “Lessons for Lent” Dinner/Activity - Fellowship Hall                      |
| 7:30 p.m.     | New Orleans Gay Mens Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room                        |

## Mission & Peacemaking

### Standing with our immigrant neighbors: food, diapers, and faith

UPCers have witnessed the violence and fear being inflicted upon our immigrant neighbors here in Baton Rouge, in Minneapolis, and in multiple other cities. We also witness the outpouring of love and protection coming from everyday people, neighbors, and our family of faith. Here in Baton Rouge we are more grateful than ever for our partnership with the Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants (LORI), who continue to seek ways to serve our immigrant neighbors in difficult times.

LORI recently established a food pantry and diaper bank just two weeks before Thanksgiving in response to growing need among refugee and immigrant families. Since then, heightened immigration enforcement has forced many families to shelter in place out of fear, leaving them without access to food, diapers, and basic necessities. Some parents shared that they were forced to use rags in place of diapers for their children.

In response, LORI stepped in to ensure families were not left alone. To date, thanks to the generosity of community partners, including UPC, LORI has supported over 550 households—representing more than 2,100 individuals—across New Orleans, Gonzales, Denham Springs, and the Greater Baton Rouge region, and are now receiving calls for support from Pointe Coupee. Through LORI’s diaper bank, they have provided diapers to more than 85 children. This pantry is more than food—it is an expression of care, dignity, and faith in action during a time of uncertainty.

Want to help? Ask UPCers Lorinda Sealey, Melanie Driscoll, or Kristin Savicki how to sign up for volunteer shifts at LORI’s food pantry, or how to support directly with food and diaper donations through LORI’s Amazon wishlist.

### IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2026 (as of 1/29/2026)

Received Pledged giving: **\$93,797** (15% of \$620,512 pledged)

Received Unpledged giving \$905

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$94,702

*It’s not too late to make a pledge!*

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

*Thank you for your generous contributions!*

**MARCH  
CONTACT  
DEADLINE  
FEBRUARY 23**





# LINK LOVE

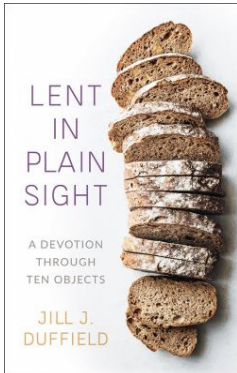
Some fun, funny, inspirational, or thought-provoking links for you enjoy this month.

## Text Prayers for Lent

It can be hard to set aside a time to pray. What if you had a group of 3 or 4 people who would meet you on your phone once a week for just twenty minutes to share a joy and concern with you and who would listen to yours and hold it too? If that sounds compelling to you, join us for text prayers during Lent (February 18 -April 4). It's a simple way to hear from others and to share your joys and concerns so we all remember we're in this together. As Lent is soon upon us we'll have to organize quickly, so let Mamie know if you are interested ([mbroadhurst@upcbr.org](mailto:mbroadhurst@upcbr.org)).

## Daily Devotional Cards

Daily devotional cards from A Sanctified Art will be available again this year for at-home use during Lent. Each card contains a prompt, a "good news mantra," and a prayer. They should arrive at the church during the second Sunday of February and will be available for pickup anytime after that.



## Lent Small Group Book Study

Join Erin for a Lenten small group book study! The book "Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects" by Jill Duffield, has short daily readings (usually 3-5 pages) with weekly themes around objects we encounter in everyday life. The group will meet from 6-7pm on Monday evenings. Please RSVP by February 9th (email Erin or call the church office) so we have time to order the books.

## Lent Family Gatherings

Families with kids and youth of all ages are invited to Thursday evening activity at the church. The group will meet weekly at 6 p.m. from February 26th to March 26th. The evening will start with a simple dinner and then move to an activity based on that week's Bible passage.

**What:** "Lessons for Lent": Jesus uses metaphors to help us understand who He is. Families and their children (ages 5-18) are invited to explore these metaphors together during Lent, as a way to deepen our connection with the season and with each other. Dinner is provided (6:00-6:30 p.m.) followed by a short lesson and activity that loosely follows the Sunday Scripture texts.

**Time:** 6-7:30pm

### Dates:

Thurs Feb 26	"I am the Bread of Life" <i>I am the gate/door</i>
Thurs Mar 5	"I am the Light of the World" <i>I am the good shepherd</i>
Thurs Mar 12	"I am the Gate/Door" <i>I am the resurrection and life</i>
Thurs Mar 19	"I am the Good Shepherd" <i>I am the way, truth, life</i>
Thurs Mar 26	"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" <i>I am the true vine</i>

**Who:** Families with children ages 5-18

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

- Sometimes you just need to make sure you remember there is good news out there too. Here is "The Year in Cheer" from 2025. <https://bit.ly/4bOqoll>

- Mississippi State Penitentiary, or Parchman, allows inmates who work 6 days a week to have a respite on Sunday mornings to attend services. You can listen to a man there sing Psalm 23 here. <https://bit.ly/3Fe2GHt>

- We are approaching Lent, a time when many people think about things/habits they might give up (or give away). Do you want to own less stuff? But do you find it difficult to get rid of stuff or stop buying stuff? If so, you might find this article a helpful place to start working on that mismatch. <https://bit.ly/4sSkvjP>

- 32,000 dominos in an incredibly complex design made by Lily Hevesh, a 22 year old domino master! Beware, you could go down an internet rabbit hole watching this... <https://bit.ly/3Z4i9AK>

- A beautiful song by Spencer LaJoye - Plowshare Prayer. <https://youtu.be/MhOZv5i7CHY> Tabitha Lewis sang it for us in church a few years ago. You can read more about/listen to more from Spencer at their website <https://www.spencerlajoye.com>

- Sometimes you just don't have the tool you need to fix something. What if there was a tool library that would allow you to check out the tool so you could repair an item rather than toss it? Buffalo has a model for one. What would it take to start one in Baton Rouge? <https://bit.ly/4aNe7kB>

- The Charleston Public Library and the International African-American Museum have created a Dial-a-Story service you can call to hear recorded Gullah stories told by their storytellers. There are tales for all ages. Check it out! <https://bit.ly/4IIExyh>

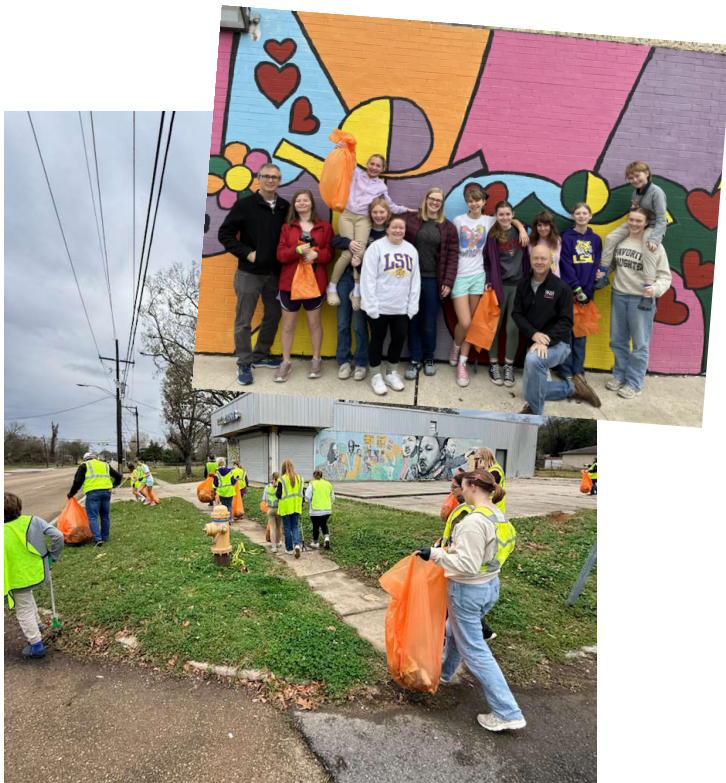
## February

- 1st Youth group during/after Soup and Pie
- \*8th Attend Mid City Mardi Gras together (details by email)
- 15th No youth group (Mardi Gras weekend)
- 22nd Healthy relationships/consent (4:30-6 at the church)

After a successful day of Faith and Sexuality workshops, we're already thinking about summer! We encourage every family with children and youth to consider sending them to Camp Agape (completed 3rd-12th) and/or the Ferncliff Mission Team week (completed 6th-12th). It's a wonderful chance to build relationships with other young people in our presbytery (Camp Agape) and our church (Ferncliff).

Exciting announcement: we're looking to add a couple youth group advisors to our team! If you have been looking for an opportunity to get to know our young people, this is your chance! Youth advisors are responsible for coming to youth group (4:30-6 p.m. for three Sundays/month) and helping to plan activities as time, talents, and interests allow. Alvin Raetzsch and Samantha Hartmann are our current all star advisors and would be a great resource for further questions about what being an advisor entails. Advisors must value building relationships with youth, be at least 21 years old, able to pass a background check, and complete a online child abuse prevention training. We're particularly hoping for people who don't have current 6th-12th graders at home, but anyone interested should reach out to Erin - we will always find opportunities for people willing to help.

Check out the photos from some of our recent events!



## Camp Agape: 3rd-12th graders

Camp Agape is a local camp run by folks in our Presbytery for grades 3-12 (completed). This camp is a week long (June 7-13th this year) and is held at Feliciana Retreat Center in Norwood, LA. Campers are divided into cabins by age and have lots of traditional summer camp fun, including: rock wall climbing and a zip line, archery, canoes, swimming, hiking, 4 square, gaga ball, arts and crafts, and more. Campers will use the week to dive deeper into their faith as well with either indoor or outdoor worship every day. The camp is memorable for its daily energizers and huge indoor games! Older campers experience off-site adventures like tubing and hiking to local waterfalls. Meals are eaten camp-style together outside or in the dining hall.

The price is approximately \$600-650 for the week for completed 3rd-12th grade, depending on age group. For those of you with even younger children (grades 1-3) there is also an intro "try it out" camp from June 5-7th (\$225). The deadline for registration is May 15th. You can register and see more information at <https://www.campagapepsl.com/>

## Ferncliff Mission Team: Completed 6th-12th graders

This summer, our youth group (completed 6th-12th) is traveling to Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center in Little Rock, Arkansas to participate in their Mission Team program. In the mornings, we will participate in a variety of onsite service projects, including working in the Disaster Assistance Center, building beds for kids, or helping with the Farmstead and site maintenance. Afternoons/evenings may include a combination of continued service projects, traditional camp activities, devotions, games, and group chill time. Everyone will stay in the bunkbed-style Retreat House (including preparing our own meals) and enjoy the week together as a group.

The total trip cost for youth is \$380, which includes the program fee, staying in the retreat house, food, and transportation. Chaperones go free!

If your 6th-12th grader is interested and/or you are interested in being a chaperone, please fill out the Google form sent by email by February 8th.

More information is available at <https://ferncliff.org/outreach/mission/>





# Faith Formation

## Upcoming Digging Deeper Schedule

Mark Your Calendars! We are excited to announce a diverse and engaging lineup for our Digging Deeper church school class! Whether you are interested in liturgy, community outreach, or small group discussion, we have a place for you.

Please make note of the following schedule:

- February 1: Join Ava Haymon as she explores the history and significance of the Feast of Candlemas.
- February 8: Darlene Rowland will present on BREADA (Big River Economic and Agricultural Development Alliance), offering insight into this vital community organization.
- February 15: Christine will return to teach her anticipated make-up class.
- Lenten Discussion Group Beginning February 22 and running through Palm Sunday, Lori will facilitate a weekly discussion group. This series will offer a time of reflection and fellowship as we discuss the previous week's scripture readings and sermon.
- Looking ahead after Easter, Gaines will kick off a new six-week series on Faith250 starting April 12.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Kids Safe Policy Review

The faith formation committee is undertaking a comprehensive review of our UPC Safe Kids Policy. This is a routine undertaking to make sure our ideals, policies, and practices are in alignment. The committee welcomes feedback from anyone, particularly those who have worked with children and youth in the past three years. We hope to have the revised policy in place by the start of school in August. The policy is available in electronic or printed form for anyone who wants to read it; questions or suggestions can be sent to Sarah Sabin and/or Erin Tolar.



*Day School Chapel*

# College Ministry

Welcome back into the second semester! Reach out to Erin at [etolar@upcbr.org](mailto:etolar@upcbr.org) for information about events for college students. Whether we're having casual dinner, Bible study, or game night, we're always ready to welcome new people into the group.

## Calling all cooks!

UPC's college ministry is seeking volunteers to provide home-cooked meals for students this spring. This initiative supports a small, consistent group of 6-8 students who meet for fellowship and Bible study.

### Volunteering Details:

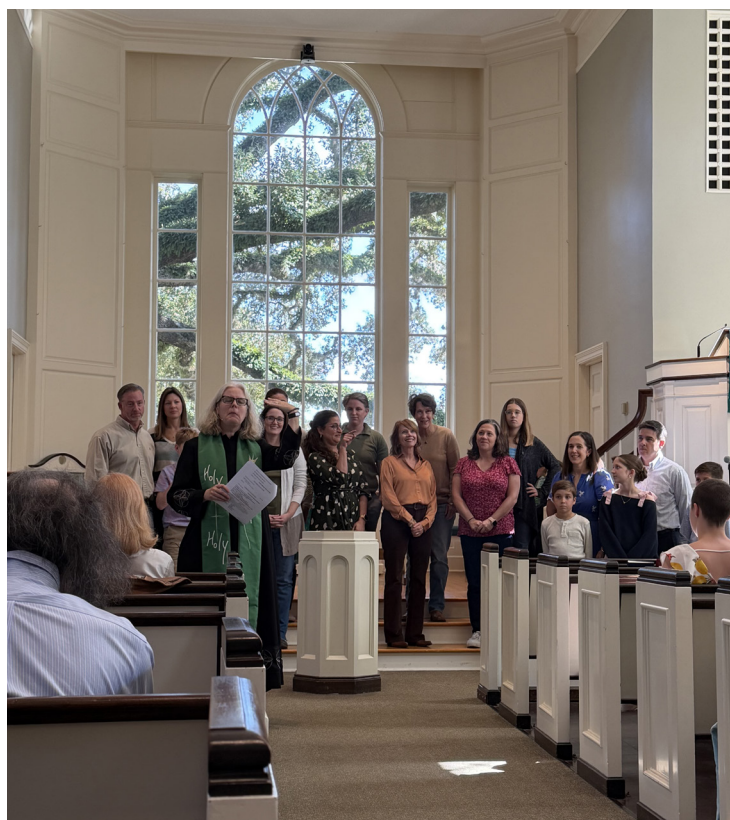
**When:** Monday evenings throughout the spring semester.

**The Need:** A simple home-cooked meal to share with the group.

**Impact:** Providing a meal offers students a "home away from home" and a vital sense of belonging within the UPC community.

**Registration:** If you can host or provide a meal for one evening, please contact Associate Pastor Erin Tolar at [etolar@upcbr.org](mailto:etolar@upcbr.org) to select a date that works for your schedule.

For more ways to support students, you can also learn about the College Connector Program, which pairs LSU students with members for practical support like laundry access or occasional dinners. (<https://upcbr.org/ministries/ukirk-campus-ministry/>)



*Welcome to our newest members!*

# 28 DAYS OF LOVING MORE

DAY 01 Smile at a stranger.	DAY 02 Pick up three pieces of trash in your neighborhood.	DAY 03 Leave food out for the animals.	DAY 04 Dress up for no reason.	DAY 05 Dance break - one song, full volume	DAY 06 Give a weird compliment. "You're so good at parallel parking!"	DAY 07 Recreate an old photo you love.
DAY 08 Drop off dinner for someone you love.	DAY 09 Have a whole conversation in gifs.	DAY 10 Buy fresh flowers at the grocery store.	DAY 11 Send a random "I love you" text to someone who needs to hear it.	DAY 12 Leave a sweet note in a book at a free little library.	DAY 13 Run errands with a buddy. Get coffee while you're at it.	DAY 14 Buy a coffee for the person behind you in line.
DAY 15 Host a dinner for your people.	DAY 16 FaceTime a friend or family member, just because.	DAY 17 Go for an "awe walk" - leave the AirPods at home.	DAY 18 Leave a note for someone you love where they'll find it - pocket, car, etc.	DAY 19 If you know someone is having a hard time, show up (with snacks).	DAY 20 Send someone a meme that makes you think of them.	DAY 21 Leave your favorite local business a thoughtful Google review.
DAY 22 Make a fort in the living room and put on a movie marathon.	DAY 23 Say "no" to something that doesn't fill your cup.	DAY 24 Not sexy - but schedule your doctor appts for the year.	DAY 25 Cook that recipe you've had pinned for months.	DAY 26 Choose a book from your TBR list and read before bed.	DAY 27 Invite a friend to join you on a walk.	DAY 28 Send someone surprise cookies! (they don't need to be from scratch)





# Presbyterian Women

Join our Facebook group PW of UPC, Baton Rouge

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

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

## 2 CIRCLE MEETINGS to choose from

### FEBRUARY

**Tuesday, February 3rd at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parks Wilson Room. Lesson 6, "Finding Our Joy in Christ, and Again I Say Rejoice", of "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ".

**Wednesday, February 4th at 10:00 a.m.** Peggy Carroll's carport group(1545 Patrick Drive) will meet.

The PW Spring Retreat tentatively scheduled for February will be postponed to a later date.

### HELPING HANDS

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



*Parent night out... a great time was had by all!*



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

## Taizé

**Sung Prayers**

Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. February 18 - March 25

Make Taizé a part of your Lenten preparation.

**UPC BLOOD DRIVE**  
Sunday, February 22 • 9-noon



Schedule your appointment today at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) or contact Beth Paskoff!

For more information or to schedule a donation call 877-258-4825 or visit us at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org)

Find us @    IDs are required to donate.





# 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 • Ruth Bivins • Cody Lucero • Gerard Klein  
Alan Williams • Kathy Poché • Kathy Rossman • Lynn Nichols Dull  
Cheryl Whitting • Faye Coco • Melanie Driscoll • Dawn Dominy  
Pat Phelps • David Strain

Members of our sister church in Cuba, San Jose de los Ramos

- **Mary Vance**, sister of Jane Smith, diagnosed with lymphoma and has begun chemotherapy treatment
- **Craig Fisher**, brother-in-law of Anita Melon, with Lewey Body dementia undergoing a medical procedure to increase the volume of his voice
- **Rhonda Fisher**, sister of Anita Melon, finishing with chemo and radiation for GI cancer
- **Chris Clark**, husband of Linda Law Clark, and their dog, **Zin**, who were involved in a hit and run accident
- **Barbara Hoffman**, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery
- **Meredith Veldman and family**, upon the deaths of her mother and brother
- **Jill Scherrer and family**, upon the death of her mother
- **Mickey Brown**, in the hospital, awaiting heart valve replacement surgery
- **Ellen Severin**, Lois Kuyper Rushing's aunt, in hospice care, and her daughter and full-time caretaker, Jo Ellen Parrott
- **Brian**, friend and neighbor of the Perrys, facing brain surgery later in January
- **John Stoddard**, brother of Linda Walker, undergoing PT for pain in knees and hip
- **Gary & Judy Crow**, friends of the Brittons, as they deal with Gary's cardiac issues
- **Sherri Wilson**, friend of Darla O'Connor and Tavia Crumpler, with brain cancer
- **Amy Heller**, mother of the Hoffman's granddaughters, with a recurrence of cancer
- **David Pohlman**, dealing with liver disease
- **Josh Rosenberg and Angelle Bradford** as Josh undergoes radiation and chemotherapy
- **Carl Stoddard**, brother of Linda Walker, slowly recovering from sarcopenia
- **Warren Goodman**, friend of Mary Stevens, undergoing chemotherapy
- **Gretchen Goodrich**, mother-in-law of Kathie Pohlman
- **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
- **Corrie Hale's Dad, Conrad**, with inoperable cancer on his spine
- **Joellen Hawkins**, Aunt of Emily Cogburn, with Alzheimer's
- **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**
- **Those who are affected by alcoholism and addiction**
- **Those who are serving in the armed forces**
- **Those who are going through separation or divorce**
- **Those who are affected by domestic violence**



**The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is currently low on funds. Please consider a donation.**

*This fund allows our pastors to respond quickly to particular needs of folks within the congregation and in the wider community.*

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

## Stay Connected!



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See us Sundays on Facebook for a live broadcast of our worship service!

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2 Paul Paskoff	7 Barbara Gray Robbie Phillabaum Shannon Stafford	13 Caroline Elder	22 Beverly Jones Elizabeth Roberts
3 Wade Midkiff Ian Strain		17 Owen Smith	
5 Dinah Keyes	10 Ryan Black Amy Braymer	19 Glenda Crummett	23 Cheryl Giles Joyce Moreland
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