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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

Do you know one of my favorite parts of Sunday morning? Coffee hour.

I don't even drink coffee, and sometimes I'm a little bit harried as I make sure I have everything I need for worship, but I still love wandering into the Welcome Center and listening to the hubbub as people hang out and visit after Church School or as they arrive for worship.

During the pandemic things slowed down, but we couldn't linger together - at least not inside. We tried staying after worship in a zoom breakout room, but it just wasn't the same. As the pace of...everything...picked back up, I am grateful for the half an hour of unscheduled time when the only purpose is to pay attention to one another. (Well, and maybe to eat doughnuts.) It is a reminder that relationships and a sense of belonging are important facets of church life that build the trust needed to do everything else together.

In an article by my friend Mihee Kim Kort, she said "In a world that demands constant acceleration, to linger is to live with intention. It asks something of us: to relinquish the comfort of efficiency, to notice what we usually overlook, to dwell long enough for something sacred to surface. It is not passive. It is attentive. It is deeply human." The shared stories and laughter, the kids rushing by, introductions made and hugs given - it's all deeply human, and I am deeply grateful for it.

Easter begins on April 5th, but we will get to linger in it until May 24th. Through the 7 weeks of the season we will have the chance to listen to those who built relationships with one another after Christ's resurrection. Many of them wanted to rush through to when Christ would return, but they had to linger in an in-between time they didn't fully understand. In that way we're not so different.

Luckily they had one another to help them through, just like we do. Even luckier - we have doughnuts.

Bendiciones,

<https://faithandleadership.com/coffee-hour-and-the-beauty-lingering-one-another>

# 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 9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 2 **Maundy Thursday**  
11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service - Fellowship Hall  
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 3 **Good Friday**  
**Day School & Church Office Closed**  
7:30 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service - Sanctuary
- 5 **Easter Sunday** *Communion, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering*  
9:30 a.m. Easter Potluck Brunch and Egg Hunt  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)  
No Youth Group
- 6 **Church Office Closed**  
6:00 p.m. Bella Voce Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 7 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Conference Room  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Parks Wilson Room  
6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Committee - Zoom  
7:00 p.m. UPC Book Group - 1725 Eugene
- 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. Choir Rehearsal
- 9 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
- 11 5:30 p.m. Christopher Cunningham Recital - Sanctuary
- 12 **2nd Sunday of Easter**  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)  
12:15 p.m. Cuba Potluck and Presentation - Fellowship Hall  
4:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 13 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library  
11:30 a.m. Membership Committee - Library  
5:30 p.m. College Dinner & Bible Study - Library  
6:00 p.m. Bella Voce Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room  
7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Conference Room
- 14 7:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom  
7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 15 9:45 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 16 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 17 6:00 p.m. Bella Voce Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 19 **3rd Sunday in Easter**  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
9:30 a.m. New Member Class - Fellowship Hall  
11:00 a.m. Worship and **Congregational Meeting** - Sanctuary  
(*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*) - Cuba Offering  
12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room  
2:00 p.m. Bella Voce Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room & Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m. Bella Voce Choir Recital - Sanctuary  
4:30 p.m. Youth Group

## Office Notes

### EASTER HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Day School - April 3

Church Office - April 3 and April 6

### QUARTERLY GIVING STATEMENTS

Quarterly giving statements will be e-mailed on April 15. 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 20.

### 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.

**MAY  
CONTACT  
DEADLINE  
APRIL 20**



The **UPC Book Club** meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at 1715 S. Eugene. Contact Ellen Morgan for info.

Apr 7 Childhoods End  
by Arthur C. Clark

May 5 Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship  
by Gregory Boyle

**SNAP YOUR PHOTO  
EASTER SUNDAY!!**

*Special "frames" supplied for fun!*

Three prime locations:

- Courtyard benches by the gate
- Under the Veranda (*covered walk between the sanctuary windows*)
- Flower Cross inside the sanctuary (*after worship*)

Remember: Bring potluck finger-food for the Easter Brunch, and stemmed flowers to fill the Flower Cross!

**One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering Collection is April 5**

Begun in 1949, OGHHS 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 - committed to ending hunger globally.
- 32% Supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - committed to helping others repair from disaster during and beyond the initial aftermath globally.
- 32% Supports Self-Development of People - 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 5
- <https://pcusa.org/donate/og999999-one-great-hour-sharing>

# April...

- |           |                             |   |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---|
| 20        | 5:30 p.m.                   | College Dinner & Bible Study - Library                                    |
| 21        | 9:30 a.m.                   | Helping Hands - Conference 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.  |
|           | 7:00 p.m.                   | Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room  |
| 23        | 10:30 a.m.                  | "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room                              |
|           | 7:30 p.m.                   | New Orleans Gay Mens Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room                        |
| 25        | TBD                         | Youth Group @ GBR Food Bank   |
| <b>26</b> | <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b> |   |
|           | 9:30 a.m.                   | Church School   |
|           | 9:30 a.m.                   | New Member Class - Fellowship Hall  |
|           | 11:00 a.m.                  | Worship - Sanctuary ( <i>Live Streamed via Facebook &amp; upcbr.org</i> ) |
|           | 1:00 p.m.                   | Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room                                  |
|           |                             | No Youth Group  |
| 27        | 10:45 a.m.                  | Staff Meeting - Library   |
|           | 5:30 p.m.                   | College Dinner & Bible Study - Library                                    |
| 28        | 4:30 p.m.                   | Worship Committee - Zoom  |
|           | 5:30 p.m.                   | Faith Formation 6 and Under Dinner & Activity - Fellowship Hall           |
|           | 7:00 p.m.                   | NAMI - Conference Room & Library  |
| 29        | 10:00 a.m.                  | Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.  |
|           | 7:00 p.m.                   | Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room  |
| 30        | 10:30 a.m.                  | "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room                              |
|           | 7:30 p.m.                   | New Orleans Gay Mens Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room                        |

## Getting Organized

Together Baton Rouge's 4-part Community Organizing Academy starts April 2 (Thursdays all month), 5:30-7:30 p.m. at 1520 Thomas H. Delpit Dr. Build skills to form strong relationships across institutions, work with leaders, and engage in public life. Must attend all four sessions. Want to get more involved in your community? Sign up: <https://www.togetherbr.org/26apriltraining>

## worship for holy week

**Maundy Thursday Service** April 2, 6:30 p.m.  
Following the traditional Maundy Thursday story, we will begin with a meal (**potluck**) and shared supper around tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us in person; it will not be live streamed.

**Good Friday Service** April 3, 7:30 p.m.  
We will be back in our sanctuary this year for a service of growing darkness. It will not be live-streamed. Sharing scripture, song, prayer, and silence, we will remember the final day of Jesus' earthly ministry.

**Easter Sunday** April 5 -*Brunch, an Egg Hunt, and the Hallelujah Chorus*  
During the **9:30** church school hour, we will fellowship together with a **potluck brunch** and Easter egg hunt. 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. **Everyone is encouraged to bring flowers to add to the Easter cross.**

*NOTE: The Day School and Church office will be closed on Good Friday. The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 6.*

# LINK LOVE

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

- A Jewish a capella group reworked Billy Joel's hit "Piano Man" for Passover. It's a little silly, but they fit A LOT of Passover information into a 4 minute song! <https://bit.ly/4bupn8d>
- Planting a tree is like an act of defiance here as we're slowly being sucked away into the ocean." Click to read more about wetland renewal in South Louisiana. <https://bit.ly/4uXq29W>
- A 12 minute animated short has been nominated for an Academy Award this year. It's worth your time. <https://bit.ly/4ta2LQo>
- After you watch the short (above), you might want to visit this website filled with recordings from forests around the world, accompanied by a photo. You can take a nature break even when you aren't able to go outside, or you can gift someone a forest!  
<https://www.tree.fm/forest/27>
- Singapore is drawing murals on buildings to make city neighborhoods more legible for people with dementia. Read more about how urban design is changing to support human flourishing. <https://bit.ly/43e8c6Z>
- A story about a big river that floods a lot and how some folks are choosing to live with it. Nope, not the Mississippi - the Waal, in the Netherlands. <https://bit.ly/4lm8UGh>
- Josh Gluckstein makes life-sized animal sculptures out of paper. It's a pretty good (and BIG) recycling project!  
<https://www.joshgluckstein.com/gallery>
- A photo history of Cuba from the New York Times. Here's to hoping the gift article link from George Strain still works here... If not, contact him and I'm sure he'll share again!  
<https://bit.ly/4bJKCSI>

## Youth Group

We had a great time at Feliciana for our spring camping trip March 21st-22nd. April features the long-awaited opportunity to volunteer at the food bank, in addition to some 'normal' time together on Sunday afternoons.

### April Youth Group Calendar:

April 5th: No youth group (Easter)

April 12th: Youth group, 4:30-6 at the church

April 19th: Youth group, 4:30-6 at the church

April 25th: Volunteering at the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank





## SPOTLIGHT ON FAITH FORMATION AT HOME

April provides a wonderful chance to explore the spirituality in nature. Here are some ideas to get started:

- Visit the labyrinth at City-Brooks community park. Set an intention of someone or something to pray for as you move slowly through the winding path.
- Find a quiet place in your yard, neighborhood, or local/state park to set up a chair or put down a blanket. Set screens aside as you watch and listen to what's around you. Consider drawing what you see, journaling your thoughts, or writing a poem about what's around you.
- Break out some sidewalk chalk and write encouraging messages or short Bible verses where your neighbors can see (Erin has plenty if you need to borrow some).
- Head outside after dark to admire the stars. How many Bible stories can you think of that include looking up at the stars or the sky?

Get a few friends and/or family members together and sit outside for a short Bible study. Try Psalm 8 or 104 for nature-themed reflection.

# VBS

Mark your calendars for intergenerational Vacation Bible School on June 20th-21st! Let Erin know if you are interested in assisting with planning or volunteering.

### Talents Needed

UPC is creating new groups within the Stewardship and Finance Committee and we are seeking volunteers of all interests and skills to help. Need proof? We let an English major chair the committee! We want to “cast a wide net” so know that all backgrounds are welcome as we consider new ways to approach planned giving, capital campaign planning, and stewardship. Text Adam Knapp to offer help or ask questions, 225-278-3708.

## Mission & Peacemaking

### Invitation to Learn & Share About UPC's Cuba Partnership

Do you know a lot—or not much—about University Presbyterian Church's (UPC) long history and ongoing relationship with our partner church in Cuba? Are you aware of the changing challenges Cubans face with their economy, quality of life, access to water, and power?

Whether familiar with recent struggles or not—we have an opportunity for you! Mission and Peacemaking, in collaboration with Faith Formation and Fellowship Committees, invites the congregation to learn about UPC's longstanding partnership with the Presbyterian Church in Cuba and how we're supporting our brothers and sisters amid growing hardships. We'll share exciting updates on a new project at Gethsemane Iglesia in San José de los Ramos that UPC was able to support.

Join us for one (or both) opportunities on April 12:

1. Digging Deeper class
2. After worship: Cuba-themed **potluck** and presentation in Fellowship Hall

The following Sunday, April 19th, Mission and Peacemaking will sponsor a special offering during worship to support our Cuban partners.

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

UPC's Mission and Peacemaking Committee is again supporting Take Back the Night, hosted by LSU's Feminists in Action student organization. Join us on Thursday, April 16th from 6-8:30pm at Memorial Tower on LSU's campus.

This event raises awareness about interpersonal violence, supports survivors, and builds a safe, inclusive community. Take Back the Night traces its roots to protests against violence toward women walking alone at night (with early actions in the UK in the late 1800s/1970s era), and has grown globally to oppose sexual and intimate partner violence. The Baton Rouge community has held TBTN events for over 30 years, with UPC often participating.

Want to help with this impactful event for our Baton Rouge and LSU community? Volunteers are needed to assist with set-up, tear-down, and event booths. Fill out the registration form here: <https://forms.gle/CY5GjubFw2qbTES78>

Volunteers receive free event shirts and volunteer hours!

### Visit to Adams ICE Detention

On Saturday, March 21, 2026, Betsy Irvine and Mary Mikell visited eight men at the Adams ICE Detention Center in Natchez, MS. We arrived behind a large Pakistani family (9 adults, 4 young children) who drove 8 hours. Extended processing—questions about diapers, baby formula, etc.—left everyone with just 20 minutes to visit.

We met our regular group plus two new folks. The men were grateful to see us; several shared quick reviews of books received from us. Reading offers a vital escape from the monotony and stress of over a year in detention, with deportation looming.

Betsy and I don't speak Spanish, so we couldn't visit four LaAID-listed Spanish-only speakers. One French speaker meets us with help from a volunteer interpreter.

Next Adams visit: Saturday, April 11th; contact Mary if you would like to go. To visit River ICE in Ferriday, LA, visitation information contact Kathy Perry or Bizza Britton.

How can you help?

1. Pray for those detained and for an end to prolonged warehousing.
2. Join visits—Spanish & French speakers especially needed!
3. Become a pen pal.
4. Donate books (contact Betsy or Mary).

## College Ministry

The UPC college group meets Monday evenings at 5:30pm at the church. Dinner is always provided and often homemade! Any and all college students are welcome.

### April schedule:

April 13: Dinner and Bible Study

April 20: Dinner and Bible Study

April 27: Informal dinner and hangout

## Worship & Music



With Ross' early departure, we want to offer a huge thanks to Christopher for helping to keep the music playing. Using his degree in choral conducting, Christopher has stepped in for the rest of Lent and Easter Sunday to direct the choir while Noelle Allison has joined us as our guest organist. During the Easter season through Pentecost, Christopher will return to the keys, and to direct the choir Lois Kuyper-Rushing will step into her former shoes for those seven weeks.

We are lucky and blessed to have such gifted folks within our midst, and we are extremely grateful for their flexibility and willingness to step in as needed. Please thank them yourselves (and write Christopher to help him fill in summer music spots so he doesn't have to work so hard...!)

### Christopher's Solo Piano Concert Series

We are delighted to announce that Christopher will be presenting a special series of solo piano concerts this April in Baton Rouge! Mark your calendars for these two beautiful evening programs:

- Saturday, April 11th at 5:30 p.m. – UPC
- Saturday, April 18th at 5:30 p.m. – Trinity Episcopal Church

These intimate recitals will feature Christopher performing on piano, offering a wonderful opportunity to experience his artistry in a different setting. Whether you're a longtime fan of his organ playing or simply love beautiful piano music, these concerts promise to be memorable evenings filled with inspiring performances.

Both events are open to the public and free to attend (with a free-will offering appreciated). Come early to secure your seat, and feel free to bring friends and family! We are excited to support Christopher as he shares his musical gifts. We hope to see many of you there!

## Day School

The Day School continues to flourish as a nurturing, high-quality early childhood program, and we're excited to share some recent highlights:

**Enrollment Update** Our enrollment remains strong, but we have space available and are actively welcoming new families. We opened a third infant class on March 17, creating even more opportunities for our youngest learners (starting from around 3 months old). If you, or anyone you know, is interested in enrolling an infant or child in any of our age groups, please reach out—we love to have new little ones join us!

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now open. Contact us at [upcdayschool@upcbr.org](mailto:upcdayschool@upcbr.org) or (225) 344-8077 to get started or learn more.

**Quality Recognition** We recently hosted an observation from the Cecil J. Picard Center (part of Louisiana's early childhood system through the Department of Education). We're pleased to report that the Day School received a "good overall" score—a wonderful affirmation of the loving, developmentally appropriate care and education we provide every day.

**Community Connection** On March 8, following worship, we enjoyed welcoming UPC church members into our classrooms for a special tour. It was a joy to showcase our vibrant spaces, joyful activities, and the ways we're supporting children's growth in a nurturing Christian environment.

We also hosted our annual Book Fair in late March, open to DS parents and UPC members. Thank you to everyone who stopped by—it was a wonderful way to celebrate early literacy and discover new books together!

**Behind-the-Scenes Good News** Our budget is in solid shape, allowing us to comfortably cover our share of the cost for a new refrigerator to keep things running smoothly. We've also purchased new banners to help advertise the Day School in the community, and we're exploring additional ways to share our program with more families.

Thank you for your continued support of the Day School—whether through enrollment, prayers, or simply cheering us on. We're grateful to be part of University Presbyterian Church's ministry, serving children from infancy through Pre-K4 with love, curiosity, and care.





# 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

- Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday, April 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parks Wilson Room. We will discuss Lesson 8, of "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ." Julie Launey will lead the lesson.
- Peggy Carroll's carport group (1545 Patrick Drive) will meet **Wednesdays** at 10:00 a.m.

## HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands will meet in the Conference Room on Tuesday, April 21 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 PW SPRING GATHERING

Saturday, April 18th, 2026

Registration and Coffee time begins at 9:30 a.m.

John Calvin Presbyterian Church

4201 Transcontinental Dr, Metairie, Louisiana

*In collaboration with St Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church*

Please bring canned food for Okra Abbey: canned vegetables, canned soups, canned meats, canned chili, pasta, potatoes, or rice.

Evergreen Services update by Alex Leader, Evergreen Director of Development for South Louisiana.

Opportunity to share your PW and church mission activities with other PW. Delicious lunch provided by St. Charles Avenue PC.

Cost \$15 – covers luncheon.

More Info: Pat Wright, 225-276-2092

Please send check made payable to: PSL Presbyterian Women

Mail to PW Treasurer: Pat Wright, 287 Baird Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 by Friday April 10th.

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## CAMP AGAPE

A summer camp ministry of the Presbytery of South Louisiana.  
 Agape is the New Testament word for the unconditional love of God.  
 Camp Agape Summer Camp is hosted at Feliciana Retreat & Conference Center in Norwood, LA.

Experience a summer camp like no other!

**INTRO CAMP-WEEKEND**  
 Completed 1st - 3rd Grade  
 June 5-7, 2026

**CAMP AGAPE-FULL WEEK**  
 Completed 3rd - 12th Grade  
 June 7-13, 2026

**REGISTER TODAY!**  
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Registration ends May 15th  
 Please register early because we are unable to accept late registrations.




Community

# FOOD PANTRY

**Volunteers Needed**  
 Nourishing Our Community with Dignity and Care

**2RD THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM**  
**OF THE MONTH**

8220 Goodwood Blvd. Ste 4B  
 Baton Rouge, LA




**Sign Up Here**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US

1-833-744-4820   [Info@mylori.org](mailto:Info@mylori.org)   [www.mylori.org](http://www.mylori.org)

# 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 • Pat Phelps  
 Alan Williams • Kathy Poché • Lynn Nichols Dull • David Strain  
 Cheryl Whitting • Faye Coco • Melanie Driscoll • Dawn Dominy  
 Members of our sister church in Cuba, San Jose de los Ramos

- **Mickey Brown**, still in the hospital recovering from a heart procedure
- **Betsy Wilks**, recovering from surgery after a dog attack
- **Thelma Berg**, upon the death of her husband, Eugene
- **Kathy Kennedy**, Jerry's sister, after entering hospice
- **Tip Tipton**, recovering at home after surgery
- **Kathy Rossman**, following the death of her Aunt Helen
- **Terry Miller Jr.**, son of Ann and Terry Miller Sr., with health issues in Virginia
- **Elizabeth Roberts**, recovering at home from a tibia fracture
- **Becky and Bill Jones**, friends of Elizabeth and Faimon Roberts, as Becky is having medical issues
- **Josh Rosenberg**, praying for continued, good MRIs showing no return of cancer
- **Hal Horan**, former pastor of UPC in hospice, and his wife, Del
- **Ellen Severin**, Lois Kuyper Rushing's aunt, in hospice care, and her daughter and full-time caretaker, Jo Ellen Parrott
- **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
- **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
- **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 these uncertain times
- **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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# April Birthdays

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

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# Congregational Meeting



Sunday, April 19 • following worship

For the purpose of electing new church officers.

**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.  
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