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August 2026

University Presbyterian Church Newsletter for church members and friends

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I have always loved the start of a new school year. It is a chance to begin again, to put in play the lessons I learned from the year before. When I was a student it meant brand new notebooks and cool new pens. When I was a teacher it was a chance to see if I could improve my lessons, class management, and work/life balance – just generally have a clean slate.

The signs of a new program year at church are not as obvious as in my school days, but they can still be found.

- I get to take part in the Blessing of the Backpacks (August 2, 10 a.m.), and I always make sure to bring my bag along.
- Church school starts up again (August 9, 9:30 a.m.) and worship moves back to 11 a.m. This year we get to combine all that with the Fish Fry! What a day indeed.
- I get to see some folks I haven't seen in the summer because we were all off traveling in different directions, and that is always a treat.

(There's also an increase in traffic around the church, but I'm still burying my head in the sand about that...)

Church doesn't take a break in the summer, but things do slow down, and there is a gift in that. The hard part is figuring out how to maintain some of that summer vibe in the midst of the increasing speed of life as school starts up again. How do we start a new season and enjoy all the wonderful things it brings but also hold on to the good parts of the season we're leaving behind?

One key is recognizing the beauty in both seasons.

First, a new start brings fresh learning about ourselves and God. New beginnings are not limited to August, but as kids go back to new classes (and teachers to new students) we can all think about something new we'd like to learn and take steps to make that happen. Second, remember that rest is an important part of any work you do. The space you offer your mind and spirit is part of what allows you to use your gifts to the fullest when the time comes. So, consider this your chance to explore or get involved with a new interest (or to return to something you love with renewed interest) and to say no to things that are wearing you out.

It's no easy feat to balance summer and fall, rest and new challenge, but we're all here to help. And, if you need a new pen, I've got you covered.

Bendiciones,

August...

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

2 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Communion, Blessing of the Backpacks, Elders Ordained/Installed

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary *(Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org)*

3 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library

4 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Zoom

Noon Stewardship & Finance Committee - Zoom

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Committee - Zoom

7:00 p.m. UPC Book Group - 1725 Eugene

5 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive

6 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Library *see p. 5*

9 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Fall Worship Schedule Starts, Church School Kickoff, Fish Fry

9:30 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary *(Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org)*

Noon UPC Fish Fry - Fellowship Hall

Noon Youth Group @ Fish Fry

10 7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Conference Room

11 7:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom

7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library

12 9:00 a.m. Faith & Community Small Group - Parks Wilson Rm. *see p. 5*

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

13 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Library *see p. 5*

6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom

15 2:00 p.m. Confirmation Preparation - Fellowship Hall/Parks Wilson Room

16 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary *(Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org)*

12:30 a.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room

4:30 p.m. Youth Group Pool Party/Parent Mtg. - 1455 Hearthstone Dr

17 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library

18 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom

19 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive

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

20 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Library *see p. 5*

24 13th 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

25 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library

26 9:00 a.m. Faith & Community Small Group - Parks Wilson Rm. *see p. 5*

10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.

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

28 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Library *see p. 5*

30 14th Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary *(Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org)*

Noon Together Baton Rouge Luncheon - Fellowship Hall

Office Notes

Weather Alert Reminder

With hurricane season here, please note that UPC Day School and the Church Office follow the East Baton Rouge School System for weather-related closures. If EBR schools close due to inclement weather, our facilities will close as well.

Church Calendar

In order to prevent conflicts, please check with the church office for availability before scheduling an event.

Check Reimbursements

Forms for requests/reimbursements can be found in the mail closet across from the church office (right side in a leucite box). If you are not a committee chair, your request will need to be approved by the chair. Once completed, attach your receipt and put it in Caralyn's mailbox. The pink copy is yours to keep. Please do not turn in requests without filling out this form. Checks are cut every Wednesday morning.

REALM Church Database

Have you moved in the past few months or changed your email or phone number? Summer is busy and sometimes things fall through the cracks. Please check your Realm profile to make sure all your contact information is listed and up to date.

Tech Folk Needed

We are looking for volunteers with IT skills or an itch to learn A/V production by helping to livestream Sunday worship. If you are interested please contact Mamie or on Sundays visit the tech booth located in the choir loft to see where the magic happens!





Dreading the amount of time spent in the car during the school year? Traci Smith of Faithful Families has three suggestions for faith practices that can fit in the car with you:

- “Silent car ride”: Give everyone’s brain a chance to relax and reset - no cheating by looking at your phone!
- “Gratitude Cafe”: While zipping through the drive through for a drink, share something you’re thankful for with every sip.
- “Mini Daily Examen”: Take a few minutes to answer these simple questions: What are a few memorable things that happened today? When was the time when you saw or felt close to God today?



Choir Begins August 16th

Love to sing? No audition required! Join us for our first choir Sunday back at 10:30 a.m. on August 16th. Our first Wednesday rehearsal will be August 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. For more details, contact Christopher Cunningham at ccunningham@upcbr.org.

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Personnel & Administration

Happy Church-iversary Erin!

Can you believe August 1 marks a year since we were lucky enough to have Rev. Erin come our way? Her energy, imagination, intelligence, and love have been a gift to this community for the past 365 days, and we look forward to the forthcoming ones. Give her a high five when you see her and tell her what a treat it is to have her with us. We also continue to be grateful for the folks who led the search for Erin (Daniel Burch, Jill Kerr, Sarah Sabin, Lorinda Sealey, and Suzanne Trahan) – thanks y’all!



Welcome to Kelsey Snyder, Choral Director!

Please join us in welcoming Kelsey Snyder as our new Choral Director starting August 26! Kelsey is an accomplished conductor, educator, and vocalist who recently completed her Master of Music in Choral Conducting at BYU. Her impressive background includes serving as Director of Choirs at Maricopa High School—where she was named the 2024 New Educator of the Year—and performing globally across Europe, South America, and Asia. We are thrilled to welcome Kelsey to the UPC community and look forward to the leadership, experience, and passion she brings to our music ministry.

And in case you missed it...

In July, Caralyn Durham and Robert Gourgues both celebrated an incredible 25 years of dedicated service to UPC. Congratulations, once again, to them both and may they be here for many years to come!

School supply collection for Park Medical Academy begins NOW. Please put donations in the marked box in the Conference Room by Sunday August 16.

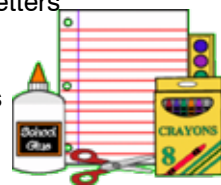
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF PARK!

You can keep up with all things PMA at <https://www.parkmedicalacademy.com>

Here is a list of supplies on Park teachers’ wish lists:

PRIMARY composition journals
Expo markers
Highlighters
Colored pencils
1 1/2 inch binders for 3rd grade

STEM building toys
Magnetic letters
Earbuds
Scissors
Glue sticks



IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2026 (as of 7/22/2026)

Received Pledged Giving: \$360,886 (57% of \$632,512 pledged)

Received Unpledged Giving: \$11,628

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$372,514

Thank you for your generous contributions!

Important Reminder: For cash donations to count toward your pledge or taxes, use an envelope with your name on it. Checks should be payable to University Presbyterian Church (not UPC). Thank you for your support!

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FISH FRY

Sunday, August 9

Following Worship

Fellowship Hall

\$5 per plate

Kids 5 and under eat FREE!





The UPC Piscatarian Society (Fellowship Committee) cordially invites you to our Annual Fish Fry on Kickoff Sunday. Enjoy a delightful meal for only \$5.00, with complimentary plates for children five and under. Please pre-register and pay via Realm under EVENTS to help us plan accordingly. (No worries if plans change—we'll have extra plates available!) Join us for delicious food and warm fellowship. We can't wait to see you there!

Registration NOW OPEN

Extra Reason to Celebrate: "Church-iversary" Cake!

Along with your fish fry, save room for dessert! We're catching up on some major milestones and celebrating our church members who marked 50 and 60 years of membership from 2016 through 2026.

Join us on August 9 for cake as we recognize these decades of fellowship:

- **60 Years:** George Armstrong, Peggy Carroll, Kathy Poche, Donald Patt, Joyce Moreland, Mary Mikell and Ed Green
- **50 Years:** Lamar Jones, Bunny Heroman, Deanna Black, John & Cindy Hartgerink, Cindy Tyler, Paul & Barbara Hoffman, Betsy Wilks, Robbie Phillabaum, Dorothy Jones, Beth Paskoff

Come for the delicious fish fry, stay for the cake, and help us honor their incredible dedication to our church family!



GET READY FOR LSU GAME DAY PARKING AT UPC!

If school is starting that means we're headed into football season, and if we're headed into football season that means it's parking season again! Each fall we open our parking lot on LSU home game Saturdays to raise money for youth, education, and mission projects. The upcoming home game schedule is as follows:

September	5	Clemson (6:30 p.m. kickoff)
	12	Louisiana Tech (6:30 p.m. kickoff)
	26	Texas A&M
October	3	McNeese
	17	Mississippi State
November	7	Alabama
	14	Texas



Typically volunteers arrive four or five hours before game time and are finished an hour before kickoff if not before. Put a few of these on your calendar if you have a youth involved at church so they can help! Game times are subject to change, but if you are willing to help volunteer, please be in touch with John Ward (225-505-4418), and he will keep you posted on the details.





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.

- Aug 4 I Am Malala
by Malala Yousafzai
- Sep 1 Becoming Madam Secretary
by Stephanie Dray
- Oct 6 All the Broken Places
by John Boyne

Small Groups

Faith and Community

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.
(ongoing)

All are welcome to join us as we explore a wide range of topics concerning faith and community. We look forward to sharing ideas and conversation. This group currently meets in the Parks Wilson Room. Watch your bulletins for changes in location.

Soul Feast - Library

Every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. (ongoing)

In this small group, Mary Mikell continues to illuminate how our spiritual concerns are affected by the different stories we encounter in books, poetry, and articles.



Faith Formation



FAITH FORMATION FALL 2026!

Our church school year begins on August 16 at 9:30 am.
Come on out and form your faith in new ways!

For Adults:

The Adult Bible Study class will continue their weekly study of the texts used in worship. The class will use the Feasting on the Word curriculum to match the Revised Common Lectionary we will be using in worship this year. They will continue using a rotating leadership model.

The Digging Deeper class, hosted in the Parks Wilson classroom, features a series of speakers, Bible studies, and book studies throughout the year. Stay tuned for the opening lineup!

Bless This Mess, informally known as the parenting class, uses articles, podcasts, and books as a basis for discussing what it means to be a parent today. Alvin Raetzsch and Sarah Tietje will continue to co-lead this class.

For Children and Youth:

Children six years old and younger will head to the nursery for a Bible story and time to play and learn together.

Act Up! is a drama-based church school class for 1st-6th graders. The group will do deep dives into Scripture passages and act them out during worship approximately once per month. There are plenty of onstage and behind the scenes roles for everyone!

7th-8th graders will attend weekly classes as part of the confirmation curriculum. All 7th-8th graders are welcome and encouraged to attend, whether or not they are registered for confirmation. The teachers for this class are Mary Mikell and Nora Broadhurst Williams.

9th-12th graders will be using a SparkHouse curriculum as they dive into the complexities of Bible characters throughout the Old Testament. Jessica Stroope, Peggy Carroll, and Richard Williams are the teaching team for this fall.



LINK LOVE

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

- Have you wondered where the version of the Ten Commandments that Louisiana is putting up in public classrooms around the state comes from? It's not from any Bible version the Christian Century has been able to find... <https://bit.ly/3Tfh89i>
- Is this a "status confessionis" moment in the life of the church? The pastor who wrote this article thinks so. Do you? <https://bit.ly/4fKyRhX>
- A while back in the Contact there was a link about how expensive it is to call home from prison in Louisiana (one of the most expensive states). In Connecticut and some other states they have ended prison phone fees, saving families thousands of dollars. <https://bit.ly/4yrszuR>
- Marian Croak was inducted into the National Inventors' Hall of Fame for her work advancing Voice over Internet Protocol that is used in a lot of our remote conferencing. She also helped create a text-to-donate system that first saw widespread use after Hurricane Katrina. Thanks Marian! <https://bit.ly/3T60sBb>
- Good news from Baker, LA! A common sense program for reducing chronic absenteeism is working. Isn't it great when things work? <https://bit.ly/4tsZIIY>
- There is a growing body of scholarship linking the arts to improved outcomes in mental and physical health. Read more about it! <https://bit.ly/4fb0FeV>
- PBS is airing a documentary about the poet Mary Oliver called "Saved by the Beauty." Will be watching this one. Here's the trailer: <https://bit.ly/3Rtlojl>
- A beautiful (and relatively short) video of a timeline of human history and the history of the universe as laid out in spatial terms in the Mojave Desert. It's really quite lovely. <https://bit.ly/3TJymvA>

Youth Group

The youth group's trip to Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center in Little Rock, Arkansas, was a resounding success! We participated in several service projects, including making bunkbeds for kids, sorting materials in the Disaster Assistance Center (used by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and other relief organizations), and packing/ checking hygiene kits. Relationships were strengthened as we cooked, cleaned, and lived together for a week in the Retreat House. A huge thank you to Larry Reynolds, Samantha Hartmann, and Alvin Raetzsch for volunteering their time to drive and accompany our youth throughout the week.

To kick off the new school year, all youth are invited to sit together at the Fish Fry after worship on August 9th. The start of school pool party and parent meeting will be August 16th from 4:30-6pm at the Costello's house. We hope to see all of you then!



College Group

The UPC college group is back in action this semester with weekly dinner and Bible study! Let Erin know (etolar@upcbr.org) if you are interested in participating.

Day School

Meet the UPC Day School (DS) Staff: Kenishia Brumfield



Behind every thriving community is a foundation built by dedicated educators. For over two decades, Kenishia Brumfield has been a cornerstone of that work, nurturing our youngest citizens.

From classroom teacher to Assistant Director, Brumfield has walked every path of early childhood development. Today, as Director of the Day School (DS), her experience fuels a leadership style rooted in joy, growth, and faith.

For Brumfield, leadership is about cultivating community. "I strive to create an environment where children are excited to come to school, parents feel confident, and teachers feel appreciated and inspired," she shared.

While milestones are a daily reward, Brumfield also focuses on uplifting the adults who guide them. "One of my greatest joys is seeing our teachers grow professionally," she said. "I believe in leading by example, encouraging continuous learning, and creating a positive workplace. Watching both children and staff succeed reminds me why I chose this profession."

Daily operations at UPC DS are guided by purpose. As a faith-based educator, Brumfield views her role as a calling. "I believe every child is a gift from God," she noted. "I am grateful for the opportunity to serve families with compassion, kindness, and integrity."

Even after two decades, Brumfield remains energized, committed to providing high-quality care where every child can reach their full potential.

It's an ambitious mission met with an effortless smile. As she puts it: "When you truly love what you do, it never feels like work."



Presbyterian Women

Join our Facebook group PW of UPC, Baton Rouge

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

You are invited to join UPC Presbyterian Women's Circle on Tuesday, September 1st and every first Tuesday of the year at 10:00 a.m. for Bible Study and fellowship. All are welcome. We meet in the Parks-Wilson room. The study this year will be *"United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other"*, a study of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians by Rhonda Mawhood Lee.

The Wednesday Carport Circle meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at Peggy Carroll's carport or inside in the event of inclement weather. Peggy's address is 1545 Patrick Dr.

HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands will meet in the Conference Room Tuesday, August 18th, 9:30 a.m. Quilts will be tied, merriment and fellowship will abound. Bring a sack lunch. All supplies are

PW FALL GATHERING "Supporting Our Neighbors through PCHAS"

Broadmoor Presbyterian Church
9340 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70815
in collaboration with University Presbyterian Church

Saturday, August 22nd, 2026, 10:00 a.m. through Lunch
Registration and Coffee time begins at 9:30am

Please bring the following items for PCHAS:

Wash cloths, bath towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bath soap, shampoo, conditioner. Common personal items to stock up on as school starts again.

PCHAS(Presbyterian Children's Home and Service) overview and update by
Mavis Matthews, Baton Rouge PCHAS

Overview by Barbara Hoffman of 2026-27 Horizon Bible Study,
"United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians"

Offering from worship will be go to PCHAS

Cost \$20 – covers luncheon. More Info: Pat Wright, 225-276-2092
Please send check made payable to PSL Presbyterian Women to PW
Treasurer: Pat Wright – 287 Baird Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
by Wednesday, August 19th.

NAME _____ EMAIL _____

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Cell/telephone _____ Your Church _____

PLEASE LIST FOOD ALLERGIES _____

Mission & Peacemaking

Visits to Adams ICE Detention Center

"talking to you - a weight has lifted"

On July 11 at least four of the men we visited had been at Adams for almost two years, and we were their first visitor. The men spoke of despair in their situation, grief in the separation from their families and what they've missed - a baby born, a father died, a wife struggling to care for children back at home. They spoke of feeling forgotten. One man said more than once that "it's not easy" living this life and maintaining his sanity. When we asked how he does it, he said "only God" gets him through the days.

While our visits do not change the material circumstances of these men, it is striking what these visits are able to do. One man said "a weight has lifted" just knowing he is not forgotten. Another young man said he was so surprised when a guard told him he had a visitor, that "I washed up! I wanted to look nice!" This young man was all smiles, thrilled to have visitors to talk to, excited at the prospect of having a pen pal, both shocked and glad to learn that there are people outside the detention center's walls who know they are in there, and care.

We have seen 32 of the 40 men who have requested a visit. The men we visit slip us names of other men to include. Family members traveling from other states approach us in the parking lot asking if we can also visit their loved ones. Our volunteer list has grown enabling us to make two trips to Adams each month, but we would like to do more.

What you can do: visit, be a penpal, donate money for books & commissary funds.

Contact: Mary Mikell or Kristin Savicki for more information.

What's LORI Been Up To This Summer?

The Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants (LORI), supported by UPC, had a busy summer helping refugees and immigrants become self-reliant. To volunteer, participate, or donate, contact Lorinda Sealey or visit LORI on Facebook or at <https://www.mylori.org/>.

- **Food Pantry Support:** Partnering with the Baton Rouge Food Bank and other community organizations, LORI provided groceries, fresh produce, diapers, and baby wipes to families in need. Open once monthly in May, June, and July, the Food Pantry served families averaging 6 to 9 members, reaching an estimated 3,356 individuals. An additional 65 food boxes were delivered directly to families unable to visit the Center. The pantry operated with LORI staff and committed volunteers, including three to four UPC members per eight-hour shift.
- **9th Annual World Refugee & Immigrant Day:** On June 27 at the Catholic Life Center, LORI's 9th annual event united people from over 40 nations under the theme Courage and Solidarity, Rooted in Community. Attendees enjoyed international food, stories of resilience, and summer campers' art and poetry.
- **Summer Enrichment Camp:** Hosted at the LORI Community Center for the first time this year, the camp served 63 students (33 elementary, 16 junior high, and 14 high school) from 10 countries. Activities included poetry writing, food pantry volunteering, and healthy relationship lessons. Field trips featured disaster preparedness discussions at the Louisiana Just Recovery Network in New Orleans and studying air purification at the LSU Plasma Lab. The program concluded with a graduation ceremony on July 23 celebrating student accomplishments.
- **Women's Wing Meeting:** On July 19, thirty women gathered for a potluck meeting focused on *Economic Empowerment: Helping Women Build Wealth*, covering credit, budgeting, financial planning, and homebuying.

Cuba Partnership Update

UPC's partnership with Getsemani Presbyterian Church in San José de los Ramos, Cuba, began in 1990. In the intervening years there have been numerous Cuba visits, and we've worked to strengthen the church's ministries. This includes the installation of a water treatment system in 2013 and a solar power system this year. At present, our partners and the whole of Cuba are facing an unprecedented humanitarian crisis where electricity, fuel, medicines, and food are in limited supply or non-existent. Due to the frequent power outages (two were island-wide just last week), and electricity usually being available two hours or less per day, unrefrigerated food rots, medicines spoil, children have been dying in hospitals, and the important water treatment systems cannot operate. The PC(USA)'s Cuba Partners Network has set a goal to raise \$500,000 for the Presbyterian Church of Cuba (IPRC), in response to the current crisis. An initial \$100,000 seed gift was made by one church, and an additional \$200,000 has been given or pledged to date. Top priority for the funds is to install solar systems in remaining churches/satellite churches that do not yet have them, followed next by the priorities of food and medicine. UPC has sent the \$4,744.92 you all gave for our special collection in April to contribute to this urgent fund raising campaign. We continue in our mutual faith journeys with our Cuban brothers and sisters and keep them in our prayers in these difficult times.

Little Food Pantry

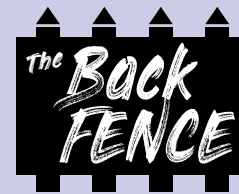
High temperatures make it a real challenge to safely store food in our small outdoor pantry, particularly canned goods, which can easily spoil in the summer heat. At this time, please only donate non-food items such as hygiene products (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, wet wipes), women's/feminine products, baby items (diapers, wipes, lotion), sunscreen, mosquito/bug repellent, first-aid basics, laundry detergent, and similar essential items rather than any food. Donations can be put directly in the pantry.

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

- **Christopher Cunningham and family**, upon the death of his great-grandmother
- **Stacy Fontenot** dealing with significant back pain from a herniated disc
- **Brian and Linda Babin and their families** upon the death of Brian's daughter, Stephanie Carroll
- **Gerard Klein**, recovering from hernia surgery and a heart procedure
- **Randy Nichols**, recovering at home after surgery
- **Randy Marks**, friend of Anita Melon, receiving radiation and chemo for lung cancer
- **Gustavo Rodriguez**, friend of George Strain from Cuba, in hospital in Miami for tests
- **Judy Crow**, friends of the Brittons, dealing with a newly diagnosed chronic condition
- **Cindy Hartgerink**, recovering from hip replacement surgery
- **Kewayne Dyson**, son of Kenishia Brumfield, at home recovering from a gunshot wound
- **Jana Walker**, niece-in-law of Doug and Linda, with breast cancer, and her husband Tre'
- **Lorriane Farnan**, aunt of Caralyn Durham, with brain cancer
- **Ray Adams**, father of Darlene Adams Rowland, with metastatic prostate cancer
- **CJ Veldman**, Meredith's brother, who is going through a hard time right now
- **Adrienne Haughton**, daughter-in-law of Lorinda Sealey's friend, recovering from cancer related surgery
- **Randy Williams**, brother of Michael and brother-in-law of Jonathan Hubchen, with back problems arising from sickle cell
- **Messiah Hammond**, grandson of Susan Seifert, dealing with mental health issues
- **Susan Comeaux**, diagnosed with Parkinson's and her daughter, **Carrie Comeaux**, diagnosed with stage three breast cancer and is undergoing treatment
- **John Stoddard**, brother of Linda Walker, waiting for medical pain relief in back and knees
- **Terry Miller Jr.**, son of Ann and Terry Miller Sr., with health issues in Virginia
- **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
- **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
- **Corrie Hale's Dad, Conrad**, with inoperable cancer on his spine
- **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**



Congratulations to **Ivy Barnes** who passed her social work licensing exam in July and is now a fully licensed LMSW!

Stay Connected!



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

www.facebook.com/universitypresbyterian
<https://www.instagram.com/universitypresbr/>

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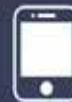
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Mission Statement
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