

Empty Bowls

We come together as the body of Christ, an expression of God's grace in this community. We are bound together in God's steadfast love and in our mutual love and support for one another. We honor a special commitment to provide nurture, support and encouragement to students. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to live with compassion, to work for justice, to integrate faith and learning and to celebrate the gift of our life together. Since God's love excludes no one, our mission is to be inclusive. We trust that in God's time and by God's grace, God will destroy all barriers. We resolve to erect no barriers while working to overcome existing ones. Recognizing that we do not possess all the truth all the time, we affirm a variety of expressions of life and faith. This is an open church.

You are welcome here.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who have been baptized, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance and love. In preparing to receive Christ in this Sacrament, the believer is to confess sin and trust in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may come to the Table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus. Baptized children who are being nurtured and instructed in the significance of the invitation to the Table and the meaning of their response are invited to receive the Lord's Supper, recognizing that their understanding of participation will vary according to their maturity (The Book of Order W-2.4011).

Ron Gilmer, Pastor

Office Hours:

Thursday to Monday

Carolyn MacVicar, Secretary

Church Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:00-2:00

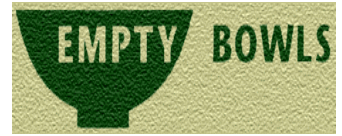


University Presbyterian Church

March 16 and 23, 2008

News and Information

Empty Bowls - UPC will host the Empty Bowls event on March 29, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. This event is open to the public, and all are welcome. For a minimum \$10 donation, those who attend will receive a hand-crafted bowl (created and



generously contributed by members of the Alabama Clay Conference) and a meal of soup and bread. All proceeds of the event will support the Deacon's Food Pantry. Tickets to the event will be available in advance during worship each Sunday, from members of the Membership/Welcoming Committee, and from the church office during regular hours (Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.). If you'd like to sell tickets in advance, please contact [Ann Webb](#). Tickets will also be available at the door.

Monday Morning Find out more about UPC by visiting <http://bama.ua.edu/~UPSA/>. The site is updated regularly, for example, every Monday morning when the pastor's column is posted.

Storytelling: Exercises in Spiritual Autobiography The congregation has spoken, and the first educational series that Ron Gilmer will be leading at UPC is "Storytelling: Exercises in Spiritual Autobiography." The series begins Sunday, March 30. Sessions will run from 9:15-10:45 a.m. Please note that this is a half-hour earlier than usual.

Contact Information Ron Gilmer will be traveling back and forth to North Carolina until his daughter Lydia's school adjourns for the summer, at which time both of them will be in Tuscaloosa more predictably and often. Soon Ron will have a Tuscaloosa-based cellular phone. Until he does, you are encouraged to contact him at (828) 216-8908.

Good Friday - The Good Friday worship will be held Friday, March 21st at 12 noon.

Father & Son Mission Week—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's Father & Son Mission Weeks in the Gulf are June 8-14, 2008 and June 15-21, 2008. Brochures are available in the pastors office.

Deacon's Food Pantry - In February, the Deacon's Food Pantry provided 268 families with 412 bags of food. 591 people were served (206 children, 277 adults and 108 seniors).



Memorials—In Memory of *Ted Vallery* by M. Kathryn and Michael Williams.

Attendance— March 9th - 42 + 2 in nursery

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Here's what is going on at UPC....

This Week at UPC

The church office will be closed the week of March 17-21 for Spring Break.

Sunday 9:30 Choir rehearsal
11:00 Worship
12:00 Coffee Hour

Monday 11:00 Staff Meeting

Tuesday 11:30 Lectionary Bible study
1:30-3:30 Food Pantry
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Friday Noon - Good Friday Worship
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday—9:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Easter Sunday Worship
12:00 Coffee Hour

Sat. (March 29th)- Empty Bowls UPC 10-2

**Spring
Sunday School Schedule
9:15-10:45 a.m.**

March 16 - No Sunday School - Spring Break

March 23 - No Sunday School - Easter

March 30 - Storytelling: Exercises in Spiritual Autobiography

Spring Break



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UA's Presbyterian

**Student Group
Upcoming Events**

Monday - 6:00 pm Bible Study, 7:00 pm Dinner,
8:00 pm Bible Study

Tuesday - 6:30 Men's Group at the student center



Wednesday - 11-1 Lunch at Ferguson Center
6-7 Book Group meets at FPC

Thursday - 6:30 Women's Group at the student center
8:00 Bible Study

Friday - 2-6 Friday Chaos at the student center

March Birthdays

March 4 Torry Ryan
March 4 Jonathan Bogardus
March 5 Christopher Uptain
March 7 Russell Sherrill
March 21 Sandy Winter
March 22 Paula Traylor
March 23 Frederick Washington
March 29 Sandy Riseman
March 29 Nancy Hutton
March 31 Andrew Shelton



Sunday Assignments

March 16

Communion Kay Ellis
Reader Becky Evans
Ushers Sandy Riseman/Denise Yanaura
Welcomer Julia Hartman
Greeter Cathy Andreen
Coffee Hour

March 23

Communion Adam and Paige Miller
Reader Robert Du Pree
Ushers Adam and Paige Miller
Welcomer Annabel Stephens
Greeter Ann Webb
Coffee Hour



March 30

Communion Nancy DuPree
Reader Lean Prewitt
Ushers Robert DuPree and Steve Borrelli
Welcomer John Whitehead
Greeter Mary Helen Martin
Coffee Hour

Lectionary Readings for:

Sunday, March 16, 2008

Matt. 21:1-11; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29
Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16
Phil. 2:5-11; Matt. 26:14-27:66 or
Matt. 27:11-54

Sunday, March 23, 2008

Acts 10:34-43 or Jer. 31:1-6;
Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24
Col. 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Matt. 28:1-10; Isa. 25:6-9; Ps. 114; 1 Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

Sunday, March 30, 2008

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Ps. 16;
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Let us Pray.....

Arlee Vallery, Marie and Joe Stone, Mary House, Jill Martindale, Regina Lassiter, Helen Cargo, Lucy Morgan, Matthew Borrelli, Robert Robinson, Lois Field, Wilma Warren, Erica Durham, Martha Folmar, Linda Grote and Jackie Reid

Clerk of Session: Nancy DuPree **Co-Treasurers:** Garry Warren and Julia Hartman
Session Members

Class of 2008
William Henderson
Adam Miller
Annabel Stephens
Garry Warren

Class of 2009
Julia Hartman
John Whitehead
Betsy Rand
Lena Prewitt

Class of 2010
Gillie Presley
Nancy DuPree
Linda Grote
Ann Webb

Board of Deacons

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