

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.



University Presbyterian Church

April 27, 2008

News and Information

Welcome! Welcome to University Presbyterian Church. Please sign the guest register at the street entrance to the sanctuary if this is your first Sunday worshiping with us. For more information about the church, contact the church office or visit us at www.uaupc.org.

Service of Installation The Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley will install Ron Gilmer as pastor of this congregation today at 4 p.m. Florida State University Professor Emeritus of Religion and American Studies Leo Sandon will preach. The charge to the newly installed pastor will be given by UPC's Pastor Emerita Sandy Winter. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

The Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley will take place this Thursday, May 1, at Independent Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. Ann Webb will serve as UPC's commissioner to this meeting.

Living River Retreat - All members of all churches in this presbytery are invited to an open house at Living River: A Retreat on the Cahaba, which is the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley' future camp and conference center, next Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Westminster Fellowship Next Sunday's worship service will be led Westminster Fellowship students. During this service, Keever-Harris award winners will be recognized. Ron Gilmer and James Goodlet will preside at the Lord's Table when the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is celebrated.

Storytelling: Exercises in Spiritual Autobiography Part two of "Storytelling: Exercises in Spiritual Autobiography" will begin next Sunday, May 4, in the church library. This group will meet every Sunday, 9:15-10:45 a.m., through the end of the month. Books by Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, Malcolm X and Anne Lamott are next in the series. If you have not been participating in this study, next Sunday is an excellent time to start.

Students for a Democratic Society - A program featuring Jason Hurd, an Iraq veteran who opposes the war, will take place here this Thursday, May 1, 6 p.m. The session approved use of church facilities by this student-led event, which we expect to be widely publicized.

The Woodworkers Association of West Alabama will hold its annual exhibit (WAWA Paloosa) in the Winter-Vallery Student Center Saturday May 3. The public, especially members of UPC, is invited to view the exhibit between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. Handcrafted objects will be on display, including turnings, sculpture, and furniture, all locally made.

Belk's Charity Sale - The Presbyterian Home for Children will be one of the recipients of ticket sales to Belk's Charity Sale on May 3rd. All proceeds from any tickets purchased through the website al.com will benefit the Presbyterian Home. In return for a \$5 donation, customers receive a ticket admitting them to the sale entitling them to merchandise discounts ranging from 20 to 50 percent on purchases throughout the store. Customers also receive \$5 off their first purchase of \$5 or more at the event. The Home will receive the full \$5 ticket purchase price. Simply go to www.al.com and link to the Belk Charity Sale.

Deacon's Food Pantry - In the month of March the Deacon's Food Pantry provided 464 bags of food to 307 families (236 children, 320 adults and 113 seniors).

Attendance - April 20th -41 + 2 nursery, April 13th -37 + 2 nursery

WHAT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) SAYS ABOUT...

The Great Ends of the Church (G-1.0200)

1. Proclamation of the Gospel for the salvation of humankind
2. Shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship of the children of God
3. Maintenance of divine worship
4. Preservation of the truth
5. Promotion of social righteousness
6. Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world

The Meaning of Membership (G-5.0101) The incarnation of God in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ gives to the church not only its mission but also its understanding of membership. One becomes an active member of the church through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and acceptance of his Lordship in all of life. Baptism and a public profession of faith in Jesus as Lord are the visible signs of entrance into the active membership of the church. Persons may enter into active membership in the following ways: by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ, or transfer of certificate from some other church.

Communion of the Faithful (W-2.4006) Around the Table of the Lord, God's people are in communion with Christ and with all who belong to Christ. Reconciliation with Christ compels reconciliation with one another. All the baptized faithful are to be welcomed to the Table, and none shall be excluded because of race, sex, age, economic status, social class, handicapping condition, difference of culture or language, or any barrier created by human injustice. Coming to the Lord's table the faithful are actively to seek reconciliation in every instance of conflict or division between them and their neighbors. Each time they gather at the Table the believing community: (a) are united with the Church in every place, and the whole Church is present; (b) join with all the faithful in heaven and on earth in offering thanksgiving to the triune God; and (c) renew the vows taken at Baptism; and they commit themselves afresh to love and serve God, one another, and their neighbors in the world.

Ron Gilmer, Pastor

Stated Hours:

Monday 1:30-2:30 and Friday 11:00-12:00

Carolyn MacVicar, Secretary

Church Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:00-2:00

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

This Week at UPC

Sunday 9:30 Choir rehearsal
11:00 Worship
12:00 Coffee Hour
4:00 Installation Service

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

Thursday 6:00 Students for a Democratic Society meeting

Friday 2:00 Presb. House Ad Hoc Comm. mtg.
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday Annual Wood Workers Assoc. Meeting
3:00-5:00 Public viewing of exhibits

Let us Pray.....

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

UA Student Films to be Premiered April 29, 7pm, at the Bama Theater

The Center for Ethics & Social Responsibility and the Department of Telecommunication & Film at The University of Alabama will host the Second-Annual Documenting Justice Film Screening on **Tuesday, April 29 at 7 p.m.** at the Bama Theater in downtown Tuscaloosa. The film screening will be the culmination of a years work by non-film students who have come together for a two semester specialized interdisciplinary course. Focusing on stories of justice and injustice in Alabama, Documenting Justice students learn how to use film to document and analyze culture and social experience and to communicate about issues of concern to the state.

The screening will consist of six short documentary films produced by 12 undergraduate and graduate students. Topics of the films to be screened include:

- The stories of five American veterans, and a look at what happens when they leave the combat zone and return home.
- The Tuscaloosa City Schools recent rezoning decisions and their impact on students, parents, and communities.
- Legendary musician Willie King has a mission: to inspire a new generation to find and foster healthy communities through the tradition of Blues.
- A portrait of motherhood behind bars and a literacy program that helps inmate mothers connect to their children.
- How can a high-poverty school become outstanding? The success story of E.D. Nixon Elementary School in Montgomery.
- A portrait of Cullman, Alabama: race, history and progress.

Admission for this event is free and it is open to the public. For more information, contact the UA Center for Ethics & Social Responsibility at 205/348-6490.

Sunday Assignments

April 27

Communion Nancy DuPree
Reader Gillie Presley
Ushers Norm Baldwin and Garry Warren
Welcomers Paige Miller
Greeter Becki Evans
Coffee Hour

May 4

Communion Paige Miller
Reader Becki Evans
Ushers Robert and Nancy DuPree
Welcomer Carla Hall
Greeter Kai Miller
Coffee Hour Gillie Presley

Lectionary Readings for:

April 27, 2008

Acts 17:22-31; Ps. 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 4, 2008

Acts 1:6-14; Ps. 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11



Summer Food Pantry Hours

June 3-July 8

The food pantry will be closed.

Food Pantry will re-open on **July 15th.**

The Lectionary Bible Study also will not meet from June 3rd to July 8th.



**UA's Presbyterian Student Group
Upcoming Events**

Presbyte-

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

Tuesday - 7:00 Men's Group "Man Time"

Wednesday - 11-1 Lunch at Ferguson Center

Thursday - 6:30 Women's Group "Warriors"
8:00 Bible Study

Friday - 2:00 - 6:00 Friday Chaos



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
Lena Prewitt

Class of 2010
Gillie Presley
Nancy DuPree
Linda Grote
Ann Webb

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