

University Presbyterian Church

Welcome! May you find strength, joy, and a new challenge here. If you would like more information about membership or the program, mission, and fellowship of the church, speak to the pastor as you leave worship today or visit our website, www.upcbr.org.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH November 29, 2020



Sunday (11/29) First Sunday in Advent

Patti Snyder preaching, Communion

9:30 a.m. "Feasting on the Word" Bible Study - Zoom

9:30 a.m. "The Music of Advent" Small Group - Zoom

11:00 a.m. Worship - Facebook (*Live*)

11:45 a.m. Post Service Fellowship - Zoom

Monday (11/30)

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Zoom

Tuesday (12/1)

8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Zoom

10:30 a.m. Day Circle - Zoom

1:30 p.m. "Visio Divina" Small Group (*cancelled - will return to regular schedule on the 8th*)

7:00 p.m. Book Group - Zoom

Wednesday (12/2)

9:30 a.m. "Into the Light" Small Group - 1545 Patrick Dr.

Thursday (12/3)

11:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Zoom

Sunday (12/6) Second Sunday in Advent

Patti Snyder preaching, UPC Christmas Tree decorating begins

9:30 a.m. "Feasting on the Word" Bible Study - Zoom

9:30 a.m. "The Music of Advent" Small Group - Zoom

11:00 a.m. Worship - Facebook (*Live*)

11:45 a.m. Post Service Fellowship - Zoom

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2020 (as of 11/24/2020)

Received Pledged giving: \$432,758

Received Unpledged giving \$20,706

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$453,464

Currently we have received only 90% of the total pledged for 2020.

If you are behind on your pledge, please consider bringing it up to date before the end of the year. If you want to check your giving status, log into onrealm.org or contact the church office. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For meetings, classes, and events, Zoom links may be found on our website (www.upcbr.org), on Realm (onrealm.org), or by contacting a group leader.

HINTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN Facebook live worship:

Did you know there is both a UPC Facebook Page (Note, Banner will be the message for the month, this month it is "LOVE") and a UPC Facebook Group (Note, the picture of the congregation as the banner)? The Page is public. The Group is private, but you can request to join and I assure you that one of our administrators will accept your request! This Group is a good place to share joys and concerns that you might not wish to be available to everyone on the internet. When you go to Facebook, in order to join in our Sunday morning worship, **MAKE SURE YOU GO TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**, not the Group. This month look for "LOVE" at the top of the page. And, don't join a watch party but **WAIT UNTIL THE LIVE FEED APPEARS ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE**. Another tip would be to go to the UPC Facebook page and click on **VIDEOS**. All of our videos appear there!

POST SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a post worship Zoom gathering on Sundays at 11:45 a.m. until further notice. All are invited to attend and you do not have to have a Zoom account to participate. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82495540943?pwd=RkhvS2FrbVFOMWJmdHZFemx2UEtJZz09>

Meeting ID: 824 9554 0943 Passcode: 099717

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS

The Music of Advent

David Walters, leader

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom every Sunday in Advent

During Sunday School in Advent, we will be exploring several larger musical works that tell the Christmas story - Missa puer natus est by Thomas Tallis, The Messiah by George Frideric Handel, The Christmas Oratorio by Charles-Camille Saint-Saëns, and Die Weihnachtsgeschichte by Hugo Distler. This will not only be a musical tour through the ages, but also an exploration of how these different composers addressed the coming birth of Jesus specifically. Join us for some lively discussion and some truly excellent music! <https://lsu.zoom.us/j/95282554072>

New carport Bible Study

"God's Promise I Am With You", takes us on a journey through old and new scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated God's most frequent promise of presence. Held in-person and led by Peggy Carroll at 1545 Patrick Drive on Wednesday mornings at 9:30. For information contact Peggy: 225-726-7856 or peggpc@yahoo.com.

DAY CIRCLE

The Day Circle will meet Tuesday, December 1, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Lesson Six "Lament for the City" will be led by Mary Mikell. (The lessons are in a different order for the rest of the year: Jan-May are #7, #8, #5, #4, #9). Thank Offering extends through November. If you have any questions, please call Linda Walker, c 225-936-6268. Still need a book? Please call Barbara Hoffman, c 225-241-2743

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81365121229?pwd=Q2YxUjJTa0RDTIJHTDFR-SWg4a2xWQT09> Meeting ID: 813 6512 1229 Passcode: 810057

BOOK GROUP

The UPC Book Club will have ZOOM meeting, December 1st, 7:00 p.m. The December book is A Summer of Birds, Audubon at Oakley House from LSU Press by Danny Heitman. The January book is Malinche by Laura Esquivel.. Call or email Ellen Morgan for ZOOM info.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING IN THE COURTYARD DECEMBER 6-13

Families and individuals are invited to bring an ornament and help decorate our outdoor Christmas tree. The tree will be set up near the entrance to the church courtyard and you may come at any time starting on December 6 to hang your ornament. Your ornament may show something you are especially thankful for this holiday season or you may bring any ornament of your choosing, handmade or bought. Snap a picture and post to the UPC Facebook page as a way to celebrate this season together!

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2021

This year, in addition to the paper pledge card you should receive shortly, you are able to make your pledge online using Realm! Just log into your Realm account at onrealm.org. Once you are in your profile, go to GIVING, then +PLEDGE, and a new pledge window will appear. Choose the GENERAL FUND for 2021; fill in how often you would like to pledge from dates 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021 and how much you would like to pledge. Realm will calculate the yearly total for you. When you are done, click SAVE PLEDGE. It's that easy!

BIRTHDAYS *This Week (November 29-December 5)*

30 Tristyn Bemis, Cindy Hartgerink, and Cheri Strain, 1 Alexander Gochnour, 2 Ben Fisher, 3 Kathy Perry, 4 Veronika Stubblebine

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Christmas is coming, and in spite of covid-19 we will be doing our annual Hope for the Holidays mission to provide Christmas gifts for children in the community. Much of it will be done online. We're developing a website where you can go to select a child to buy gifts for. Watch your email and the UPC Facebook page for more details.

NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS NEEDED!

The LSU Food Pantry offers prepackaged bags of food for students to pick up. To do so, the LSU Food Pantry needs your help. We'll collect non-perishable food items at the church every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. until further notice. There is a bin inside the door closest to the church office where you can leave your donations. Especially needed are protein items (beans, tuna, chicken, and meat sauce), vegetables, and cereals. Please no sweets and no pet food!

POT & PANS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you shop at Albertson's, please collect the current Master Chef stickers awarded for your purchases. Bizza Britton is collecting the stickers to trade in for as many pots & pans as possible, between now and January 26. International students have limited resources to set up housekeeping. They can borrow items from loaner closet for small fee, and when they leave, turn items back in for small refund. It really helps them get settled while at LSU. Let's help! There will be small container marked MASTER CHEF STICKERS in mailbox closet/ or mail to 1222 Kimbro Dr 70808 or call/text Bizza for pickup: 225.456.4568.

PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOMES INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services, a PCUSA agency (for whom we have traditionally coordinated Christmas gifts) will be holding a zoom call to share information on the services they provide at 10:00 a.m. December 1.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86965074690?pwd=UjVrVlFYQXp-WMDdPbFljOEhqZVFZdz09> Meeting ID: 869 6507 4690 Passcode: PCHAS



UPC T-SHIRTS!

The UPC Committee for Excellence in Fashion (aka the Fellowship Committee) is pleased to offer a new Official UPC T-shirt for the low price of \$10.04. To get your hands on this highly collectable shirt, follow the link below to select your quantity and size on the CustomInk website. Orders can be placed through December 20, 2020. All orders will be shipped to the church office in early January and then distributed by the Fellowship Committee. If you do not live in Baton Rouge and want to order a shirt, please contact Matt McGraw at mattmcgraw@sbcglobal.net so that shipping arrangements can be made. <https://www.customink.com/g/vhh0-00cc-9nwy>

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 • Gary Meise • Ruth Bivins • Dean Kerr • Tabitha Lewis
John Earle • Bettye Burford • Gerard Klein • Melanie Driscoll • Kim Kirby
James and Jeanette Hanifen • Mary Timmons**

- **Dolores Ingraham**, mother of Patti Snyder, moving into skilled nursing
- **Judith Gooch**, friend of Pat Ho, **and her daughter Jennifer and granddaughter Evelyn** who are going through some very difficult times
- **Stuart Dameron's mother**, facing a knee replacement surgery on Dec. 7
- **Karen Paterson's sister, Clare and her husband, Bob**, who both have COVID
- **Barbara Bahs**, with heart issues and facing a hip replacement
- **Nan Patt**, beginning chemotherapy
- **Langston Kelly**, three-year-old UPC Day School student, diagnosed with Leukemia and undergoing treatment at St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis
- **Pam Fisher**, undergoing chemotherapy
- **Mary Stevens' father** awaiting the outcome of a biopsy
- **Annette and Don Greenland**, long-time friends of Lori Tucker. Annette is in memory care
- **Wes Mainord**, recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- **Johnny Bourliea**, friend of Griff Campbell, recovering from surgery for a brain tumor
- **Misha Gottesman**, two-year-old nephew of Peggy Carroll, diagnosed with leukemia
- **RJ LeBlanc**, father of Kathie Pohlman's 'Bonus Daughter,' Nikki, with lung cancer
- **Kaley Hall**, ten year old niece of John Grubb, undergoing chemotherapy for a pineoblastoma at St. Jude's
- **Anne Dardis**, friend of Pat Strain, recovering from back surgery
- **Donna Crumpler**, mother of Tavia Crumpler, undergoing treatment for colon cancer
- **Anne Bender**, friend of Pat Ho, undergoing cancer treatment
- **Ginger Zipperer**, friend of Darla O'Connor, diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer
- **Marla Kerr-Lawson**, Kelly Kerr's sister, undergoing chemotherapy
- **Gina Tharp**, friend of Ann Miller, undergoing treatment for Stage IV colorectal cancer
- **Terry Calendar**, friend of Wes Mainord, seriously ill following a stroke and with advanced cancer
- Ben Stoker's **Uncle Jody**, with advanced stage cancer
- **Mike and Chip**, friends of Robbie Phillabaum, facing difficult cancer treatments
- **Betty Crawford**, friend of Robbie Phillabaum, recovering from a stroke
- **Ralph Simone**, friend of Darla O'Connor, undergoing treatment for bladder cancer
- **Joellen Hawkins**, Aunt of Emily Cogburn, with Alzheimer's
- **Alan Williams**, brother of Virginia Davis, with Parkinson's
- **Edna Faust and her son Gregory**, friends of Kay Lindsey
- **All families affected by Huntington's Disease**
- **All hospice patients and their families**
- **All those who suffer with mental illness and emotional disorders**
- **Men and women serving in the armed forces**
- **Those who are going through separation or divorce**
- **Those who are affected by domestic violence**
- **Those who are affected by alcoholism and addiction**
- **Our Cuba church partners, Pastor Josué Montejo, and others in Cuba facing widespread shortages.**