

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 February 21, 2021



Sunday (2/21) 1st Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 a.m. "Feasting on the Word" Bible Study - Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City" Class - Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Facebook (*Live*)
- 11:45 a.m. Called Congregational Meeting - Zoom
(Post Service Fellowship will resume next week!)

Monday (2/22) - CONTACT ARTICLES DUE

Tuesday (2/23)

- 9:00 a.m. Presbytery of South Louisiana Meeting - Zoom

Wednesday (2/24)

- 11:00 a.m. "God's Promise I Am With You" Small Group - 1545 Patrick Dr.
- 12:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom
- 3:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Zoom

Thursday (2/25)

- 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Zoom

Sunday (2/28) 2nd Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 a.m. "Feasting on the Word" Bible Study - Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Facebook (*Live*)
- 11:45 a.m. Post Service Fellowship - Zoom
- 1:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Zoom

HINTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN Facebook live worship:

Did you know there is both a UPC Facebook Page 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. 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!

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.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82495540943?pwd=RkhvS2FrbVFO-MWJmdHZFemx2UEtJZz09>

Meeting ID: 824 9554 0943

Passcode: 099717

Sunday, February 21

Annual meeting of the congregation to receive the 2021 budget and to hear reports on our ministry in 2020

Giving Statements

Giving statements were emailed on February 1. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact Caralyn at cdurham@upcbr.org.

Office Hours

While the church office has never closed, Caralyn continues to work from home 8:30 - 3:30 most days of the week. If you need to reach her, email is the fastest and easiest way. The phones are forwarded to her cell phone, but the connection isn't always great. She is physically in the office on Wednesdays from 9-3 and Thursday mornings from 9-12 in order to address bookkeeping. Anyone visiting the physical facilities must wear a mask.

Join us for Text Prayers in Lent

Want a way to connect with 4 or 5 people for about 20 minutes once a week during Lent, even when we can't get together? Want to share a joy, a concern with others? Would you hold someone else's joy and concern in mind to share their load? You can do it all by text, hiding in your bathroom if that's the only way to get time to yourself. Contact Mamie to sign up or to hear more (mbroadhurst@upcbr.org).

Prayer Wall

Weave your prayers together with others from the community all through Lent. Just outside the courtyard, on the wall facing Dalrymple, there are pens and plastic strips on which you can write your prayers and remember God's holy "&" - that there is always more. Joy & grief can co-exist. Despair & hope can take turns.

Prayer List Reminder

Please remember to submit all additions/changes/removals for the prayer list to the church office at cdurham@ubcbr.org.

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Feasting on the Word- Adult Bible Study

Rotating leaders

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom (ongoing)

For each lectionary text, participants will find brief essays and discussions concerning the biblical texts. One review states, "A very helpful resource for those who use the lectionary in their weekly church services. I love that each passage is broken into theological perspective, pastoral perspective, exegetical perspective and homiletical perspectives. Having each perspective side by side discussing the passage for the week is very helpful. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81701086436?pwd=Y255a0dwK0NkSVhseEhzaWVwMWRFdz09>

Meeting ID: 817 0108 6436 Passcode: 369663

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City

Randy Nichols, moderator

February 7 - 21, 9:30 a.m.

In this ground breaking, Pulitzer Prize winning book, Harvard sociologist Matthew Desmond takes readers into the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee, where families spend most of their income on housing and where eviction has become a routine and vicious cycle deepening our country's vast inequality. Based on years of embedded fieldwork and painstakingly gathered data, "Evicted" challenges our understanding of extreme poverty and economic exploitation while providing ideas for addressing another devastating issue for our country.

The class will include presentations by local experts in housing policy, property development, and housing insecurity.

<https://lsu.zoom.us/j/99673145843?pwd=RjRFOWJkSlNjVkVHMnppU0RDOG-5jZz09>

Meeting ID: 996 7314 5843 Passcode: 249080

Visio Divina - Again and Again: Covenant Promises

Facilitator: Patti Snyder

Latin for "divine seeing," this small group will use resources in the Sanctified Art: Again and Again series to explore - through meditation on visual art, artist's statements, bible study, and group discussion around the theme of Covenant. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Patti Snyder (psnyder@upcbr.org). A doodle poll to see when the group will meet will be distributed to those who express an interest.

Reply All

You may think it is a no-no, but as we continue to live into our new co-pastor structure, please double check that you are copying Mamie and Patti on your emails when you can. It may be that, after talking, only one of them will respond to you, but please continue to reply all so that the email chain doesn't get broken for either of them. Thank you!

The Choir Wants YOU!

The UPC choir is looking to add to their ranks! The choir meets every other Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. via zoom. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 17. To join in go to <https://lsu.zoom.us/j/93931838233?pwd=aDJQZ01pZEk2SS8yL1RETnVPellnUT09>

Calling Musicians of all Abilities and Ages

the worship committee is trying to find you! Several of you have already responded to our email or the Contact—thank you! For the rest of you closet musicians, don't be shy; we won't ask you to do something you can't do. Please respond to the survey or send an email to let us know what instrument you play, or if you would like to play percussion instruments provided by us. Thank you! Survey: bit.ly/upcbrmusic Email: upcbrmusic@gmail.com

BIRTHDAYS *This Week (February 21-27)*

21 Stuart Dameron and Robin Patty, 22 Beverly Jones and Elizabeth Roberts, 23 Cheryl Giles and Joyce Moreland, 24 Janet Whyde and Dana Dhom (Trahan), 26 Christopher Carroll, 27 David Atwood

LSU Science Cafe - Our Changing Oceans

Marine biologists Dr. Morgan Kelly (of UPC) and Dr. Jacqueline Padilla-Gamiño will present on how climate change is affecting life in the ocean and which species are likely to be the most vulnerable. Join us on Tuesday, February 23, at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom to learn more about the future of seafood. To register go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lsu-science-cafe-our-changing-oceans-tickets-135554708783?aff=ORED&mc_cid=49712e00e0&mc_eid=04a5a8733d

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 • Alan Williams • Our Cuba Partners • Dolores Ingraham**

- **Brett Dietz and family**, upon the death of his mother
- **Daran Reves**, relation of Amybeth Mainord, with COVID19
- **For all those who still don't have power and heat because of the winter storms**
- **Rich Vanderbrook**, friend of Jane Smith, and Meg Bankston's father, who has pancreatic cancer
- **Tabitha Lewis**, with COVID19
- **Mitchel Bartolo**, friend of Frances Sullivan-Gonzalez, undergoing chest surgery to remove a thymoma tumor
- **James and Jeanette Hanifen**, parents of Jim, as his mother moves into a new care facility
- **Freddy Crumpler**, father of Tavia Crumpler, recovering at home from open heart surgery and COVID19
- **Linda Clark's family** who are going through difficult times
- **Michael Lee Terry** in Kuwait for 2021
- **Nan Patt**, undergoing chemotherapy
- **Mary Steven's father**, undergoing treatment for colorectal cancer
- **Frank Vine**, significant other of Virginia Davis, recovering from rotator cuff surgery
- **Judith Gooch**, friend of Pat Ho, **and her daughter Jennifer and granddaughter Evelyn** who are going through some very difficult times
- **Pam Fisher**, undergoing chemotherapy
- **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 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
- **Mike and Chip**, friends of Robbie Phillabaum, facing difficult cancer treatments
- **Ralph Simone**, friend of Darla O'Connor, undergoing treatment for bladder cancer
- **Joellen Hawkins**, Aunt of Emily Cogburn, with Alzheimer'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**