

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

May 2, 2021



Sunday (5/2) 5th Sunday of Easter

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

9:30 a.m. "Health Equity" Class - Zoom

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

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

Monday (5/3) - Day School Art Show Begins

Tuesday (5/4)

8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Zoom

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Zoom/UPC

10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Zoom

5:30 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom

6:30 p.m. Book Group - 1725 S. Eugene St.

Wednesday (5/5)

11:00 a.m. "God's Promise I Am With You" Small Group - 1545 Patrick Dr.

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal/Recording - UPC Sanctuary

Thursday (5/6)

11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room

12:30 p.m. "Visio Divina" Small Group - Zoom

Saturday (5/8)

9:00 a.m. Cupcakes in the Courtyard - UPC Courtyard

Sunday (5/9) 6th Sunday of Easter

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IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2021 (as of 4/28/2021)

Received Pledged giving: \$198,098

Received Unpledged giving \$12,588

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$210,686

*It's not too late to make a pledge to UPC for 2021!
You can pledge online through your Realm account under GIVING
or by contacting the church office for a pledge card.
Thank you for your prayerful consideration and donation.*

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.

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: welcome

Office Hours Change

The church office is now physically open 8:30 - 3:30 Monday - Thursday. On Fridays from 8:30 - 2:30 Caralyn will be working remotely. If you need to reach the office, phones are forwarded to Caralyn's cell phone, however, the connection isn't always great. The fastest and easiest way is to contact her at cdurham@upcbr.org

PW Day Circle

Tuesday, May 4, at 10:00 a.m. is our next, and last, meeting for the 2020-21 year. See ZOOM link below. Join us even if you have never done so before! We're happy to announce that Patti Snyder will lead discussion of Chapter 9: The End of Lament, p. 83
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81365121229?pwd=Q2YxUjJTa0RDTlJHTDFR-SWg4a2xWQT09> Meeting ID: 813 6512 1229 Passcode: 810057

Book Group

The UPC Book Club will meet Tuesday, May 4, **6:30 p.m.**, at the home of Kathie Pohlman. Wear masks and BYO drink/snack. The group will discuss The Yellow House by Sarah M. Broom. The June book is The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate. Join us.

Celebrating Our Grads

If you are graduating in May, please let us know. We would like to celebrate this momentous occasion with you! High School grads, please include where you are graduating from and what college you are heading to (or what your future plans are). College grads, please indicate your degree and future plans. Please turn this information in to the church office by May 17 to run in the June edition of CONTACT (cdurham@upcbr.org).

BIRTHDAYS *This Week (May 2 - 8)*

2 Juanita McGregor and John Richardson, 3 Jimmy Robertson, 4 Joseph Nguyen and Marcel Shihadeh, 8 Jeana Esser

UPC Reconnect

It's been too long! We need to talk, catch up, get to know each other again, or get to know each other better, and that may work best one on one. UPC Reconnect is a project to help get as many of us as possible into 30-45 minute personal conversations with each other--by phone, Zoom, or maybe on safe front porches--as a step toward reconnecting and strengthening our relationships! We are hoping to involve as many UPC'ers as possible. If YOU are interested in being an initiator of Reconnecting conversations, your commitment would be to attend an online UPC Reconnect introductory session then choose one or several UPC'ers to contact for a conversation. We are excited to Reconnect with you!

(Betty Armstrong, George Armstrong, Mamie Broadhurst, Cordell Haymon, Betsy Irvine, Sydney McGraw, Mary Mikell, Rick Moreland, Lorinda Sealy, Patti Snyder)

PW Special event: Saturday, May 8!

Cupcakes in the Courtyard 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Let's celebrate women here and around the world! Look for details in the May UPC CONTACT. The PW Birthday Offering and Least Coin Offering will be collected.

UPC Online Meditation Room

Welcome to UPC's new virtual meditation room! This is a site you can go to whenever you want to immerse yourself in peace, calm, and focus.

How do I find it?

Click on https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vS7Vno1cy-HWSFsBZjcp3_Hdf0M5ag4QsAgjVMMmBan4CC2FI6UIRN1vGhpJgFth-Vj18QPXiS1-zAREs/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000&slide=id.p&slide=id.p

How do I use it?

Click on the different items to see what they do! You will find videos, coloring books, a labyrinth, online Bible apps, a chair yoga video, and instructions on candle gazing meditation. Almost every item in the room is clickable. Click around and enjoy the resources that have been pulled together for you!

Are there rules?

The beauty of an online meditation room is it is never closed or crowded, and there's never a dress code! Use as few or as many of the resources in the room as you like. The point is to help relieve stress and worry, not add to it.

Come back as often as you like. You're always welcome here!

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Health Equity

Coordinated by Mission and Peacemaking
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom May 2 - 16
<https://lsu.zoom.us/j/2765203639>

Sunday May 2, 9:30 – 10:30 on Zoom

Health Equity and the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

*Leader: Dr. Sandra Brown, DNS, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE, ANEF, FAANP, FAAN
Dean and Professor; College of Nursing and Allied Health, Southern University,
Woman's Hospital Endowed Professor, Co-Chair of the Louisiana COVID-19
Health Equity Task Force*

Introduction to health equity, contributing factors, health disparities and their impact on vulnerable populations in our community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sunday May 9, 9:30 – 10:30 on Zoom

Health Equity District

Leader: Khalid Hudson, Lead Organizer, Together Baton Rouge; Dr. Jen Scott, Together Baton Rouge

A proposed plan to address health inequities in Baton Rouge by establishing a Health Equity District. There will be discussion about the law that allows the formation of the district and the mechanics of setting up and governing the district.

Sunday May 16, 9:30 – 10:30 on Zoom

Health Equity and Behavioral Health

*Leader: Dr. Janzlean Laughinghouse, PhD, LCSW-BACS, LAC
Executive Director of Capital Area Human Services.*

Inequities in treating behavioral health diagnoses and addictions, and cultural norms around behavioral health and addictions in black and brown communities.

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. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81701086436?pwd=Y255a0dwK0NkSVhseEhzaWVwMWRFdz09>

Meeting ID: 817 0108 6436 Passcode: 369663

Bible Study - God's Promise I Am With You

Peggy Carroll, leader

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

"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 11:00. For information contact Peggy: 225-726-7856 or peggoc@yahoo.com.

Soul Feast

Mary Mikell and Betsy Irvine

Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. Parks Wilson Room

Readings from various writers in spirituality. The group reads essays, books, and poems from a wide variety of authors.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83644003582?pwd=OGJGMlJqOUtJWHMxb-jBoK0rTclpOdz09> Meeting ID: 836 4400 3582 Passcode: 100887

Visio Divina

Facilitator: Patti Snyder

Thursdays, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. on Zoom (ends May 27)

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.

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
Alan Williams • Our Cuba Partners • Dolores Ingraham
James and Jeanette Hanifen**

- **Bae Landry**, father-in-law of Janet Whyde, diagnosed with cancer
- **Mollie Adams**, sister of Darlene Rowland, hospitalized with a high risk pregnancy in Mobile, AL
- **Sue Snyder**, sister-in-law of Patti Snyder, in hospice care
- **Lee Jenkins**, having hip replacement surgery on Monday
- **John Johnson**, father of Mary Stevens, who has learned that his cancer has not spread but is having ileostomy reversal surgery
- **Mitchel Bartolo**, friend of Frances Sullivan-Gonzalez, recovering from successful chest surgery
- **Jan Manno**, friend of Darla O'Connor, diagnosed with COVID-19
- **Janin Robert**, friend of Ann Knapp, breast cancer survivor who has now been diagnosed with a newly identified gene
- **Vic Hammond**, son-in-law of Susan Seifert, undergoing tests at the Mayo Clinic
- **Meaghan and Todd** (daughter and son in law of John Earle's caregiver) and their premature infant, **Rhett**
- **Del Horan**, recovering from a fractured pelvis and tail bone
- **Garrett White**, friend of Matt McGraw, is in the hospital in Houston fighting cancer and a second bout of Covid-19
- **Orland Britton**, father of Ed Britton, in rehabilitation after a compression fracture in his back
- **James and Gloria Snowden**, parents of Ethel Felder (Day School Assistant Director)
- **Ron Rossi**, friend of Susan Seifert, recovering from surgery to repair a broken hip
- **Mitchel Bartolo**, friend of Frances Sullivan-Gonzalez, undergoing chemotherapy prior to chest surgery to remove a thymoma tumor
- **Linda Clark's family** who are going through difficult times
- **Michael Lee Terry** in Saudi Arabia
- **Nan Patt**, undergoing chemotherapy
- **Judith Gooch**, friend of Pat Ho, **and her daughter Jennifer and granddaughter Evelyn** who are going through some very difficult times
- **Misha Gottesman**, two-year-old nephew of Peggy Carroll, 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, 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, undergoing 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**