

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.

Learn more about us by reading our monthly church newsletter, the Contact. Copies are available in the back of the church and Welcome Center throughout the month, or you can find Contact on our web site, www.upcbr.org. Follow us on Facebook, too (<https://www.facebook.com/universitypresbyterian>).

LIFE OF THE CHURCH September 12, 2021



Sunday (9/12) 16th Sunday After Pentecost

- 9:45 a.m. "Feasting on the Word" Bible Study - Zoom
- 9:45 a.m. "Topics in Modern Life" Class - Zoom
- 11:00 a.m.** Worship - Facebook (*Live*)
- 12:00 p.m. Post Worship Fellowship - Zoom
- 4:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group Pool Party & Parent Meeting - 6630 Boone

Tuesday (9/14)

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom

Wednesday (9/15)

- 5:30 p.m. Personnel & Administration Committee - Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom

Thursday (9/16)

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

Saturday (9/18)

- 8:00 a.m. UPC Youth Volunteering at BR Food Bank
- 6:30 p.m. LSU vs. Central Michigan @ LSU (*PARKING*)

Sunday (9/19) 17th Sunday After Pentecost

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- 11:00 a.m.** Worship - Facebook (*Live*)
- 12:00 p.m. Post Worship Fellowship - Zoom
- 12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Zoom
- 2:00 p.m. Children's Faith Formation Rally - UPC Courtyard

OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open 8:30 - 3:30 Monday - Thursday. On Fridays from 8:30 - 2:30 Caralyn will be working remotely.

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

It's back!! The Fellowship Committee is hosting a post worship Zoom gathering on Sundays immediately following worship 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/81945487075?pwd=SWd2empMOCsvb1JRYTd-HeVRxczZTQT09>

Meeting ID: 819 4548 7075 Passcode: welcome

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH POOL PARTY (and Parent Meeting)

This afternoon we will start youth group for high schoolers with a pool party at Patti's house (6630 Boone Dr) from 4:30-6:00 p.m. **This will only be for high schoolers in order to keep our numbers down because of Covid.** While the kids are in the pool, we will hold a parent meeting in Patti's garage to give you all a sense of what our plan is for the year and allow you to ask questions. Kids should bring their bathing suit and a towel and a snack to share.

VOLUNTEERING AT THE FOOD BANK

Is it hard for you to figure out how to help in the wake of Ida? Do you want to feel like you're contributing to the recovery in a meaningful way? The Youth are glad to invite folks to join them in volunteering at the Food Bank on September 18th from 8am-12pm. We must register as a group, so please let Mammie know by Tuesday (14th) if you would like to join in this service opportunity with the 6th-12th graders.

BIRTHDAYS *This Week (September 12-18)*

13 Julie Launey, Amanda Richey, and Timothy Wright, 15 Molly Kennedy, 16 Beth Paskoff, 18 Owen Meier

ADVENT WORSHIP PLANNING

Advent worship planning will be beginning soon. If you are interested in serving on a sub committee that is dreaming about how we will celebrate this year, contact Jerry Kennedy (jgkenn@lsu.edu).



Why just have a Rally Day when you can have a Rally Month?!
This year we will spread out the excitement as we kick off the year's creative educational, faith formation, and spiritual development opportunities.
Make plans to be part of these safe and enriching opportunities:

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12 Adults and Senior High Youth Rally

9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Church School for Adults *(Two Options)*

1. Feasting on the Word - Adult Bible Study

Group led bible study centering on the lectionary texts for each Sunday. On zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81701086436?pwd=Y255a0dwK0NkSVhseEhzaWVwMWRFdz09>

Meeting ID: 817 0108 6436 Passcode: 369663

2. Parks Wilson "Topics in Modern Life" Class

Begins with a multi week study entitled "Coping with COVID." Panel presentations and discussions centered around the resilience as it relates to mental health, educational and health care settings, and the church.

On zoom at <https://lsu.zoom.us/j/2765203639>

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group and Parent's Meeting -
6630 Boone Drive *(outside)*

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19 Children's Rally

2:00 -3 p.m. **NEW** Children's Faith Formation Adventure in the church courtyard! Children aged Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to joint and small group fun centered around hearing a bible story, engaging in related crafts, offering prayers, and (of course) snacks! This event will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Faith Formation bags will be distributed at the event for use at home on the weeks to follow. Don't miss the kick off of this new way of sharing and growing in faith for our children! *(Volunteers still needed to help with snacks, story-telling, and crafts. Contact Patti Snyder for more info.)*

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26 Middle School Youth Rally

4:30-6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group and Parent's Meeting -
6630 Boone Drive *(outside)*

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27 (and following) Fall Small Groups Rally

Held on various days, at diverse times, and in a variety of locals (all either virtual or outside at this time) UPC's small groups for adults will begin this week. Watch your email and bulletin announcements for more details, or contact, Patti Snyder or Jim Wilcox if you have an idea for a group! Two on-going groups welcome new participants: Soul Feast and Visio Divina. More information to come next week!

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 • Kathy Rossman
James and Jeanette Hanifen • Michael Terry • Joyce Poché**

- **Ricky Samson and family**, upon the death of his mother, Sandra Samson, on September 5
- **Joyce Poché**, at the Care Center recovering from a TIA and Covid
- **Linda Clark**, having major oral surgery on Monday
- **Peggy Carroll**, facing surgery for a broken ankle
- **Caralyn Durham**, having eye surgery on September 20
- **Kathy Poché**, recovering from surgery for a broken leg
- **Jean Roberts**, Samantha Hartmann's aunt, in the hospital for testing
- **All those who suffered loss in the wake of Hurricane Ida**
- **All those who have been diagnosed with COVID in our community, congregation, and among our Day School staff and families**
- **Teresa Longer**, cousin of Frances Sullivan-González, dealing with complications following brain surgery
- **Jennifer Bravinder**, recovering from breast cancer surgery
- **Nancy Pensis**, aunt of Linda Clark, making decisions regarding cancer treatment
- **Bonnie Shuman**, wife of Barbara Hoffman's brother, Thom, undergoing tests
- **Virginia Caradine**, Peggy Carroll's neighbor Lu's mother, who is in the hospital with covid and pneumonia
- **Carl Stoddard**, brother of Linda Walker, facing neck surgery
- **John Stoddard**, nephew of Linda Walker, with continuing heart problems
- **Jordan Sealey**, nephew of Lorinda Sealey who is experiencing neurological symptoms of unknown origin
- **Eric**, friend of Lorinda Sealey, who is dealing with a cancer diagnosis in his family
- **Fay Coco**, recuperating at St. James after a fall
- **Carmen Rodriguez**, friend of Cindy Tyler, with stage 4 colon cancer
- **Lee Jenkins**, recovering at home after hip surgery
- The **Dominguez family**, friends of Kathy Rossman, who are going through difficult times
- **Linda Mathis**, sister of Ron Garton, diagnose with stage 4 pancreatic cancer
- Premature baby **Norah Adams**, Darlene and Gus Rowland's niece, and her parents
- **Mary Garrett**, sister of Elizabeth Roberts, with pancreatic cancer
- **Bae Landry**, father-in-law of Janet Whyde, diagnosed with cancer
- **Linda Clark's family** who are going through difficult times
- **Judith Gooch**, friend of Pat Ho, and her daughter Jennifer and granddaughter Evelyn
- **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
- **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
- **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

- 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
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BLESSING BOX

While the heat is on in South Louisiana our Blessing Box of canned goods will become a Blessing Box of feminine hygiene products and COVID necessities (masks, hand sanitizer, clorox wipes). Just bring your donations and place them directly in the box at the edge of the parking lot. Please do not leave supplies in the hallway outside the church office. Thanks for stepping up to help our neighbors!

MILITARY MISSION BOX

The Nurture Committee and Presbyterian Women are still collecting items to send to Michael Terry. Donations can be brought to the Conference Room. For a detailed list of what items are acceptable, please see page 5 of the August CONTACT newsletter.

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2021 *(as of 9/8/2021)*

Received Pledged giving: \$359,499

Received Unpledged giving \$28,011

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$387,510

*It’s never too late to make a pledge to UPC!
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.*

God is our refuge and strength



*therefore, we will not fear,
though the waters roar
and foam. (Psalm 46)*

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is delivering immediate aid to those impacted by Hurricane Ida. Initial assessment suggests catastrophic destruction from the storm and widespread power outages that are expected to take weeks to fully restore.

PDA will continue to work with Presbyterian leadership as they respond to Hurricane Ida and remain engaged in the recovery from the hurricane season of 2020, during which seven named storms impacted the region. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain — providing emotional and spiritual care and Long-Term Recovery to address unmet needs.

The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE: Gifts can be made online at bit.ly/PDAIda, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check using the below reply device.

- ACT:**
- Share our Mobile Cause campaign link (bit.ly/PDAIda).
 - Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and like us on Facebook (facebook.com/PDAcares), download resources at pda.pcusa.org/pda/resources and share updates with your congregation.



PRAY: Pray for those who suffered loss of family or home and for those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support.

\$500 \$125 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Congregation/PIN _____

Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



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