

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 26, 2021



Sunday (9/26) 18th Sunday After Pentecost - Camille Short Baptism

- 9:45 a.m. "Feasting on the Word" Bible Study - Zoom
- 9:45 a.m. "Coping with Covid" Class - **CANCELLED THIS WEEK**
- 11:00 a.m.** Worship - Facebook (*Live*)
- 12:00 p.m. Post Worship Fellowship - Zoom
- 1:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Zoom
- 4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Pool Party & Parent Meeting - 6630 Boone

Tuesday (9/28)

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

Thursday (9/30)

- 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Zoom
- 1:30 p.m. "Visio Divina" Small Group - Zoom

Saturday (10/2)

- TBA LSU vs. Auburn @ LSU (*PARKING*)

Sunday (10/3) World Communion Sunday

Communion, Peace & Global Witness Offering

- 9:45 a.m. "Feasting on the Word" Bible Study - Zoom
- 9:45 a.m. "Coping with Covid" Class - Zoom
- 11:00 a.m.** Worship - Facebook (*Live*)
- 12:00 p.m. Post Worship Fellowship - Zoom
- 4:30 p.m. High School Youth Group - 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.

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Sundays

1. Feasting on the Word - Adult Bible Study

Group led bible study centering on the lectionary texts for each Sunday. On zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81701086436?pwd=Y255a0dwKONkSVh-seEhzaWVwMWRFdz09> Meeting ID: 817 0108 6436 Passcode: 369663

2. Parks Wilson “Coping with Covid” Class

This Sunday’s “Coping with Covid” class, which we hoped to devote to the pandemic’s impact on healthcare, is CANCELLED. We were unable to find any medical professionals who were able to come talk to UPC about this; no doubt they are feeling very overwhelmed these days. The class on Sunday 10/3 will be devoted to the pandemic and the broader church.

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH POOL PARTY & PARENT MEETING

This afternoon we will start youth group for middle schoolers (only) with a pool party at Patti’s house (6630 Boone Dr) from 4:30-6pm. 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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We’ll meet in the courtyard at church on October 3rd from 4:30-6:00 p.m., but before we do, send Mamie (text is fine) a song that reminds you of family.

PARENT GROUP AT UPC

There has been a request for UPC to begin a Parents Group. Virginia Davis and Jane Smith have agreed to help get it started. Anyone interested in possibly joining the group, please contact either Jane at (225)315-4946 or by email: jmvsmith51@gmail.com, or Virginia at (225)938-3665 or by email: vwdlcsw@gmail.com. The first gathering will be at a time suitable for the most parents, and at an outside location where people are able to be spaced apart from each other. At that meeting the assembled group will decide what the focus of the gatherings will be, and the time and place for the gatherings. The gatherings will be held once a month.



*Why just have a Rally Day when you can have a Rally Month?!
Make plans to be part of these safe and enriching opportunities:*

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.

Soul Feast

Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. Zoom (*ongoing*)

*Readings from various writers in spirituality. The group reads essays, books, and poems from a wide variety of authors. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83432015573?pwd=QVY3aHJDUnJZY1d5c3NNenN6aHVqZz09> Meeting ID: 834 3201 5573
Passcode: 184455*

Visio Divina

Thursdays beginning September 30 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Zoom

This group engages together in contemplative reading of scripture texts and sharing reflection and our own artistic responses to text related pieces of art. We will be using a series of images from A Sanctified Art paired with biblical texts about Old Testament characters to ignite our time together. Curious? Join us and see if this group is for you! <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87918082267?pwd=a1M4OUgzellOT-W52UU43QW8xMUDMOT09> Meeting ID: 879 1808 2267 Passcode: 325964

Jesus on Main Street

Martin Luther King, Jr. once reflected that "budgets are moral documents." Few would argue, but teasing the morality out of a budget is undoubtedly controversial. UPC – never shy about controversy – jumps into issues of economic justice in a new small group this fall. David Kresta's book Jesus on Main Street: Good News Through Community Economic Development, will provide background and serve as a jumping off point for the discussion. Group meetings will begin with a summary of a section of Kresta's book (a nice way of saying participants aren't required to buy or read the book in order to participate) and proceed to an open discussion. Randy Nichols will be the facilitator. If you are interested, contact Randy at rknichols@homelessinbr.org or 225-241-6374. Participants will receive a doodle poll to fix the day and time. Meetings will be a combination of Zoom and in person in an outdoor setting with social distancing. If you are interested but undecided, go to <https://davekresta.com/> for more information about the book and author.

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**

- **Aiden Rowland**, after surgery to remove his adenoids
- **Lilly Bridwell-Bowles and her family**, after the death of her cousin and his wife from COVID
- **Maryann Strain**, mother of George Strain, after a fall and some resultant bleeding in her brain
- **Terry**, niece of Peggy Carroll, in the hospital with COVID
- **Eucaris Carroll**, with a broken ankle
- **Lindsey Hammond**, daughter of Susan Seifert, who was ordained in the United Church of Christ
- **Scott Phillabaum**, recovering from surgery on a broken arm after a bicycle accident
- **Joyce Poché**, at the Care Center recovering from a TIA and COVID
- **Linda Clark**, recovering from major oral surgery
- **Peggy Carroll**, recovering from a broken ankle
- **Kathy Poché**, recovering from surgery for a broken leg
- **Jean Roberts**, Samantha Hartmann's aunt, after her diagnosis with stage 4 ovarian and colon cancer
- **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
- **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**

NECHAMA SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Many of you remember Nechama, an organization whose volunteers stayed in our Fellowship Hall after the 2016 flood. They specialize in the early stages of gutting damaged structures after storms. Well, they're back in the area and looking for volunteers and for donations of frequent flyer miles to allow volunteers from all over the country to come to the aid of our neighbors to the south of us. Check out how you might offer a helping hand by going to <https://nechama.org/programs/hurricane-ida-response/>. Already, on your behalf, the Mission and Peacemaking Committee has approved sending a generous contribution to Nechama for their work in S. Louisiana

BIRTHDAYS *This Week (September 26 - October 2)*

26 John Richardson, 27 Mary Wardlaw, 28 Anne Maverick and Susan Ourso, 29 Alexander Campbell and Ed Green, 30 Laina Fontenot, Jaclyn Walker Herringshaw, Terry Iyasere, and Johanna Stadler, 1 Talia Daigre

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!

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2021 *(as of 9/22/2021)*

Received Pledged giving: \$363,013

Received Unpledged giving \$28,496

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$391,509

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



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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