

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 one of the pastors as you leave worship today or visit our website, www.upcbr.org.

CHURCH CALENDAR Week of January 22, 2023



Sunday (1/22) 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook
1:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room
No Youth Group

Monday (1/23) CONTACT ARTICLES DUE

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library

Tuesday (1/24)

7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library

Wednesday (1/25)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday (1/26)

11:00 a.m. Soul Feast Small Group - Zoom & Parks Wilson Room
1:00 p.m. Visio Divina Small Group - Zoom
5:30 p.m. Personnel & Administration Committee - Zoom

Sunday (1/29) 4th Sunday after Epiphany

9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook
Noon Soup & Pie Potluck - Fellowship Hall
Noon Youth Group - Soup & Pie Potluck, Fellowship Hall



Online giving is available...

- via the GIVE tab on our website (www.upcbr.org)
- by texting "upcbr (space) and then the number of dollars" to 73256
- by scanning the QR code

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2023 (as of 1/18/2023)

Received Pledged giving: **\$45,615** (.08% of \$561,995 pledged)

Received Unpledged giving \$3,210

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$48,825

Thank you for your generous contribution!

Your support of UPC and its missions is greatly appreciated.

It's never too late to make a pledge! Contact the office for more information.

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.

Learn more about us by reading our monthly church newsletter, the Contact.

Copies are available in the back of the church and Welcome Center, or you can find Contact on our web site, www.upcbr.org.

Check us out on Facebook, too! (<https://www.facebook.com/universitypresbyterian>)

SUNDAY NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A Nursery is provided during worship for those younger than first grade. Whether or not you have a child who is eligible for the nursery, please consider giving some of your time to the youngest among us! To sign up go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444ABAA2DA5FF2-sunday1>

BLOOD DRIVE

UPC is hosting a blood drive Sunday morning. There are a couple more opportunities to give. Please contact Beth Paskoff (bpaskoff@lsu.edu) to reserve a spot. If you cannot give on Sunday, please go to www.Vitalant.org to schedule a time to donate at their location on One Calais, off Essen near I-12. Please tell them to credit UPC. Many thanks to those who are saving lives this week.

GIVING STATEMENTS

Giving statements will be emailed on January 31. If you would like to print your statement earlier, you can do so by logging into your Realm account. To print, go to GIVING and set your filter to LAST YEAR or you can set the calendars to 1/1/22 - 12/31/22 and click the PRINT icon. A dialog box will appear for you to add any comments. Click PRINT. Your statement should appear in a new window with options to either print it or download the PDF. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact Caralyn at cdurham@upcbr.org.

LIKE TO CONNECT WITH CUBA?

Travel to Cuba these days is a challenge, but there are still ways to connect with and follow our Cuban partner church. If you use Facebook, you can visit and follow the page of partner church Getsemaní in San José de los Ramos (<https://www.facebook.com/iglesiapresbiteriana.getsemani.1>) or “friend” pastor Josué Montejo (<https://www.facebook.com/josue.montejo.921>). You can post and send messages in English, but if you wish you can use Google Translate (<https://translate.google.com/?hl=en&tab=wT>) to read posts or translate your messages, using cut and paste. If you like, George Strain can provide assistance (225-937-8094 or strain@lsu.edu). See the upcoming Contact for more options and details.

BIRTHDAYS *This Week (January 22-28)*

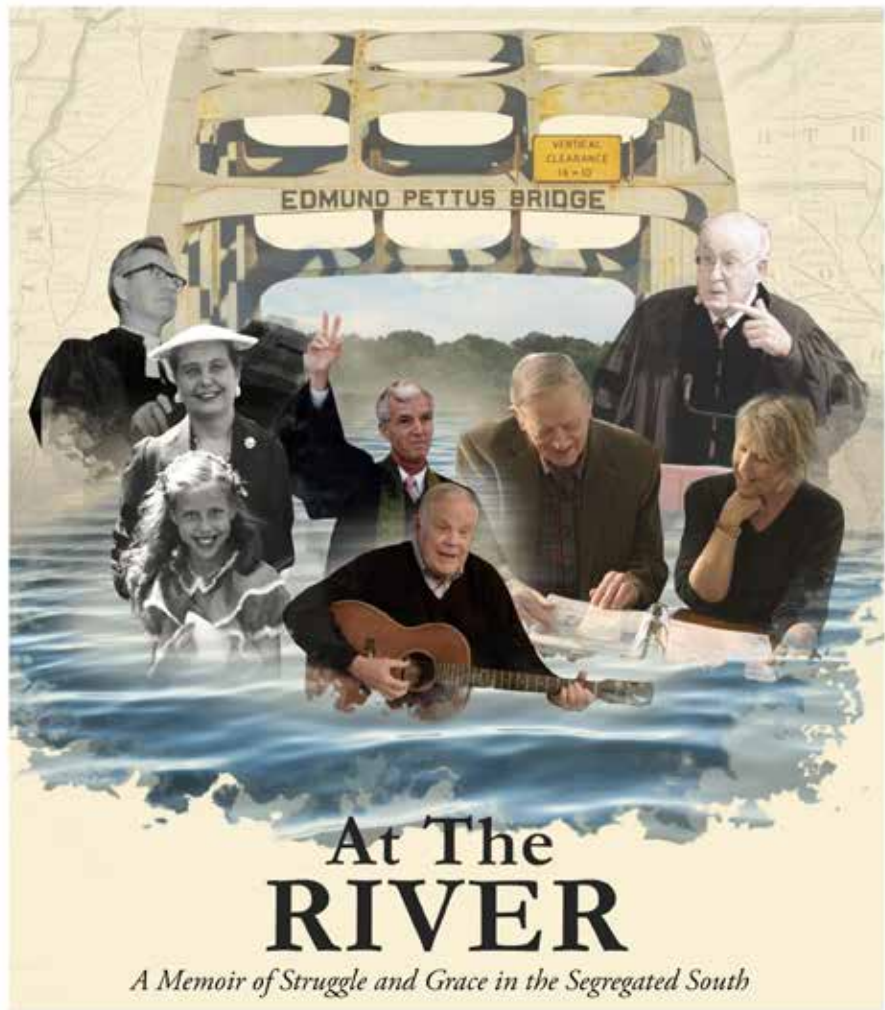
22 Griffin Campbell; 24 Bill Stubblebine; 25 Lynne Wallace



Bring your favorite soup or pie to compete for the esteemed Golden Ladle and Golden Pie Pan awards. Please make sure your soup is heated and ready to serve. Pie entries should be pre-cut into smaller pieces if possible. Ladles brought from home for serving are greatly appreciated!

TBR LEADERS LUNCHEONS

Together Baton Rouge is starting up our monthly “leaders” luncheons for 2023 on January 31st at noon at St. Mary’s Baptist Church. While you may never have participated in a TBR event before or think of yourself as a TBR “leader,” this luncheon is for you. The luncheons are the best way to begin to understand the things TBR is working on (called “actions”), share your own concerns for our city, and begin to learn ways that you might join in taking action. Sound intriguing? Go to togetherbr.org to register (so we can know how many lunches to purchase). You can even pay on line as well. Hope to see you there!



**FILM SCREENING/POTLUCK LUNCH
FEBRUARY 12
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

On Sunday, February 12 after worship, UPC will host a potluck lunch to show the film "At the River: Struggle and Grace in the Segregated South." This film examines the experiences of Presbyterian churches in the Deep South during the civil rights era. The film's director, Carolyn Crowder, will be our guest presenter. She will also be talking about the project during the Parks Wilson class on 9:45 am that same morning. More information about the film can be found here: <http://carolyncrowder.com/>.

Adult Church School 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Sundays

Gathering of Parents

Welcome Center (*ongoing*)

Parents of all ages are welcome to come have a cup of coffee and a donut and enjoy some lively conversation during this church school time. Various topics will be discussed.

Living the Word – Adult Bible Study rotating leaders

Conference Room (*ongoing*)

If you are interested in looking at the Bible stories we will be focusing on during the worship hour, join in this lively discussion group for people of all ages and levels of Bible knowledge. January 8 - 22, 2023 we will talk about God's promise of Jesus.

Parks Wilson Class

Conference Room and on Zoom

On Sunday, January 22, the Parks Wilson Class, in conjunction with the Mission & Peacemaking Committee, continues its series on Anti-racism. We will be using the webinar series from the Network for Dismantling Racism (www.n4dr.org) to guide us. Join us in person or via Zoom at 9:45 <https://lsu.zoom.us/j/2765203639>

Small Groups

Faith and Community

Our small group Faith and Community (formerly Two Tuesdays) will meet again on Wednesday, January 25 at 9 a.m. at Stuart Irvine's home, 1848 Glendale Avenue. All are welcome to join Stuart Irvine, Rick Moreland, and Jim Wilcox as we continue to explore a wide range of topics concerning faith and community. We look forward to sharing ideas and conversation.

Soul Feast

Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

Parks Wilson Room & Zoom (*ongoing*)

Readings from various writers in spirituality.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85357930055?pwd=YU9OTXA3YTd1cmQ4aFVh-b004Q1dkdz09> Meeting ID: 853 5793 0055 Passcode: 301709

Visio Divina - Patti Snyder, facilitator

This group uses a process of lexio divina (a form of meditation listening to a specific biblical text) to fuel reflection and quick art project in response to the text and professional paintings/art based on them. New folks are welcome into the group and no artistic skill is needed to join. This group meets via zoom from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. each Thursday.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85078993685?pwd=dTVpT1piRng4QXFxQkF3QWta2RRUT09> Meeting ID: 850 7899 3685 Passcode: 302459

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 • Tabitha Lewis • Gerard Klein
John Earle • Cody Lucero • Alan Williams • Kathy Poché • Melanie Driscoll
Our Cuba Partners • Kathy Rossman • Jeanette Hanifen • Fay Coco**

- **Jason Benedict**, son of Forest & Linda Benedict, awaiting a kidney transplant
- **Nancy Pensis**, aunt of Linda Clark, with end stage cancer
- **Norma Law**, aunt of Linda Clark, with end stage pancreatic and liver cancer
- **Pat Strain**, recovering after hip replacement surgery
- **George Balhoff**, cousin of Caralyn Duhram, in the hospital with an infection
- **Jenny**, friend of Kay Lindsey, undergoing tests
- **Darla O'Connor**, undergoing tests
- **Cheryl Whitting**, recovering from a fall and COVID; awaiting a kidney transplant
- **Rev. Adelaida Jiménez and the efforts toward peace in Colombia**
- **Mary Clinkenbeard's mother, Patricia**, as she continues recovering following surgery
- **Lynn Nichols Dull**, in rehab following a stroke
- **Betty Armstrong**, recovering from elbow surgery for an infection
- **Bae Landry**, father of Dale Landry, in hospice care
- **Jo and her family**, friends of Robbie Phillabaum, experiencing difficult times
- **Andy Peterson**, husband of Jane Smith's niece, undergoing treatment for Multiple Myeloma
- **Ron Rossi**, friend of Susan Seifert, with aplastic anemia and other illnesses
- **Darla O'Connor's parents** who are in poor health
- **Dina Courrage**, friend of Cindy Rice, battling Lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma
- **Marla Kerr-Lawson**, Kelly Kerr's sister, undergoing treatment for a bone infection
- **RJ LeBlanc**, father of Kathie Pohlman's 'Bonus Daughter,' Nikki, with lung cancer
- **Joellen Hawkins**, Aunt of Emily Cogburn, with Alzheimer's
- **Craig Fisher**, Anita Melon's brother in law, diagnosed with Lewy-Body dementia
- **Dennis Dimitri**, brother-in-law of Doug Walker, undergoing treatment for lung cancer
- **Mickey Rose Braud Zaitoon**, wife of Samear, who is in declining health
- **Jan Manno**, friend of Tavia Crumpler and Darla O'Connor, with aggressive endometrial cancer
- **Margaret Boyle**, sister of Christine Kooi, with early-stage Alzheimer's disease
- **All those affected by gun violence**
- **All families affected by Huntington's Disease**
- **All hospice patients and their families**
- **All those who suffer with mental illness and emotional disorders**
- **Those who are affected by alcoholism and addiction**
- **Men and women serving in the armed forces**
- **Those who are going through separation or divorce**
- **Those who are affected by domestic violence**

FLOWER DONATIONS 2023

The following Sundays are available to reserve celebratory or memorial flowers. Please fill out a flower donation envelope found in the pew and place in the offering plate. Payments may also be made online in Realm.

January 22	February 5, 12, 19	March 5, 12, 19, 26
April 16, 23, 30	May 7, 21, 28	June 18, 25
July 2, 9, 16, 23	August 6, 13, 20, 27	
September 3, 10, 17, 24	October 8, 29	November 5, 12