

# 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](http://www.upcbr.org).

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Week of February 5, 2023

*For meetings, classes, and events, Zoom links may be found on our website ([www.upcbr.org](http://www.upcbr.org)), on Realm ([onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org)), or by contacting a group leader.*

#### **Sunday (2/5) 5th Sunday after Epiphany**

- 9:45 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook  
4:30 p.m. Youth Group - Welcome Center & Fellowship Hall

#### **Tuesday (2/7)**

- 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Conference Room/Zoom  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Parks Wilson Room  
5:30 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom  
7:00 p.m. Book Group - 1725 Eugene

#### **Wednesday (2/8)**

- 9:00 a.m. Faith & Community Small Group - 1848 Glendale  
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive  
5:00 p.m. Property Committee - Zoom  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday (2/9)**

- 10:30 a.m. Soul Feast Small Group - Parks Wilson Room  
1:00 p.m. Visio Divina Small Group - Zoom  
7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

#### **Sunday (2/12) 6th Sunday after Epiphany**

- 9:45 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook  
Noon Potluck Lunch & "At the River" Screening - Fellowship Hall  
Noon Youth Group @ Potluck Lunch and "At the River" Screening

#### *OFFICE NOTES:*

*Mamie will be on vacation and continuing education February 6-16.*

*Caralyn will be on vacation February 6-10.*



#### Online giving is available...

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

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **SUNDAY NURSERY**

Thanks to all who have signed up to be a “second” in our nursery so far. We need someone for Feb 19th and then further into March! To sign up go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444ABAA2DA5FF2-sunday1>

## **TEXT PRAYERS**

It can be hard to set aside a time to pray. What if you had a group of three or four people who would meet you on your phone once a week for just twenty minutes to share a joy and concern with you and who would listen to yours and hold it too? If that sounds compelling to you, join us for text prayers during Lent. It's a simple way to hear from others and to share your joys and concerns so we all remember we're in this together. Let Mamie know by February 19 if you are interested ([mbroadhurst@upcbr.org](mailto:mbroadhurst@upcbr.org)).

## **GIVING STATEMENTS**

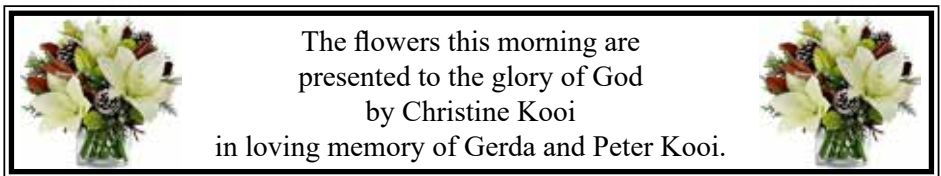
Giving statements for 2022 were emailed on January 31. If you need a copy mailed to you or if you have any questions about your statement, please contact Caralyn at [cduham@upcbr.org](mailto:cduham@upcbr.org).

## **CONTACT UPDATES**

- We are sorry for the omission of Grace Meier's name from those elected to the Congregational Nominating Committee.
- The Faith and Community small group will be meeting at 1848 Glendale (not on Blouin).
- Did you know CONTACT was available on our website, in various locations at UPC, and emailed every month? Because of the drastic increase in the cost of postage (63¢), if you are willing and able to stop receiving a paper copy, please let us know so we can move you to the email only list.

## **BIRTHDAYS** *This Week (February 5-11)*

6 Ellen Gochnour and April Whitting; 7 Barbara Gray, Robbie Phillabaum, and Shannon Stafford; 10 Ryan Black and Amy Braymer; 11 Andrew Armstrong, Pat Ho, and Kurt Ozier



## **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.

February 12, 19

March 5, 12, 19

April 16, 23, 30

May 7, 21, 28

June 18, 25

July 2, 16, 23

August 6, 13, 20, 27

September 10, 17, 24

October 8, 29

November 5, 12



## **Lenten Small Groups**

### **Our Story of Money - Location TBA**

Thursdays starting March 2 at 5:30 p.m.

This small group led by Mamie Broadhurst and Lori Pilley will offer new insights into the way we think about stewardship. Money is one of the biggest topics of discussion in the Bible, but it can be hard to talk about. Join in a conversation about the stories we have about money - personally and as a community. How does the story we tell ourselves or each other impact our life together? Is there a need to reimagine or transform our thinking about that story? Can we do that...?

### **Dealing with Racism: Pathways to Mending Hearts and Bodies - 10943 N Shoreline Ave** Thursday evenings 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., March 2 – 30

Enter our "brave space" for discussion and exercises based on the book *My Grandmother's Hands* by Resmaa Menakem (purchase of book is suggested but not required). The author "introduces an alternative view of what we can do to grow beyond our entrenched racialized divide..." You may wish to bring something to write in. We'll begin each meeting casually with light snacks. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, or directions. RSVP: Virginia Davis ([vwdlcsw@gmail.com](mailto:vwdlcsw@gmail.com) or (text only) 225-938-3665) or Linda Walker ([lstodwalk@bellsouth.net](mailto:lstodwalk@bellsouth.net) or (text only) 225-936-6268).

### **Finding Parables in Your Own Life -**

Tuesdays starting February 28 at 1:00 p.m.

Jesus' parables defy any simple "moral to the story." This quality makes them compelling to us, since our own life stories cannot be summed up into concise instructions for honorable living. In this small group, we will explore the narratives of our own lives to find these puzzling little stories. Don't avoid this group for fear you'll be "bad" at it — we'll be inventing as we go along. This group will be part virtual and part in-person. It will meet at 1:00 p.m. for five weeks every Tuesday beginning February 28. If you are interested, let Ava Haymon know directly, or call for more explanation (225)252-5198 or [avahaymon@me.com](mailto:avahaymon@me.com)). Space is limited.

### **Faith and Community - 1848 Glendale Ave**

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. (*ongoing*)

Faith and Community will meet again on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 9 a.m. at Stuart Irvine's home, 1848 Glendale Avenue. All are welcome to join us as we continue to explore a wide range of topics concerning faith and community. We look forward to sharing ideas and conversation.

## **Soul Feast - Parks Willson Room**

Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. (*ongoing*)

In this ongoing small group, Mary Mikell and Betsy Irvine will continue to illuminate how our spiritual concerns are affected by the different stories we encounter in books, poetry, and articles.

## **Visio Divina - Zoom**

Every Thursday at 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (*ongoing*)

This ongoing small 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.

During Lent, Patti Snyder will be focusing on a special kind of storytelling, parables. Through "reflection and quick art projects" this group will explore these often paradoxical stories. New folks are welcome into the group and no artistic skill is needed to join. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85078993685?pwd=dTVpT1piRng4QX-FxQkF3QWtta2RRUT09> Meeting ID: 850 7899 3685 Passcode: 302459

## **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*)

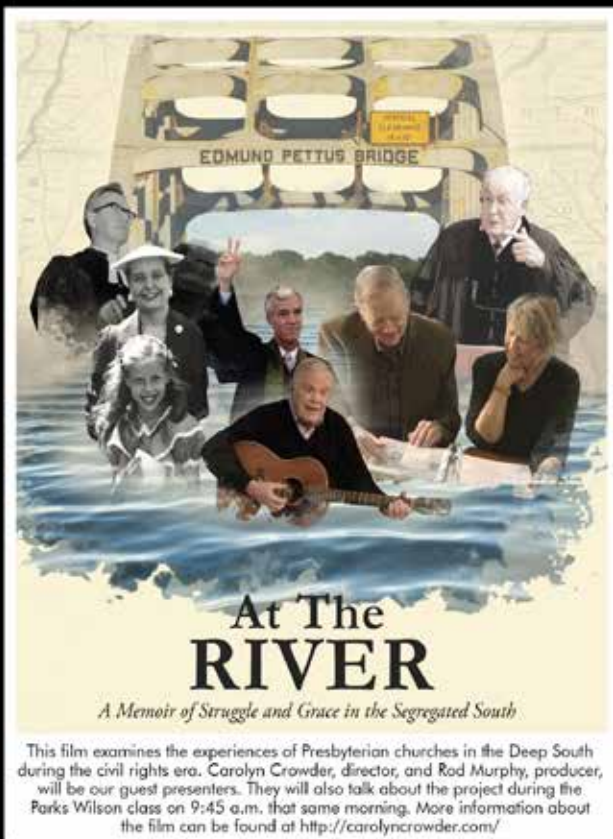
*If you are interested in looking at the Bible stories we will be focusing on during the worship hour, join in this lively discussion group for people of all ages and levels of Bible knowledge. January 29 - February 22 we will talk about what matters most to God, and how we are called to respond as disciples.*

### **Parks Wilson Class**

Conference Room and on Zoom

*On Sunday, February 5, the Parks Wilson Class, in conjunction with the Mission & Peacemaking Committee, finishes its series on Anti-racism using the webinar series from the Network for Dismantling Racism ([www.n4dr.org](http://www.n4dr.org)) to guide us; Rick Pitcher will be the discussion leader. Join us in person or via Zoom at 9:45 a.m. <https://lsu.zoom.us/j/2765203639>*

**FILM SCREENING & POTLUCK LUNCH  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 · NOON  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mary Stevens on the birth of her grandson,  
Nathaniel Robin Duckworth Stevens, on Wednesday, January 25th.

6 lbs 3 oz and 21 inches long

All are doing well!

# 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](mailto: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**

- **Burt Oglivie and his young son, James**, upon the death of his wife, Mary Catherine, friends of Becca Bartlett
- **Ruth Mitchell**, sister of Mary Wardlaw,
- **Beverly Hodges**, friend of Mary Wardlaw, waiting on test results
- **Helen and Lee**, sisters of Peggy Carroll, in hospice
- **Amy Beth Mainord**, recovering from an accident
- **Hailey**, granddaughter of Donna Schlotzhauer, in children's hospital
- **Betty Armstrong**, having skin graft surgery (for her elbow) on Monday 2/6
- **Cordell Haymon**, in Houston recovering from knee replacement surgery
- **Jason Benedict**, son of Forest & Linda Benedict, awaiting a kidney transplant
- **Nancy Pensis**, aunt of Linda Clark, with end stage cancer
- **Pat Strain**, recovering after hip replacement surgery
- **Jenny**, friend of Kay Lindsey, undergoing tests
- **Cheryl Whitting**, 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
- **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
- **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
- **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**

## **IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2023** (as of 2/1/2023)

**Received Pledged giving: \$56,390** (9.9% of \$567,995 pledged)

Received Unpledged giving \$4,327

**TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$60,717**

*Thank you for your generous contribution!*

*Your support of UPC and its missions is greatly appreciated.*

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