

# 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 March 19, 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 (3/19) 4th Sunday in Lent**

- 9:45 a.m. Church School
  - 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook
  - 12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
- NO YOUTH GROUP

#### **Monday (3/20) - CONTACT ARTICLES DUE**

#### **Tuesday (3/21)**

- 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - CANCELED
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- Noon TBR Monthly Luncheon - Unitarian Church
- 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom

#### **Wednesday (3/22)**

- 9:00 a.m. Faith and Community Small Group - 1848 Glendale Ave.
- 6:00 p.m. Taizé - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday (3/23)**

- 10:30 a.m. Soul Feast Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 1:00 p.m. Visio Divina Small Group - Zoom
- 4:30 p.m. Personnel & Administration - Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Our Money Story Small Group - Mamie's House
- 5:30 p.m. Dealing With Racism Small Group - 10943 N Shoreline Ave
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

#### **Saturday (3/25)**

- 9:00 a.m. TBR Mental Health Workshop - Parks Wilson Room

#### **Sunday (3/26) 5th Sunday in Lent**

- 9:45 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook
- 1:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group (Youth Sunday Planning)

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

## **SUNDAY NURSERY**

Thanks to all who have signed up to be a “second” in our nursery so far. We are signed up through the end of March! If you would like to help out in the nursery on Sunday mornings go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444ABAA2DA5FF2-sunday1>

## **LIVESTREAMING**

If you are tuning in via Facebook for our online worship service, please excuse our growing pains. We have new equipment that we are trying to grow into. For a more stable viewing experience, please go to our website, [www.upcbr.org](http://www.upcbr.org). The current livestream and previous livestreams may be found at the bottom of the home page. Thank you for your patience.

## **SHARING YOUR STORIES**

Everyone is invited to write stories based on their own life experience in response to each Sunday’s parable from Matthew. A writing prompt will be sent by email each Friday. After Lent, we would like to share some of these stories with the congregation in print as Easter season reflections. If you write or draw something that you would like to share, whether it’s based on the parables or small group Lenten discussions, please feel free to submit them. Hard copies can be dropped in the bright pink submission box in the Welcome Center or send your submissions via email to [upclentenwriting@gmail.com](mailto:upclentenwriting@gmail.com). If you have questions, you may ask Lori Tucker or Mamie Broadhurst.

## **MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP**

Together Baton Rouge and the LSU School of Social Work are working to address mental health concerns and equity in our community. Over the next several months, many TBR institutions will host workshops designed to help people recognize and cope with stress in themselves and in others. **UPC’s workshop will be on Saturday, March 25, 9-1 p.m.** There will be 2 follow-up sessions (April 29, May 20) each will be 90 minutes. Participants will complete questionnaires before each workshop to help evaluate the program. The workshops will be held in the Parks Wilson room. A Contact article, “Coping, Care and Recovery for the Community,” is in the March newsletter. To sign up or for more information, contact Rick Moreland or Mary Mikell. Our community will be stronger and healthier if more of us learn and practice these skills in emotional first aid.

# **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

*This Sunday, March 19, the Parks Wilson continues its consideration on the challenges of climate change. We will be discussing how to respond to this global problem from a Christian perspective based on articles published by the magazine Christian Century. Anyone interested in having a copy of these articles can contact Christine Kooi ([cjkooi@hotmail.com](mailto:cjkooi@hotmail.com)). Join us in person or via Zoom at 9:45 a.m. <https://lsu.zoom.us/j/2765203639>*



## **Saturday, April 1 • 8-Noon**

There will be indoor and outdoor areas to clean, dust, weed, prune and polish. Bring your own tools or use some the church will supply. Come for an hour or come for the whole morning. 8:00 a.m. to noon. All ages and abilities are encouraged to come and help spruce up the church and church grounds prior to Easter!

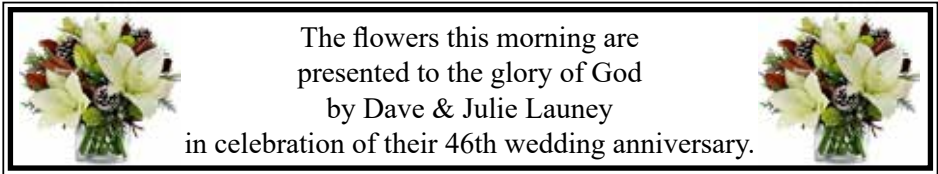
## **HELPING HANDS**

Helping Hands will meet in the Conference Room Tuesday March 21, 9:30. Quilts will be tied, and fellowship will abound. Bring a sack lunch. All other supplies are provided.

## **BIRTHDAYS** *This Week (March 19-25)*

19 Michael Purser; 20 George Armstrong, Josie Costello, Adam Knapp, and Terry Miller; 21 Andy Maverick; 22 Faimon Roberts II and Aden Rowland; 23 Mary Collier Wilks; 24 Jason New, Katie Strain New, Rachel Sheffield, and Jack Watson

**NOTICE: PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN HANDICAPPED SPOTS - OR BLOCK HANDICAPPED SPOTS.** If you need to make a delivery, please unload then move your vehicle so those that need the spaces may use them. Thank you!



## **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.

May 7, 21

June 18, 25

July 16, 23

August 20, 27

September 10, 17, 24

October 8, 29

## **ST. ANTHONYS HOME LUNCHEON**

The Mission and Peace Keeping Committee is hosting the residents of St. Anthony's to a lunch at the Piccadilly on Florida Blvd. at 11:30 on March 30. We would love some other UPC members to join. If interested, send an email to Linda Clark at [linda@decuirlaw.com](mailto:linda@decuirlaw.com).

## **A/V TECH HELP NEEDED**

We are currently looking for 2-3 people to join our Audio/Visual team on Sunday mornings. If you are interested please contact Mamie Broadhurst or Tom Shelton for more information.

## **IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR CAMP AGAPE!**

This June 18-24, 2023 our Presbytery will offer a summer camp for grades 3-12 (completed) at Feliciana Retreat Center in Norwood, LA. Three of our kids had a blast last year! Campers are divided into cabins by age and have lots of traditional summer camp fun as well as having the chance to dive deeper into their faith as well. Meals are eaten camp-style together outside or in the dining hall. Prices and additional information/registration are available at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/camp-agape-week-long-summer-camp-tickets-498024483637>

## **IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2023 (as of 3/15/2023)**

**Received Pledged giving: \$156,932** (28% of \$567,995 pledged)

Received Unpledged giving \$10,296

**TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$167,228**

*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.*



# HOLY WEEK and EASTER at UPC



## Worship During Holy Week

### Maundy Thursday

We will have a service at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. It will not be livestreamed. Gather around tables as Jesus did for a potluck meal and conversation, sharing stories that follow from the biblical account of Jesus' last full day. We will be in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome and encouraged. This service will not be livestreamed.

### Good Friday

Our traditional service of Tenebrae – the extinguishing of light – shared in scripture reading, prayer, music, and silence.

### Easter Sunday

We will gather at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and virtually on Facebook or on our website. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected. **Everyone is encouraged to bring flowers to add to the Easter cross.**



### Easter Sunday Brunch and Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Potluck Brunch will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday starting at 9:30 a.m. Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring their favorite brunch items to share.

Older and younger children will be invited from our Easter brunch to the playground in two groups beginning at 10:00 a.m. The eggs will be ready and there will be Easter themed crafts as well. Volunteers needed to assist - let Meredith Veldman know if you are interested in helping!

**We hope to see you there!**



### 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

# 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 • Alan Williams • Kathy Poché • Betty Armstrong  
Melanie Driscoll • Our Cuba Partners • Kathy Rossman  
Jeanette Hanifen • Lynn Nichols Dull • Fay Coco**

- **Peggy Carroll and her family**, upon the death of her sister Lee, on March 12
- **Helen**, sister of Peggy Carroll, in hospice
- **Corrine**, 104 year-old aunt of Pat Strain, and her nursing home, quarantined for COVID
- **Edith Hill**, former Day School teacher, in hospice care
- **Judy Roeling and her family**, upon the death of her husband, Ted Roeling. Judy and Ted have been members of the Presbytery of South Louisiana for decades
- **Nancy Pensis**, aunt of Linda Clark, with end stage cancer
- Payl and Barbara Hoffman,
- **Gloria Snowden**, mother of Ethel Feldman of the Day School, as she prepares for a heart valve replacement
- **Betty Fowler**, former member, recovering from open heart surgery
- **Sadie Landry**, mother of Dale Landry, who has entered hospice
- **Bae Landry**, father of Dale Landry, in hospice care
- **Cody Lucero**, with continuing testing for abdominal issues
- **John Baker**, retired LSU Philosophy Prof. and former Dean of Students, with kidney cancer
- **UPC and Patti Snyder**, as she prepares for retirement
- **Marla Kerr-Lawson**, Kelly Kerr's sister, undergoing chemotherapy and dialysis
- **Bob Gambrell**, recovering from knee replacement surgery on both knees
- **Ruth Mitchell**, sister of Mary Wardlaw,
- **Beverly Hodges**, friend of Mary Wardlaw, waiting on test results
- **Hailey**, granddaughter of Donna Schlotzhauer, in children's hospital
- **Jason Benedict**, son of Forest & Linda Benedict, awaiting a kidney transplant
- **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
- **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 Courrege**, friend of Cindy Rice, battling Lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma
- **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
- **Mickey Rose Braud Zaitoon**, wife of Samear, who is in declining health
- **Margaret Boyle**, sister of Christine Kooi, with early-stage Alzheimer's disease
- **The People of Ukraine and for Divine Intervention with Putin**
- **All those who live in Turkey and Syria**
- **All those affected by war**
- **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**