

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 May 28, 2023

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.

Sunday (5/28) Pentecost

- 9:45 a.m. Living the Word Class - Conference Room
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook
- 1:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room

Monday (5/29) Memorial Day

Day School and Church Office Closed

Tuesday (5/30)

- 6:30 p.m. LSU Choral Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday (6/1)

Day School Closed for Teacher Planning (*and Friday 6/2*)

- 10:30 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 1:00 a.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Formation Committee - 2171 Cherokee St.
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

Saturday (6/3)

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

Sunday (6/4) Trinity Sunday *Communion, Summer Worship Schedule Begins*

- 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook



**NATURE WALK
AND PICNIC**

Saturday, June 10 at 9:00 am
LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens
4560 Essen Lane

Brought to you by The UPC Society for the Promotion of Fresh Air and Sunshine (AKA Fellowship Committee)

LSU AgCenter
Botanic Gardens
4560 Essen Lane
Corning, LA 70525

We'll start with a walk around the Center's nature trails followed by a picnic (bring your own provisions). Try out your new walking shoes, cameras and other appropriate accoutrements.

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.

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

DON'T FORGET... SUNDAY, JUNE 4, WORSHIP MOVES TO OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE AT 10:00 AM!

SUNDAY NURSERY

Thanks to all who have signed up to be a “second” in our nursery so far. If you would like to help out in the nursery on Sunday mornings go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444ABAA2DA5FF2-sunday1>

BIRTHDAYS *This Week (May 28 - June 3)*

28 Alyssa Bistany; 30 Ruth Bivins and Steven Hartman; 1 Sydney McGraw and Diana Reynolds; 2 Barrett Kennedy and Sam Wallace; 3 Shelby Lewis

CARE, COPING AND RECOVERY IN THE COMMUNITY

It's about you, it's about us, it's about our community. On June 3rd, we will again offer a “Care, Coping, and Community” workshop for UPC. The workshop will cover ways to listen and respond to your own stress as well as how to be helpful when you notice stress in others. On June 3rd we will meet in the conference room from 9-1pm. We will have a 90 minute Follow Up workshop on July 8 and on August 5. To register or for more information, contact Rick Moreland or Mary Mikell.

BOOK GROUP

The UPC Book Group meets the first Tuesday of the month, 1725 Eugene, 7:00 p.m. The June 6th book is South of Heaven by a former UPC member, Patti Frye Meredith. Due to the Independence Day holiday, the July meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 5th. Read it again and enjoy, Are you there, God?. It's Me Margaret by Judy Blume. All are welcome!

“In the Meantime”

The Session has approved the search for a full-time Transitional Associate Pastor to serve with UPC temporarily as we make decisions about our staffing pattern more permanently moving forward. After checking with committees and session members for volunteers, and with an eye to having members with varied backgrounds and experiences in the church, we are grateful to Daniel Burch, Jill Clemmons, Lois Kuyper-Rushing, and Gary Meise for agreeing to serve our community in this way. You will hear more as we know it!



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

Small Groups

Transitions

The Transitions small group will meet from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 17, in the Parks Wilson room to continue our conversations about decluttering and related topics people may face in the second half of life. Transitions will also meet at the same time & place on Saturday, July 15. For information, contact Lori Tucker at ljtucker70@gmail.com or 225-288-0885.

Soul Feast

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
Parks Wilson Room
Readings from various writers in spirituality.

Visio Divina

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/88426746848?pwd=YjdZeDc1WGJSNHhzcmNMRWFMLy9LUT09>
Meeting ID: 884 2674 6848 Passcode: 960537

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2023 (as of 5/24/2023)

Received Pledged giving: \$267,177 (47% of \$567,995 pledged)

Received Unpledged giving \$26,110

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$293,287

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.



The flowers this morning are
presented to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Les Phillabaum
by Robbie Phillabaum and family



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.

June 18, 25

July 16, 23

August 27

September 10, 17, 24

October 8

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

- **Barbara Bahs and family**, upon the death of Clarence Bahs on May 20
- **Whitney Rushing**, Lois Kuyper and Steve Rushing's daughter-in-law, recovering from a double mastectomy on May 25
- **Louie Eckhardt**, former UPC member, recovering from a heart attack and stent procedure
- **Edna Faust**, friend of Kay Lindsey, recovering from surgery
- **Sylvester Williams**, friend of David Hall, recovering in the hospital
- **St. Anthony's residents**, upon the closure of their house in June
- **Jason Benedict**, son of Forest and Linda Benedict, diagnosed with advanced stage scleroderma/multiple connective tissue disease
- **Susana Arevalo**, with cancer undergoing chemo and radiation therapy
- **Bae Landry**, father of Dale Landry, in hospice care
- **Helen**, sister of Peggy Carroll, in hospice care
- **Nancy Pensis**, aunt of Linda Clark, in hospice care
- **Marla Kerr-Lawson**, Kelly Kerr's sister, undergoing chemotherapy and dialysis
- **Ruth Mitchell**, sister of Mary Wardlaw,
- **Cheryl Whitting**, awaiting a kidney transplant
- **Jo and her family**, friends of Robbie Phillabaum, experiencing difficult times
- **Andy Peterson**, husband of Jane Smith's niece, undergoing treatment for Multiple Myeloma
- **Dina Courrage**, 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
- **Rev. Adelaida Jiménez and the efforts toward peace in Colombia**
- **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**