

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Week of September 17, 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 (9/17) 16th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 a.m. Blood Drive - Vitalant Bloodmobile
- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook
- 12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
- 4:30 p.m. Cuba Potluck Dinner & Discussion - Fellowship Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group @ Cuba Potluck Dinner

Monday (9/18) CONTACT ARTICLES DUE

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

Tuesday (9/19)

- 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom

Wednesday (9/20)

- 5:00 p.m. Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee - Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday (9/21)

- 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 1:00 a.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

Saturday (9/23)

- 6:00 p.m. LSU vs. Arkansas @ LSU (*PARKING*)

Sunday (9/24) 17th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Facebook
- 1:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room
- No Youth Group



NAME: (optional) _____

Share four words or short phrases you think others would use to describe UPC.

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>)

KIDS-- There are books and activity bags for you at the back of the sanctuary. Feel free to get one and then return it at the end of the service. You're welcome to take books home as well; just please remember to return them the next Sunday.

CUBA POTLUCK DINNER

Join us this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for a Potluck Dinner. Alison Infante, moderator of the Synod of Cuba and pastor at the Juan G Hall Church in Cardenas, Cuba, will be our guest speaker. Alison will talk about the challenges facing the Cuban church and the difficulties of day-to-day life for all Cubans. Bring your favorite dish to share.

SUNDAY NURSERY

You too can be a "second" in the church nursery, accompanied by a Day School teacher professional! And you know, if you fill the rest of the Sundays for the year, we'll even take this announcement out of the bulletin. You can click the link below (ideal), or you can sign up in the sanctuary on Sunday morning.

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

INQUIRER'S CLASS

Are you wondering how to join this fabulous community and get more involved than you already are? Do you wonder what Presbyterians believe and how we organize ourselves? Join our Inquirer's Class this fall and we will have those answers and more! We'll gather on four Sunday mornings in October. Please let Mamie know if you are interested in learning more.

BIRTHDAYS (September 18-23)

18 Owen Meier; 20 Rick Pitcher; 22 Edward Peterson and Nora Broadhurst Williams, 23 Tabitha Lewis



The flowers this morning are
presented to the glory of God
in thanks, praise, and recognition
for all the gifts of time, talent and treasure
given by members of UPC.



Small Groups

Transitions

The Transitions group meets on Saturday mornings from 10-11:30 to discuss the changes we face at various times of our lives. Starting September 16, we will begin a new series using the book Get it Together: Organizing Your Records So Your Family Won't Have To by Melanie Cullen; Publisher: NOLO, 10th Edition, 2022. It is readily available to purchase online and in bookstores. We will work through the topics at home, then meet to share challenges, questions and ideas. During the fall we will only meet on Saturdays when LSU is playing out of town. The schedule is:

September 16: Chapters 1-8

September 30: Chapters 9-14

October 7: Chapter 15 - *Mamie will talk about advanced planning of funerals.*

October 28: Chapter 17 - *the Rev. Joseph Moore, our liaison to the Presbyterian Foundation, will talk about Estate Planning and Planned Giving.*

Nov 4: Chapters 18-27

Dec 2: Chapter 16 - *Jan Risher will talk about writing obituaries* Dec 9: *Wrap Up*

Faith and Community

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

All are welcome to join us as we explore a wide range of topics concerning faith and community. We look forward to sharing ideas and conversation. This group currently meets in the Parks Wilson Room.

Soul Feast

Thursdays at 11:00 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. 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=YjdZeDcJWGJSNHhzcmNMRWFMLy9LUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 2674 6848 Passcode: 960537



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- 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

Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies.

Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.

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

- **Jill Clemmons and the Kerr family** upon the deaths of Kelly and Kelly's sister, Marla
- **Whitney Rushing**, recovering from breast reconstruction surgery
- **Jason Benedict**, son of Linda and Forest Benedict. His stem cell transplant has been delayed until his health condition improves
- **Donna Crumpler**, mother of Tavia Crumpler, having breast cancer surgery on 9/20
- **The Hall/Patty family** upon the death of their friend Willie Posey
- **Jim Rollins and his family** upon the sudden death of his wife, Cris
- **Hugh Huffman**, friend of Rosemary John, having surgery for esophageal cancer on 9/18
- **Ricky Samson**, recovering from hip replacement surgery
- **David Klimash**, brother of Victor, recovering from open heart surgery
- **Blair LeBarge**, friend of Mary Mikell, with a rare type of brain cancer
- **James and Gloria Snowden**, Ethel Felder's parents, after recent hospitalizations
- **Cheryl Whitting**, on dialysis awaiting a kidney transplant
- **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
- **Edna Faust**, friend of Kay Lindsey, recovering from surgery
- **Susana Arevalo**, a Cuba partner, undergoing chemo and radiation therapy
- **Ruth Mitchell**, sister of Mary Wardlaw,
- **Jo and her family**, friends of Robbie Phillabaum, experiencing difficult times
- **Andy Peterson**, husband of Jane Smith's niece, undergoing treatment for Multiple Myeloma
- **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**

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2023 (as of 9/13/2023)

Received Pledged giving: \$396,836 (70% of \$567,995 pledged)

Received Unpledged giving \$41,993

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$438,829

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.

UPC ANNUAL GIVING KICKOFF

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

sunday, October 8

9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall



TELLING OUR STORY

*What part of UPC's story do you claim as your own?
How is UPC part of your story?*

Find out on Sunday, October 8 in the Fellowship Hall as we gather to renew our adventure with the church, consider our role in UPC's mission and ministry, and hear about the vision UPC has for the future.

Blessing of the Pets

October 1st at 5 P.M.

University United Methodist Church

Front Parking Lot | All Pets Welcome



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CUBA



Alison Infante Zamora

The Rev. Alison Infante Zamora currently serves as moderator of the Synod of the Presbytery of Matanzas (IPRC). His ministry experience includes various ecclesial and ecumenical responsibilities, such as chairing the IPRC's Social Policy Study Commission and serving as moderator of the IPRC. In his work, Alison emphasizes the social pastoral ministry as a way of proclaiming the Gospel. Under this premise, for example, the Azabache project, an antiracism and community empowerment project, exists. The church also provides cultural spaces hosting tertulias — social and conversational gatherings — and an exhibition hall for plastic art works, through which values such as respect, dialogue and aesthetic education are affirmed, especially in young artists from the community.

Fast Facts

- The literacy rate in Cuba is 99.8%, which is one of the highest in the world.
- Cuba is the largest Island in the Caribbean.
- One of the highest patient-to-doctor ratios can be found in Cuba.
- Cuba is home to the smallest bird in the world.

Partners

The PC(USA) has a partnership with the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba (PRCC) and the Evangelical Theological Seminary.

- In the Synod of the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba (PRCC) in 2010, there were over 10,000 members in 32 "organized churches" in three presbyteries: Center, Matanzas and Havana. There are also about 20 "dependent churches," missions and house churches. For historical reasons, all of these are located in the central part of the nation.
- Through the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Matanzas, students receive preparation for ministry. Lay leaders receive training through programs around the island. There are many PC(USA) congregation and presbytery partnerships with Cuban churches and presbyteries.
- The PRCC, together with the Episcopal Church in Cuba and others, operates the Evangelical Theological Seminary, which was founded as a Presbyterian institution at Cárdenas in 1920 and relocated to Matanzas when the sponsorship became ecumenical in 1946. The PRCC is one of the founding members of the Cuban Council of Churches, whose immediate past-president is a Presbyterian layman.



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