

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

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Week of October 1, 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 (10/1) 18th Sunday after Pentecost**

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (*Live Streamed via Facebook & [upcbr.org](http://upcbr.org)*)
- 2:00 p.m. NAJMA Food Care - Fellowship Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 5:00 p.m. Blessing of the Pets - University Methodist Church

#### **Tuesday (10/3)**

- 8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Parks Wilson Room
- 5:30 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. UPC Book Group - 1725 Eugene St.
- 7:00 p.m. Story Circle for Kelly Kerr - 9445 W Van Place

#### **Wednesday (10/4)**

- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

#### **Thursday (10/5)**

- 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 1:00 a.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 5:00 p.m. Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

#### **Saturday (10/7)**

- 11:00 a.m. Kerr Memorial Service & Reception - Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall  
(*Live Streamed*)

#### **Sunday (10/8) 19th Sunday after Pentecost**

- 9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (*Live Streamed via Facebook & [upcbr.org](http://upcbr.org)*)
- 2:00 p.m. NAJMA Food Care - Fellowship Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group



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*Why do you come to church?*

# **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>)*

*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.*

## **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 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday in October (except 10/8). Please let Mamie know if you are interested in learning more. You can still join in if you missed today!

## **BIRTHDAYS** *(September 30-October 6)*

30 Laina Fontenot and Terry Iyasere; 1 Talia Daigre; 3 Pamela Bistany, Jon Cogburn, and Amybeth Mainord; 5 Peggy Carroll and Casey Cogburn; 6 Drew Patty and Scott Phillabaum

## **WILD CARDS**

Have you ever wanted to be a Wild Card in a game - the one which changes the outcome? Fill out a Wild Card found in the pew or contact Barbara Hoffman (bhoffman 2652@gmail.com) to add your name to the deck and help further the fun and fellowship at UPC. You will be contacted to help as there is need, and you can respond as you are able. Come get Wild with us!

## **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY**

The little food pantry is in need of non-perishable dry goods. Please drop off your contribution in the pantry located outside the church office.



The flowers this morning are  
presented to the glory of God  
by Necia Lanius  
in loving memory of Madge G. Lanius.



## **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. We are 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. Participation in all sessions is not required. Come to one or come to many! The schedule is:

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=YjdZeDc1WGJSNHhzcmNMRWFMLy9LUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 2674 6848    Passcode: 960537



### **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

*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](mailto: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 • Mickey Rose Braud Zaitoon**

- **Joe and Ari Latino**, friends of Caralyn Durham, upon the death of Joe's wife, Candi
- **Mamie Broadhurst and her family** upon the death of her father, David
- **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, recovering from breast cancer surgery
- **Hugh Huffman**, friend of Rosemary John, recovering from surgery for esophageal cancer
- **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
- **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 9/27/2023)

**Received Pledged giving: \$405,182** (72% of \$562,275 pledged)

Received Unpledged giving \$43,050

**TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$448,232**

*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.*