

# 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 February 4, 2024

*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 (2/4) 5th Sunday after Epiphany**

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (*Live Streamed via Facebook & [upcbr.org](http://upcbr.org)*)
- 1:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room
- 1:00 p.m. Youth Group - Mid City Gras meet at 4100 N. Blvd.

### **Tuesday (2/6)**

- 8:00 a.m. Presbytery of South Louisiana Meeting - Sanctuary/FS Hall
- 7:00 p.m. UPC Book Group - 1725 Eugene

### **Wednesday (2/7)**

- 9:45 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

### **Thursday (2/8)**

- 11:00 a.m. Soul Feast - Parks Wilson Room
- 1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

### **Sunday (2/11) Transfiguration**

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (*Live Streamed via Facebook & [upcbr.org](http://upcbr.org)*)  
No Youth Group



The flowers this morning are  
presented to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of her parents,  
Gerda and Peter Kooi,  
by Christine Kooi



# **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>)*

## **ALL ARE WELCOME**

Today we will celebrate the Lord's Supper, the eucharist, during worship. All who choose to come to Christ's table are welcome, and anyone who would like to receive communion in their seat will be served there. The communion elements are grape juice and gluten free bread.

*All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of age or understanding.  
(PCUSA Book of Order W-3.0409)*

## **UPC BOOK GROUP**

The UPC Book Club will meet Tuesday, February 6, 7:00, 1725 Eugene. The discussion book is Tom Lake by Ann Patchett. The March book is Crow Lake by Mary Lawsen. April's book is The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon. Contact Ellen Morgan for more information.

## **BIRTHDAYS This Week (February 4-10)**

6 April Whitting; 7 Barbara Gray, Robbie Phillabaum, and Shannon Stafford;  
10 Ryan Black and Amy Braymer

## **SUNDAY NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or with the link below to serve as a "second" in the nursery!

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

## **GIVING STATEMENTS**

Contribution statements for 2023 have been e-mailed and are also available by checking your Realm account. If you have problems logging in or have questions about your contributions, please contact Caralyn in the church office at [cdurham@upcbr.org](mailto:cdurham@upcbr.org).

## **FLOWER DONATIONS 2024**

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 (*please note date in the memo line*).

February 11	March 3, 10, 17	April 7, 14, 28
May 5, 12, 19, 26	June 16, 23, 30	July 14, 21
August 4, 11	September 1, 8, 29	October 6, 13
November 3, 10, 17		



## Lenten Weekly Opportunities:

Please look in the Contact for further information about all the upcoming opportunities to set aside time for God during Lent.

Mondays: Lenten Devotional

Wednesdays: Lenten Devotional and Taizé

Thursdays: Lent in a Box (for children and youth and their families)

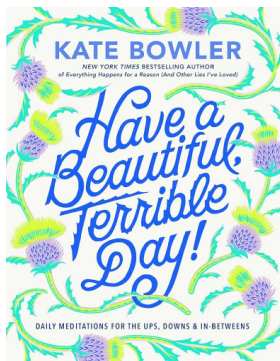
Any Day: Text Prayers

## Text Prayers

It can be hard to set aside a time to pray. What if you had a group of 3 or 4 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 if you are interested ([mbroadhurst@upcbr.org](mailto:mbroadhurst@upcbr.org)) by February 14th.

## Lenten Devotional

This year we invite you to get Kate Bowler's book "Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day!" to read as a Lenten practice. There is a section in it for Lent that you can read each day or as often as you are able. You can also sign up for daily emails to your inbox.



If you'd like to get together with others to reflect there will be gatherings on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings during the season (see the Contact for more details). If those days will not work, but you would still like to gather to talk with others, let Meredith Veldman or Mamie know. We will have a few copies of the book if that would be helpful for you to be able to participate.

Presbyterian Women's  
One Day Mini Retreat

# Laughter & Conversation

**Saturday, February 24th**  
**9am - 2pm**  
**University Presbyterian Church**

**Light breakfast and lunch are provided.**

**Childcare is available upon request.**

**Females 12 and over invited.**

*Activities:*

*Learning to Crochet with Emily and Audrey Cogburn*

*Chair Yoga with Victoria Robertson*

*Telling Your Own Story with Jan Risher*

*Flower Arranging with Peggy Carroll*

*Hug A Bear stuffing (bears for children in stressful situations) with Susan Seifert*  
*Tying Fleece blankets for Sanctuary use and for the UPC little food box with Pat Wright*

*Adult Coloring Books with Jill Kerr*

*Puzzles*

*Quiet Time in Sanctuary (individual option)*



**Questions? Please contact Julie Launey or Peggy Carroll**

# **Small Groups**

## **Transitions**

The Transitions Small Group meets on Saturday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to any or all of these presentations. If you have questions, please contact Lori Tucker ([LJ Tucker70@gmail.com](mailto:LJTucker70@gmail.com)) or Beth Paskoff ([BPaskoff@lsu.edu](mailto:BPaskoff@lsu.edu))

Feb 17 Real Estate During Times of Transition (*Leslie Green*)

Mar 2 Preplanning Funerals (*Mamie*)

## **Faith and Community**

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

We explore a wide range of topics concerning faith and community, and look forward to sharing ideas and conversation. Everyone is welcome. This group currently meets in the Parks Wilson Room.

## **Soul Feast**

Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Parks Wilson Room

Readings from various writers in spirituality.

## **Visio Divina**

Thursdays 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (*ongoing*)

Using the process of lexio divina (a form of meditation listening to a specific biblical text) to fuel reflection and to create a quick art project in response. No artistic skill is needed to join.

<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.*

## **IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2024 (as of 1/31/2024)**

**Received Pledged giving: \$63,761** (11% of \$565,278 pledged)

Received Unpledged giving \$1,245

**TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$65,006**

*It's not too late to make a pledge! Pledges may be made in Realm,  
by filling out a pledge card, or contacting the church office.*

*Thank you for your generous contributions!*

# 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  
Alan Williams • Kathy Poché • Melanie Driscoll  
Our Cuba Partners • Kathy Rossman • Mickey Rose Braud Zaitoon  
Lynn Nichols Dull • Fay Coco • Cody Lucero**

- **James Simmons**, Cody Lucero's father, after the death of his wife Anita
- **Julio Pina**, nephew of Jan Risher and Julio Nadin, with multiple brain tumors
- **Family and friends of Carlos Chavez**, friend of Darla and Tavia, who died January 28
- **Michael Babin**, recently diagnosed with cancer, son of Edith Babin and former student of Faimon Roberts
- **Nick Cosford**, brother-in-law of Jill Scherrer, as he prepares for heart surgery on Tuesday
- **Sherry Olds** upon the death of her husband, Carl Frank Olds, and her move back to Tensas Parish
- **Larry Moss** as he settles into a VA home in Fort Worth
- **Steve Rushing and family**, upon the death of his brother Tim
- **Clara Larson**, sister of Karen Paterson, recovering from a broken kneecap
- **Pat Strain**, recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Lorinda Sealey's sister in Panama** who is undergoing diagnostic testing
- **Jim Wilcox**, recovering from an appendectomy
- **Corrie Hale's Dad, Conrad**, diagnosed with inoperable cancer on his spine
- **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
- **Ruth Mitchell**, sister of Mary Wardlaw
- **Jo and her family**, friends of Robbie Phillabaum, experiencing difficult times
- **Hugh Huffman**, friend of Rosemary John, undergoing treatment for cancer
- **Mark McCulloch**, relative of Brannon Costello, recovering from serious burns
- **John Pohlman**, brother of Kathie, with pneumonia
- **Ellen Kuyper**, sister of Lois Kuyper-Rushing, recovering from a fall
- **Rev. Adelaida Jiménez and the efforts toward peace in Colombia**
- **All those affected by war - Ukraine, Middle East, and beyond**
- **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**