

# 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 March 17, 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 (3/17) 5th Sunday in Lent**

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (*Live Streamed via Facebook & [upcbr.org](http://upcbr.org)*)
- 12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group - painting "God's Doors"

#### **Monday (3/18)**

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 5:00 p.m. Moises Chirinos Recital Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Congregational Nominating Committee - Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Devotional Small Group - 9445 W. Van Place

#### **Tuesday (3/19)**

- 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. TBR Delegates Assembly - Unitarian Church, 8470 Goodwood
- 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom

#### **Wednesday (3/20)**

- 9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Lenten Devotional Small Group - 1545 Patrick Dr.
- 6:00 p.m. Taizé - Sanctuary (*Last one for Lent*)
- 6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Pneumatrix Leadership Team Meeting - Zoom

#### **Thursday (3/21)**

- 11:00 a.m. Soul Feast - Parks Wilson Room
- 1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Lent In A Box Family Dinner & Activity - Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Moises Chirinos Recital - Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

#### **Sunday (3/24) Palm Sunday**

- 9:00 a.m. Blood Drive - Bloodmobile
- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 9:30 a.m. Inquirer's Class - Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (*Live Streamed via Facebook & [upcbr.org](http://upcbr.org)*)
- 1:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Bowl-A-Thon for RIP Medical Debt

# **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>)*



**Palm/Passion Sunday** - 11:00 a.m. We will gather in the parking lot and have our own palm processional into the sanctuary where we will yell our hosannas and prepare for the week to come. *If you are willing to assist Mamie in worship that evening, please let her know.*

**Maundy Thursday** - 6:30 p.m. We will celebrate communion as Jesus did on that night and have time for prayer - sung, spoken, and enacted. This is intended to be a multigenerational service and kids are welcome. Separate nursery care will not be provided.

**Good Friday** - 6:30 p.m. Joining together with the Methodists and worshipping next door with them, we will hold a Tenebrae Service, reading the story of Jesus' trial and execution as we extinguish candles and move toward the darkness of the tomb. *If you are willing to read a scripture that evening, please let Mamie know.*

**Easter Sunday** - Please join us for this celebration of resurrection life at 11:00 a.m.! The PC(USA) One Great Hour of Sharing collection will be taken. Everyone is encouraged to bring flowers to add to the cross. There will be no Church School, but an Easter potluck brunch will be held at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring their favorite brunch items to share! During brunch, the children will take part in our annual Easter Egg hunt.



If you are available to help fill eggs, please contact  
Meredith Veldman at [hyveld@lsu.edu](mailto:hyveld@lsu.edu)

## **VASES NEEDED**

The flower brigade is once again looking for vases of all shapes and sizes. Please bring your donations to the Parks Wilson Room kitchen.

## INQUIRING MINDS...

Questions about Presbyterianism? UPC? the meaning of life? We'll get to at least two out of three of those at our Inquirer's Class beginning March 24th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We'll join the Easter potluck on the 31st and then continue April 7, 14, and 21. Contact Mamie or Lois Kuyper-Rushing ([lkuyper@lsu.edu](mailto:lkuyper@lsu.edu)) with any questions or to let us know you are coming!

## 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>

## FILLED OUT FAITH FORMATION EMAIL SURVEY? ☐ YES ☐ NO

On March 5 you received an important message from the Faith Formation Committee (via the UPC email). We're working to strengthen our adult education offerings and very much need you to complete our survey--even if you've never attended an adult church school class, small group, or Faith Formation event! You'll find the survey link in the email. If you would prefer a paper copy, please contact Meredith Veldman (281-4852).

## Help Represent UPC at TBR's Annual Delegates Assembly 6 p.m., MARCH 19, Unitarian Church of BR

Every year, member institutions of Together Baton Rouge meet to review our progress, set goals, and pledge our commitment to each other in the year ahead. Please let Mary Mikell or Rick Moreland know if you can help represent UPC at the Delegates Assembly this year.

## BIRTHDAYS *This Week (March 17-23)*

17 Henry Tyler; 18 Linda Babin; 19 Michael Purser; 20 George Armstrong, Josie Costello, Adam Knapp, and Terry Miller; 21 Andy Maverick; 22 Faimon Roberts and Aden Rowland; 23 Mary Collier Wilks

## BLOOD DRIVE

The next UPC blood drive will be on March 24, Palm Sunday, from 9:00 am to 12:15. Please let Beth Paskoff ([bpaskoff@lsu.edu](mailto:bpaskoff@lsu.edu)) know if you want to be added to the donor schedule

### **IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2024** *(as of 3/13/2024)*

**Received Pledged giving: \$157,058** *(27% of \$571,278 pledged)*

Received Unpledged giving \$5,871

**TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$162,929**

*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!*

# Small Groups

## 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

# 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*).

April 7, 14, 28

May 5, 12, 19, 26

June 16, 23, 30

July 14, 21

August 11

September 1, 8, 29

October 13

November 3



## 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.*



Name (*optional*) \_\_\_\_\_

*What worries you?*