

# 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 31, 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 (3/31) Easter Sunday**

9:30 a.m. Easter Potluck Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt - Fellowship Hall  
(No Church School)

11:00 a.m. Worship (*Live Streamed via Facebook & [upcbr.org](http://upcbr.org)*)

**Monday (4/1) - Church Office Closed (Easter Holiday)**

#### **Tuesday (4/2)**

8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Zoom

10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Parks Wilson Room

7:00 p.m. Book Group - 1725 Eugene

#### **Wednesday (4/3)**

10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

#### **Thursday (4/4)**

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

#### **Saturday (4/6)**

10:00 a.m. NAJAMA Food Prep - Fellowship Hall

#### **Sunday (4/7) 2nd Sunday of Easter**

9:30 a.m. Church School & Inquirer's Class

11:00 a.m. Worship (*Live Streamed via Facebook & [upcbr.org](http://upcbr.org)*)

*OFFICE NOTE: Mamie will be out of the office April 1-8. During this time Betsy Irvine will be on call for pastoral emergencies. ([birvine6@gmail.com](mailto:birvine6@gmail.com) or 225-603-1439)*

### **IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2024** (*as of 3/27/2024*)

**Received Pledged giving: \$163,517** (*28% of \$571,278 pledged*)

Received Unpledged giving \$6,647

**TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$170,164**

*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!*

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Today we welcome family friends and neighbors known and not yet known as we celebrate Resurrection Day together. If you have questions about where the restroom or nursery (infant-Kindergarten) is located, an usher (or anyone) is glad to help you, and we hope to see you again soon. Happy Easter!*

*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>)*

## **HAPPY TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY!**

Today we get to celebrate the fullness of life for *everyone*. We hope the promise of joy and hope that is Easter may be felt by all 1.6 million trans, non-binary and gender expansive youth and adults across the United States, and especially at the corner of Dalrymple and State.

## **INQUIRING MINDS... Yes! You can still be a part of the Inquirer's class, even if you missed the first meeting!**

On March 24th we had an overview of Presbyterianism - history and theology - but there's still a lot more to discuss. On April 7 we'll talk about UPC's history and ways to get involved, and we'll learn more about each other and how we came to be at UPC on April 14. We'd still love to have you join in the conversation if you are interested, just come to the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning on the 7th!

## **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>

## **BOOK GROUP**

Please join us Tuesday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the book The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon. We will meet at 1725 Eugene. All are welcome!

## **CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

A congregational meeting has been called for **Sunday, April 14**, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing officers for the Class of 2027 and receiving the 2024 budget. This meeting will be in person only.

## **A/V TECH HELP NEEDED**

We are currently looking for 2-3 people to join our Audio/Visual team on Sunday mornings. If you are interested please contact Mamie Broadhurst or Tom Shelton for more information.

## **BIRTHDAYS This Week (April 1-6)**

2 Maggie Richardson and Caroline Wright; 3 Anna Snyder Kelly and Sarah Meier; 4 Bizza Britton; 5 Ashleigh Bowles, Nora Costello, and Paul Hoffman; 6 Stacy Haynie and Kate Midkiff

## **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=YjdZeDc1WGJSNHzcmNMRWFMLy9LUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 2674 6848 Passcode: 960537

## **ARE YOU READY FOR SOME BASEBALL?**

Your Fellowship Committee is sponsoring the annual UPC night at Alex Box Stadium, Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 p.m., LSU vs. UNO. All tickets for this game are \$ 5.00 each (special pricing for groups at midweek games). UPC will be sitting in section 101, rows 1 and 2. Purchase your tickets before or after the worship on Sunday, April 7 and 14. Email Bill Crummett at [bill.crummett@centre.edu](mailto:bill.crummett@centre.edu) if you have any questions.

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

On March 21 you received a second request from the Faith Formation Committee (via the UPC email) to fill out a survey. 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).



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

- **Sarah Shuman**, sister-in-law of Barbara Hoffman, recently diagnosed with Leukemia, and hospitalized for further tests
- **Robin Bolner**, cousin of Susan Seifert, who has entered hospice care
- **The family and friends of Drew Trahan**, who died on March 25
- **The family of Melissa Stem**, former UPC member, who died of cancer on March 25
- **The parents of Tavia Crumpler** who are both currently hospitalized
- **Chuck Short**, father of Tanner Short, hospitalized for broken bones after a fall
- **Prosper Ngabonziza**, faculty co-worker of Kathy Perry, recovering at home
- **Martha Adams**, mother of Darlene Rowland, undergoing radiation for breast cancer
- **Anita Melon**, recovering at home from surgery
- **N. David Cook and family**, friends of Paul and Barbara Hoffman, as they decide on next steps as he fights cancer
- Linda Clark's friend, **Susan Griffin and her family**, at the sudden loss of her son, Parker
- **Ryan Woodworth**, friend of Caroline Robertson-Newton & Tyler Newton, hospitalized at The Shepherd Center in Atlanta following a debilitating automobile accident
- **Jeremy Walters**, son of a friend of Susan Seifert's, undergoing home therapies
- **Eddie Sylvester**, brother of Anne Cramer, struggling with a difficult health diagnosis
- **Ella Rein Wheeler** who fell and **Koreen Walker** receiving treatment for leukemia, friends of Barbara H, Peggy C, Julie L., and Deanna B.
- **Al and Jane Meador**, brother-in-law and sister of Lee Jenkins, as Al has been discharged from the hospital to a Rehab unit in Laurel, Mississippi
- **Julio Pina**, nephew of Jan Risher and Julio Naudin, with multiple brain tumors
- **Michael Babin**, diagnosed with cancer, former student of Faimon Roberts
- **Corrie Hale's Dad, Conrad**, with inoperable cancer on his spine
- **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, with Lewy-Body dementia
- **Jo and her family**, friends of Robbie Phillabaum, experiencing difficult times
- **Hugh Huffman**, friend of Rosemary John, undergoing treatment for cancer
- **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**

## 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 21

August 11

September 1, 8, 29

October 13