

# 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 April 21, 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 (4/21) 4th Sunday of Easter**

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 9:30 a.m. Called Session Meeting & Inquirer's Class - Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (*Live Streamed via Facebook & [upcbr.org](http://upcbr.org)*)
- 12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room

#### **Tuesday (4/23)**

- 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library

#### **Wednesday (4/24)**

- 9:00 a.m. Faith & Community Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

#### **Thursday (4/25)**

- 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

#### **Friday (4/26)**

- 5:00 p.m. LSU Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

#### **Saturday (4/27)**

- 10:30 a.m. Story Circle in Celebration of the Life of Drew Trahan  
- Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. LSU Choir Performance - Sanctuary

#### **Sunday (4/28) 5th Sunday of Easter**

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. New Officer Training - Parks Wilson Room  
No Youth Group

# **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>)*

## **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>

## **A/V TECH... HELP!**

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 21-27)**

21 Patti Snyder; 24 Jim Hanifen; 26 Betsy Irvine and Jerry Kennedy;  
27 Lois Kuyper-Rushing

## **NOTES OF APPRECIATION FOR OUR DIRECTOR**

We are preparing for our Day School Director, Terry Iyasere's retirement at the end of May. To thank her for her years of dedication to our school we will be collecting notes. If you have known Terry personally or just appreciate her service to UPC since 2006 please take the time to write it down. There will be a box in the Welcome Center to collect your notes. They will be shared with Terry at her Retirement Party on May 11.

## **PENS**

Do you have any extra pens just hanging around? You know, the ones you randomly picked up at a trade show or picked up at the dentist's office. We will take them off your hands if you want to drop them off in the church office. We are always looking for extras to use at events. Thank you!



The flowers this morning are  
presented to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
Geraldine Ward  
on what would have been her 92nd birthday  
by Reby Sevier and John Ward



## **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 28

May 5, 12, 19, 26

June 16, 23, 30

September 1, 8, 29

October 13

## 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

## **DON'T COOK NIGHT CATORCE DE MAYO!!!**

The UPC Society of Atonement for Gringo Imperialism (SAGI or the Fellowship Committee) asks you to observe the U.S. Navy's Blockade of Veracruz during the Mexican American War on May 14, 1847.

Join us to solemnly commemorate this occasion at the new Mexican restaurant, PEDRO's, at 7655 Andrea Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 on

Tuesday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m. Margaritas are available for those wishing to properly atone.

*(hey, Cinco de Mayo would be packed...)*



### **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 4/17/2024*)

**Received Pledged giving: \$187,551** (*33% of \$570,738 pledged*)

Received Unpledged giving \$7,822

**TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$195,373**

*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!*

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# Prayer Requests

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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**

- **Peggy**, mother of Darla O'Connor, recovering from a hip replacement
- **Al and Jane Meador**, brother-in-law and sister of Lee Jenkins, as Al continues rehab in a nursing home in Laurel with hopes he can return home in May. Her sister, Jane, is at home and attends cardiac rehab 3 times a week
- **James Shuman**, brother of Barbara Hoffman, undergoing medical tests
- **Pat Strain and family**, upon the death of her aunt, Corine Armstrong, at 105 yrs old
- **Barbara Stahly**, friend of Mary Wardlaw's neighbor, who's experiencing problems following a lung transplant
- **Peggy Carroll and her family**, upon the death of her brother-in-law, Bill Newton
- **Martha Spruelli**, friend of Barbara Hoffman, undergoing medical tests
- **Jeffrey Davis**, fiancée of Virginia Davis, recovering from a heart procedure on April 10
- **Janet Strain**, niece of George & Pat, diagnosed with breast cancer
- **Koreen Walker** who has entered hospice, friend of Barbara H, Peggy C, Julie L., and Deanna B.
- **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
- **Chuck Short**, father of Tanner Short, hospitalized for broken bones after a fall
- **Martha Adams**, mother of Darlene Rowland, undergoing radiation for breast cancer
- **N. David Cook and family**, friends of Paul and Barbara Hoffman, as they decide on next steps as he fights cancer
- **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
- **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**
- **Those who are going through separation or divorce**
- **Those who are affected by domestic violence**