

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Week of May 12, 2024

For meetings, classes, and events, Zoom links may be found on our website (www.upcbr.org), on Realm (onrealm.org), or by contacting a group leader.

Sunday (5/12) 7th Sunday of Easter

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

Monday (5/13)

- 11:30 a.m. Membership Committee - Library

Tuesday (5/14)

- 6:00 p.m. Don't Cook Night - Pedro's, 7655 Andrea Dr.
- 7:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library

Wednesday (5/15)

- 10:00 a.m. Day School Graduation - Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive
- 6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday (5/16)

- 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 (5/18)

- 9:00 a.m. Cub Scout Pinewood Derby - Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Spring Concert - Unitarian Church, Baton Rouge

Sunday (5/19) Pentecost *Pentecost Special Offering*

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- Noon Reception for Anne Maverick - Fellowship Hall
- 12:30 p.m. Associate Pastor/Staffing Conversation - Fellowship Hall
- 12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
- 3:00 p.m. Children's Music Workshop Recital - Sanctuary
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group Pool Party - 6238 Riverbend Lakes Dr.

Office Note: Caralyn will be on vacation May 13-17. Email will not be monitored during this time. Volunteers will be in the office to monitor the phone.

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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION NEEDS YOU!

As part of our baptismal vows we promise to care for our children and teach them all we know about God - which means we have to keep learning too. Faith Formation offers lots of ways to fulfill those vows, some of which work with directly with children or other adults and others that can be done from the comfort of your couch. A survey sent out Tuesday outlines those opportunities and an estimate of time they require. Please, fill out the survey, and see the many ways you might find new joy working with and for our UPC family. Hard copies of the survey are also available on the credenza in the Welcome Center. Please turn them in to the church office or to Meredith Veldman.

BIRTHDAYS This Week (May 12-18)

12 Melanie Driscoll; 13 Richard Williams; 15 Joseph Reynolds and Henry Rowland; 17 Karen Foote

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

This summer, we need volunteers to perform a musical offering during the collection. This could be a song, piano piece, a gospel quartet, a clarinet solo, a banjo duet. Please talk to Ross if you are interested. The first Sunday of the summer term is May 26.

CELEBRATING OUR GRADS

If you are graduating in May, please let us know. We would like to celebrate this momentous occasion with you! High School grads, please include your future plans. College grads, please indicate your degree and future plans. **Please turn this information in to the church office by May 20 to be included in the June/July issue of Contact!**



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...)

BLOOD DRIVE, May 26

Did you know that 1 out of every 86 babies needs a blood transfusion? That some patient will need a transfusion every 2 seconds? That 30,000 units of red cells are used every day! Daily personal emergencies and ongoing medical needs of thousands of patients require a constant and ready blood supply. It's the blood already on hospital shelves that saves lives. To see how blood donation is done go to <https://www.vitalant.org/learn/blood-donation-process>

The next UPC Blood Drive will be Sunday, May 26, from 8:30-12:30. That will be our first Sunday on the Summer schedule, with worship at 10:00. If you can donate that morning before, during or after worship, please contact Beth Paskoff at bpaskoff@lsu.edu or go to the Vitalant.org website to register. If you have questions, Beth will find the answers.



Please join us after worship on Sunday, May 19 in Fellowship Hall for light refreshments and an opportunity to say Congratulations on your Retirement and Farewell to our organist Anne Maverick (and Andy too)

A NOTE FROM SESSION

On Sunday, April 28 at its stated meeting the Session voted unanimously to propose to the congregation that UPC's future pastoral staff should consist of a Senior Pastor/Head of Staff and an Associate Pastor, with Mamie serving in the first role and someone to be called to the second. This decision aligns with the feedback from the Pneumatrix/Center for Healthy Congregations consultant.

The session would like to invite and encourage anyone in the congregation to offer feedback, whether by emailing the church office, speaking personally with one of your Session members, or coming to one of two gatherings planned in the next few weeks. Session members will gather in the Parks Wilson Room on May 12 at 9:30 am (during the Sunday School hour) and on May 19 following worship, to discuss the proposal and listen to any questions. Taking into account the feedback we receive, a final decision about how to move forward will then be made by the Session at its May 26 meeting.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The summer worship schedule will start on Sunday, May 26. Worship will be held on-line and in person at **10:00 a.m.**

CLOSURES

The Day School and church office will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day. The Day School will be closed May 30-31 for Teacher Planning.

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2024 *(as of 5/8/2024)*

Received Pledged giving: \$203,378 *(36% of \$571,538 pledged)*

Received Unpledged giving \$10,187

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$213,565

*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*).

June 16, 23, 30

September 1, 8, 29

October 13



The flowers this morning are
presented to the glory of God
and in gratitude to
Terry Iyasere
for her dedicated service as
UPC's Day School Director



Online giving is available...

- via the GIVE tab on our website (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.

**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**

- **The family of Peggy Carroll**, whose nephew, Bruce, died on May 4
- **The family of Fred Smith**, cousin of Barbara Hoffman, who died suddenly April 30
- **The family Caralyn Durham**, whose uncle Robert Bayer died on May 4, **and her husband Jeff**, whose aunt Laverne Prine, died on May 6
- **The family of Andy Maverick**, whose cousin, Paul Karl, died on April 25
- **Melanie Driscoll, upon the death of her father, Lionel**, on May 4
- **Debbie Williams**, Virginia Davis' sister-in-law, at home and entering hospice
- **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
- **Martha Spruell**, friend of Barbara Hoffman, recovering from surgery
- **Janet Strain**, niece of George & Pat, 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, with leukemia
- **Robin Bolner**, cousin of Susan Seifert, who has entered hospice care
- **Chuck Short**, father of Tanner Short, hospitalized for broken bones after a fall
- **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
- **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**