

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 June 16, 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 (6/16) 4th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)

11:30 a.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room

Monday (6/17)

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library

11:30 a.m. Membership Committee - Library

Tuesday (6/18)

9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom

Wednesday (6/19)

Day School & Church Office closed for Juneteenth Holiday

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

6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom

Thursday (6/20)

11:00 a.m. Soul Feast - Parks Wilson Room

1:00 p.m. Visio Divina - Zoom

Sunday (6/23) 5th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
and Congregational Meeting (not live streamed)

11:30 a.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room

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 23, 30

September 1, 8, 29

October 13

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2024 (*as of 6/12/2024*)

Received Pledged giving: \$292,775 (*51% of \$571,538 pledged*)

Received Unpledged giving \$11,983

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$304,758

*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

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 OPPORTUNITY

At the back of the church or using the link below you can sign up to help our nursery worker one Sunday this summer. From 9:45-11:15 you can be a part of caring for our kids, keeping them safe, and demonstrating what God's love looks like. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444ABAA2DA5FF2-sunday1>

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There is a called congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday, June 23 immediately following worship for the purpose of electing members of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. This meeting will not be livestreamed.

BIRTHDAYS This Week (June 16-23)

17 Grace Meier; 19 Frances Sullivan-Gonzalez; 20 Connor Strain; 22 June Klimash and Meredith Veldman; 23 Julianne Falls, Lea O'Donnell, and Imogene Sabin

WORLD REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANTS DAY

Please join us in supporting our partner The Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants (LORI) in celebrating World Refugee and Immigrants Day on **June 22 at the Raising Cane River Center from 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM**. This event aims to increase awareness of the millions of refugees displaced from their home countries, the tremendous challenges faced in their attempts to resettle, and their significant contributions to their new communities despite the hardships encountered. This cultural extravaganza will showcase an array of global cultures within our community. Please don't miss it! You can also volunteer to help before, during and following this event by clicking on this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BkOJ3dPVURSp-3OK_2pucdtrHTF3hXwjFyn4Qcpmaxg/edit

If you have any questions, please contact Lorinda Sealey at josefina.sealey@gmail.com.

JOIN US FOR PRIDE!

Baton Rouge Pride Fest 2024 is right around the corner! This year, it will be on **Saturday, June 29 (11:30am – 5:00pm)** at the Raising Cane's River Center. We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help staff our table in the Resource Fair! Go to <https://forms.gle/fHee13u1A6ibfn9LA> to sign up for a one or two hour (or more!) shift. Detailed information on parking and logistics will be sent to volunteers by email the week before the fair.

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.

*After seasons of lament and hope, the theme of General Assembly 226 – **Live into Hope** – is a charge for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as we continue in a time of deep questions about the shape and future of Christ's church. This summer's GA, which will address some of those questions, will be held both online and in person in Salt Lake City, Utah.*

LIVE *into* HOPE

► Virtual and In-Person

Committee meetings, Tuesday, June 25 - Thursday, June 27, will be online, and while the committee structure has been set, post-pandemic GA continues to evolve. GA226 will mark the **absence of an exhibit hall**, which had served as a gathering place for conference attendees and a space for ministries to offer education on their areas. There will, however, be opportunities in Salt Lake City to meet denominational agencies.

Also different for the 226th: **The Hands and Feet Initiative**, which began as a (then unnamed) service project in 2016 by the National Hispanic/Latino-a Presbyterian Caucus at the 222nd GA and expanded during J. Herbert Nelson's time as stated clerk, will not be an organized, denominational event. Instead, GA attendees are encouraged to worship on Sunday, June 30, with one of the PC(USA) churches in the Salt Lake City area, and the Presbytery of Utah has extended an invitation to all in attendance.

Plenary, in-person meetings begin on July 1.

► Stated Clerk Nominee: The Rev. Jihyun Oh

The General Assembly Nominating Committee has selected **Jihyun Oh** as its nominee for stated clerk. Oh, who was born in South Korea and reared in Kansas, would be the first Korean American to serve in the denomination's highest ecclesial office. Commissioners will vote on Oh's nomination during the conference.

► Co-moderators:

Four are standing as GA co-moderator nominees. The **Rev. CeCe Armstrong** and **Rev. Tony Larson**, both of South Carolina, are standing together, and **Rev. Dr. Marian McClure Taylor** of Kentucky will stand with the **Rev. Danny Morales** of Florida. The election for co-moderators will be at 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 30, in Salt Lake City. It also can be viewed online.

► Flexibility for small churches

Several overtures could have a direct effect on the lives of small congregations. Curriculum development, the roles of commissioned pastors and alternative ways for worshiping communities to be formed, supervised and led will be considered.

► Unification of OGA and PMA

The Office of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Mission Agency – which handle the ecclesiastical (OGA) and the mission (PMA), respectively – are about to become one, with commissioners at GA approving one unified budget instead of two. The Unification Commission will make a report on progress to-date. The commission has already combined PMA's and OGA's communication offices.



► Sexual orientation, gender identity protections

GA will consider amending the *Book of Order* to add sexual orientation and gender identity to the categories against which the denomination does not discriminate. The so-called “Olympia overture,” which originated from the Olympia (Washington) Presbytery, also makes reference to pastoral ordination and installation procedures that could determine a “candidate’s ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation ...”

► Fossil fuels and climate justice

The Environmental and Climate Justice committee will consider an overture [ENV-02] that recommends adding any publicly traded companies “whose primary source of income is derived from the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels are to be placed on the General Assembly’s list of prohibited securities” and urges the denomination and its members to seek investment in renewable energy enterprises. ENV-01 recommends adopting a “Sustainable Peace Pledge” with a focus on long-term strategy to mitigate the effect of climate change, and ENV-03 encourages quick action on plastic pollution mitigation. GA will consider a study on the impact of lithium mining, with particular attention to activities on Indigenous lands.

► Israel/Palestine

OVT-33 asks the GA to direct the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) to begin “focused engagement” with General Electric (GE) and another company involved in law enforcement contracts along the U.S.-Mexico border. Pittsburgh Presbytery points to GE’s production of military aircraft engines that have been used by Israeli military to attack Gaza recently and as far back as 2008.

OVT-38 would expand a 2004 resolution confronting Christian Zionism. In a recommendation: GA will be asked to consider removing Hewlett-Packard, Inc., from the 2025 Divestment/Proscription list of MRTI.

► Prison Justice

The General Assembly has been asked to support removal of a loophole in the U.S. Constitution that permits slavery and involuntary servitude, saying the “Punishment Clause” and its values are contrary to the teachings of Scripture and contrary to the values and philosophies of liberty and human rights set forth in the tenets of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

► Stay informed on updates from GA:

Visit our **website**:
pres-outlook.org

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[@presoutlook/instagram](https://www.instagram.com/presoutlook/instagram)
FACEBOOK: Presbyterian Outlook
X: @presoutlook

Would you like **text/SMS messages** with news from GA?

Scan the QR code or follow this link:
<https://pres-outlook.org/text/>



Wave that Flag! Gobble them Dogs! Scarf that Ice Cream!



SUNDAY

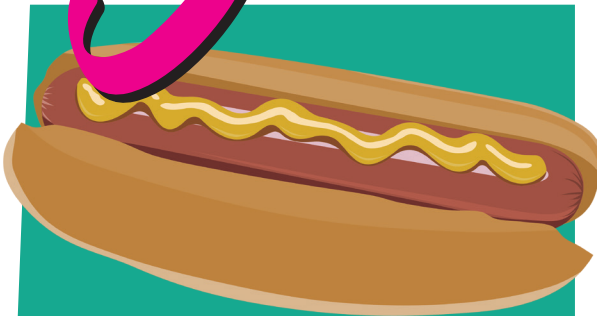
June
30

Ice Cream

and

Hot Dog

Social



We are proud to show our true colors by hosting the Ice Cream & Hot Dog Summer Social on June 30th after the 10:00 service. That's right - we're adding Good Ol' American Hot Dogs into the mix - and don't give us any of that Frankfurters are from Frankfurt nonsense

Hosted by:
The UPC Foundation for
American Exceptionalism
(AKA the Fellowship Committee)

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**

- **Stacy Brown and her family**, upon the death of her mother, Patricia Fontenot, on June 13
- **Cody Lucero**, upon the death of his father on June 12
- **The family and friends of Koreen Walker**, who died June 10.
- **Eddie Sylvester**, brother of Anne Cramer, in hospice care
- **Jeremy Walters**, friend of Susan Seifert, receiveing wound care
- **Devon Baker**, having a tough time in Tennessee after her move
- **Anne Dore**, friend of Lois Kuyper-Rushing, in hospice care
- **Al Meador**, brother-in-law of Lee Jenkins, recovering at home
- **John and Rachel Dickhaus**, friends of Ross Cawthon, upon the death of their eleven-month-old son, Beckett, to congenital heart failure
- **Jennifer Foret**, friend and quartet colleague of Griff Campbell, with a possible recurrence of kidney cancer
- **Alvin**, nephew-in-law of Robbie Phillabaum, at Duke Medical center in Durham, NC
- **George Strain**, as he recovers from a mild stroke
- **Virginia Davis and her family**, upon the death of her sister-in-law, Debbie Williams
- **Robbie Phillabaum's nephew Bart and his family**, facing difficult medical problems
- **Chuck Short**, father of Tanner Short, transitioning to a new living situation
- **Kathy Kennedy**, Jerry's sister, having scans at Cleveland Clinic
- **Peggy**, mother of Darla O'Connor, recovering from a hip replacement
- **Sarah Shuman**, sister-in-law of Barbara Hoffman, with leukemia
- **Robin Bolner**, cousin of Susan Seifert, who has entered hospice care
- **Jeremy Walters**, son of a friend of Susan Seifert's, undergoing home therapies
- **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
- **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**