

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 September 1, 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 (9/1) 14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Church School

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

NO YOUTH GROUP

Monday (9/2) Labor Day

Day School and Church Office closed

Tuesday (9/3)

8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Zoom

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

5:30 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom

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

Wednesday (9/4)

9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1285 Patrick Dr.

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

Thursday (9/5)

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

Saturday (9/7)

6:30 p.m. LSU vs. Nichols @ LSU (*PARKING*)

Sunday (9/8) 15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Church School

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

4:30 p.m. Youth Group - Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY NURSERY OPPORTUNITY

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>



The flowers this morning are
presented to the glory of God
in loving memory of
John Earle
by Eleanor Bloxam



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>)

THE TRAIN HAS LEFT THE STATION!!

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that UPC's Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP - our pastor search paperwork) was approved by the Session at their August 25 meeting. The Clerk of Session (Jerry Trahan) will send the MDP to the Committee on Ministry for Presbytery approval.

URGENT: Helper Needed

Do you have a warm heart, a sense of humor, and a working pair of hands? Excellent! Faith Formation needs you to serve as a Helper in the 2nd-5th grade church school classroom right now. No lesson prep involved. Sign on for two weeks, a month, the rest of the Fall, or through May--but do sign on!! Can't do it now but willing to do it in November? Or January? Excellent--we need you. Contact Meredith Veldman at hyveld@gmail.com.

UPC DON'T COOK NIGHT ON MCKINLEY DAY!!!

On September 19, 1927, McKinley High School opened on what is now Thomas H. Delpit Drive. It is the oldest high school for African Americans in EBR and McKinley's first four graduates became the first African American high school graduates in Louisiana. The current location is the third in the school's history.

The UPC Baton Rouge Historical Society (BRHS or the Fellowship Committee) wishes to honor this event at a local restaurant, Jed's at 672 Jefferson Hwy (225 349-8333, <https://www.jedslocal.com/>) on September 19 at 6:30 p.m.

We'd love to see you there. Have fun, eat well and – if we're really lucky – hear Jackson and Joseph sing their fight song!



IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2024 (as of 8/28/2024)

Received Pledged giving: \$377,789 (66% of \$571,538 pledged)

Received Unpledged giving \$16,505

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$394,294

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

Currently on hiatus. Check this space to see when the group will resume.

BIRTHDAYS This Week (September 1 - 6)

1 Charlotte New and Tyler Rice; 2 Andreas Giger and Christine Kooi;
3 Mary Mikell; 4 Deborah Abernathy, Simon Lewis, and Chet Pilley

FAITH FORMATION FALL 2024!

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

For Adults:

Bible Study

This group uses the "Living the Word" curriculum which follows the Narrative Lectionary used in worship. Themes for this fall include: "Promises Made, Promises Broken", "God Sightings", and "The Hope of the Messiah". Several participants of the class share the weekly facilitating. Everyone is encouraged to weigh in on the class discussion. Meet in the Conference Room.

NEW! "Bless This Mess!"

This adult discussion class is aimed at parents of babies through college-age kids, but of course is open to anyone. We'll be using podcasts and book chapters to spark discussion of what it means for Christians to parent in 2024. This class will meet in the "Room of Requirement" (opposite Mamie's office).

Digging Deeper

The old "Parks Wilson" class has a new name! This class explores various topics using a lecture and discussion format. Gaines Foster will start us off with a series on "The History of Religion in America's Public Spaces." This class meets in the Parks Wilson Room near the Sanctuary.

For Children and Youth:

Our Pre-K-First Grade, 2nd-5th Grade, and 6th-12th Grade Classes will all be using the Follow Me! curriculum. The Confirmation Class will meet for four weeks in December and January.

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 • Cheryl Whitting • Kathy Rossman
Mickey Rose Braud Zaitoon • Fay Coco
Our Cuba Partners • Lynn Nichols Dull**

- **Samantha Hartmann and family** upon the death of her uncle, Pat Cullen
- **Gabriella Clune**, friend of Barbara and Paul Hoffman,
- **Lillian McGruder** (90), aunt of Leslie Green, who has COVID and recovering from surgery to remove a blood clot from her leg
- **Kathy Barry and her daughters**, as she begins hospice care
- **Lynne Wallace and family**, upon the death of her mother, Anna Mae Lamia
- **Bizza Britton and family** whose uncle, Charles Nelson, died recently at 97, and for his wife, Betty, with congestive heart failure and a move at age 96
- **Faye Beroth**, Bizza Britton's aunt with Alzheimer's, and her son, Tom, her sole caretaker
- **Josh Rosenberg and Angelle Bradford** as Josh undergoes radiation and chemotherapy
- **Melanie Driscoll**, still recovering from the damage of whooping cough but not contagious
- **Cindy Tyler and family**, upon the death of her husband, John Tyler
- **Rich Cooper**, recovering from bypass surgery
- **George Strain**, dealing with a vision disorder and a pituitary tumor
- **Bill Benton**, uncle of Mamie Broadhurst, in hospice
- **Kathy Kennedy**, Jerry's sister, undergoing chemotherapy
- **Alvin**, nephew-in-law of Robbie Phillabaum, at Duke Medical center in Durham, NC
- **Robbie Phillabaum's nephew Bart and his family**, facing difficult medical problems
- **Sarah Shuman**, sister-in-law of Barbara Hoffman, with leukemia
- **Julio Pina**, nephew of Jan Risher and Julio Naudin, with multiple brain tumors
- **Corrie Hale's Dad, Conrad**, with inoperable cancer on his spine
- **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**

FLOWER DONATIONS 2024

Sunday, October 13 is the only Sunday left in 2024 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 and notify the church office*).