

# 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 January 12, 2025

*Meetings times/locations are subject to change after printing. Please check with your group leader for confirmation and information on how to log into Zoom meetings.*

#### **Sunday (1/12) Baptism of the Lord**

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class Orientation - Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- Noon Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room (*TENTATIVE*)
- 1:30 p.m. Music Club of Baton Rouge Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group

#### **Monday (1/13)**

- 5:00 p.m. APNC - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Conference Room

#### **Tuesday (1/14)**

- 5:30 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Mission & Peacemaking Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library
- 7:00 p.m. LSU Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

#### **Wednesday (1/15)**

- 9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday (1/16)**

- 11:00 a.m. Soul Feast Small Group - Zoom & Parks Wilson Room
- 1:00 p.m. Visio Divina Small Group - Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

#### **Saturday (1/18)**

- 9:00 a.m. Chrismon Cross Stitching - Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Youth Group Martin Luther King Service Event

#### **Sunday (1/19) 2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- Noon Soup & Pie - Fellowship Hall
- Youth Group @ Soup & Pie
- 1:30 p.m. Music Club of Baton Rouge Rehearsal - Choir Room

# **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 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>

## **BIRTHDAYS** (January 12-18)

12 Cordell Haymon, Gerard Klein, Carl Motsenbocker, Jeff Perry;

13 Rivière Juneau; 15 Deanna Black, Jennifer Bravinder; 16 Forest Benedict, Lori Hyatt Pilley, Darlene Rowland

## **CHRISMONS AND CROSS STITCH**

Everyone is welcome to come to a meeting in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, January 18th at 9:00 a.m. to learn about a project to create additional cross stitched Chrismons for our church tree during the Advent season. The patterns are fairly simple and even folks who have never crossed a stitch are welcome to come learn how to create a Chrismon to gift to the church for future advent celebrations.

All materials will be supplied and we will teach you how to do the stitching. We plan to meet regularly to stitch together as a group or you may stitch on your own over the months to come. We welcome stitchers of all ages, male and female. Please bring embroidery hoops if you have them to share. Contact Suzanne Trahan or Peggy Carroll with questions. Please come join us in creating this gift for UPC.

## **GIVING STATEMENTS**

Giving statements will be emailed on January 30. If you would like to print your statement earlier, you can do so by logging into your Realm account. To print, go to GIVING and set your filter to LAST YEAR or you can set the calendars to 1/1/24 - 12/31/24 and click the PRINT icon. A dialog box will appear for you to add any comments. Click PRINT. Your statement should appear in a new window with options to either print it or download the PDF. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact Caralyn at [cdurham@upcbr.org](mailto:cdurham@upcbr.org).

## **CONTACT DEADLINE**

Articles and items for the February edition of Contact are due Tuesday, January 21 by 3:00 p.m. Please submit to [cdurham@upcbr.org](mailto:cdurham@upcbr.org).

# MENU

# Soup and Pie

1-19-25

Following Worship  
Fellowship Hall

Bring your best soup. Bring your best dessert pie.  
Compete for the golden prize and bragging rights!  
Everyone is invited to partake in this  
beloved annual UPC tradition.



**ONLY DESSERT PIES  
WILL BE ELIGIBLE  
FOR JUDGING.**

# FAITH FORMATION FALL/WINTER 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.

### 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 2025. This class meets in the "Room of Requirement" (opposite Mamie's office).

### Digging Deeper

Beginning today and running four weeks (thru Feb. 2), Meredith Veldman will be teaching a Digging Deeper class called "Religion and Resistance"-- Between June and December 1989, a remarkable series of largely non-violent, people-powered revolutions toppled authoritarian communist regimes in Poland, Hungary, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Romania. In these extraordinary events, Christian churches played important roles. This class will take a look at these too-often forgotten revolutions, and explore what hope they might offer Christians today as the threat of authoritarianism grows more real.

### How Rare is Your Blood Type?

**THE RAREST BLOOD TYPE IS THE ONE NOT AVAILABLE WHEN A PATIENT NEEDS IT MOST**


## EVERY DROP COUNTS EVERY DROP SAVES

## GIVE BLOOD SAVE LIVES


University Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, February 9  
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM • In the Bloodmobile

Schedule your appointment today at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) or contact Beth Paskoff!

For more information or to schedule a donation call 877-258-4825 or visit us a [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org)  
Find us @ IDs are required to donate.



The flowers this morning are presented to the glory of God by Priscilla and Daniel Burch in loving memory of his parents, Howard and Ester Cody Bob and MarMae Burch



## 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**

Visio Divina will start back up in Advent. Contact Melanie Driscoll if you would like to participate. No artistic talent necessary! See the December/January issue of CONTACT for more information.

## FLOWER DONATIONS 2025

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*).

January 26

February 12, 9, 16, 23

March 2, 9, 23, 30

April 6

May 4, 11, 18

June 15, 22, 29

July 6, 13, 27

August 10, 17, 24

September 7, 14, 21, 28

October 5, 12, 19

November 2, 9, 23



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 2025** (*as of 1/9/2025*)

**Received Pledged Giving: \$35,145** (*6% of \$577,742 pledged*)

Received Unpledged Giving \$771

**TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$35,916**

*Thank you for your generous contributions!*

# 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 • Cheryl Whitting • Kathy Rossman  
Fay Coco • Melanie Driscoll • Our Cuba Partners • Lynn Nichols Dull**

- **All those affected by the wildfires in California**
- **Sara**, long time friend of Robbie Phillabaum, very ill at Baton Rouge General
- **René Vanhaelen**, uncle of Christine Kooi, recovering from heart surgery
- **Holly Palughi**, family friend of Darlene Rowland, with recurrent breast cancer
- **Becky**, friend of Patti Snyder, facing surgery for a malignant tumor in her eye
- **Jennifer Crancer**, family friend of Virginia Davis, undergoing breast cancer treatment
- **Warren Goodman**, friend of Mary Stevens, having difficulties with cancer treatment
- **Caroline Most Elder**, recovering after hip replacement surgery
- **George Gullett**, friend of the Hoffmans, undergoing cancer treatment
- **Vanessa Harris**, sister-in-law of Jonathan Hubchen, undergoing chemotherapy for liver cancer
- **Doug Toothman**, brother-in-law of Jerry and Sarah Kennedy, with liver cancer
- **Lee Wirth**, brother of Karen Paterson, as he continues treatment for lymphoma
- **Suzanne E.**, friend of Kathie Pohlman, at home recovering from a stroke
- **Frances McGraw** (95), grandmother of Matthew McGraw
- **Lillian Magruder**, aunt of Leslie Green, in hospice, and Leslie's cousin, Tad, her caretaker
- **Patti Aldrich**, neighbor of Patti Snyder, with cancer
- **Betty Nelson**, aunt of Bizza Britton, with congestive heart failure
- **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
- **Bill Benton**, uncle of Mamie Broadhurst, in hospice
- **Kathy Kennedy**, Jerry's sister, undergoing chemotherapy
- **Julio Piña**, 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
- **The United States of America** as we transition to a new administration
- **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**