

# 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 19, 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 (1/19) 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

#### **Monday (1/20) Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

DAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

#### **Tuesday (1/21) CONTACT ARTICLES DUE**

- 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room  
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom

#### **Wednesday (1/22)**

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

#### **Thursday (1/23)**

- 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 (1/25)**

- 10:00 a.m. Transitions Small Group - Conference Room

#### **Sunday (1/26) 3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

- 9:30 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)  
1:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room  
1:30 p.m. Music Club of Baton Rouge Rehearsal - Choir Room

*NOTE: Freezing weather with the possibility of wintery mix is projected for early next week. University Presbyterian Church and Day School follow the EBR Parish School System inclement weather schedule. If EBRPSS is closed, the church office and day school are also closed.*

# **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 19-25)*

22 Griffin Campbell; 25 Lynne Wallace

## **AMARYLLIS AND POINTSETTIAS**

If you purchased flowers for decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas, please feel free to take your plants today following worship.

## **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).

## **TRANSITIONS SMALL GROUP**

The Transitions Group will meet on Saturday, January 25, 10-11:30 a.m. Gina Rossi, Clinical Social Worker, will explain how ageism is manifested and how it can contribute to poor mental and physical health, including raising the risk for dementia.

**COMING  
SOON**

## **DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

***Now accepting ages 3 months to 4 years!***

Registration for the Summer 2025 and Fall 2025/Spring 2026 sessions will begin on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Registration is open to present students, their siblings, and members of University Presbyterian Church on a first come, first served basis.

Registration packets will be available on Wednesday, January 22.

Registration will open to the public on Monday, February 3.

*You will receive an official acceptance letter at a later date.*



**225-344-8077**

**University Presbyterian Church Day School**

# 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

Meredith Veldman is leading 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. This class runs through February 2.

### 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 Bizza and Ed Britton in loving memory of her father, Henry "Tatu" Nelson



## 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 1/16/2025*)

**Received Pledged Giving: \$36,549** (*6% of \$577,742 pledged*)

Received Unpledged Giving \$542

**TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$37,091**

*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**

- **Gus Britton**, who is now serving in Lithuania with the LA National Guard at a base close to Belarus where NATO groups are coming to train. Prayers for peace and stability in the area.
- **Scott Pendergast**, Cody's roommate who has been hospitalized
- **John Johnson**, Mary Steven's father and their family after bad news from the oncologist
- **All those affected by the wildfires in California**
- **Sara**, long time friend of Robbie Phillabaum
- **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
- **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**