

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 February 16, 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 (2/16) 6th Sunday of Epiphany

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary *(Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org)*
- 12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
- 2:00 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Group *(Trash pickup near the mall)*

Monday (2/17) **CONTACT DEADLINE**

- 5:00 p.m. APNC - Zoom

Tuesday (2/18)

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

Wednesday (2/19)

- 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 (2/20)

- 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

Sunday (2/23) 6th 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. NAJAM Food - Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room
- 1:00 p.m. Youth Group @ *Mid City Mardi Gras Parade*

FLOWER DONATIONS 2025

The following Sundays are available to reserve celebratory or memorial flowers. 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)*.

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| February 23 | March 2, 9, 23 | April 6 |
| May 4, 11, 18 | June 15, 22, 29 | July 27 |
| August 10 | September 7, 14, 21, 28 | October 12, 19 |
| November 9, 23 | | |

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>)

MARCH EDITION OF CONTACT: SUBMISSION DEADLINE REMINDER

Attention everyone! Due to February being a short month, please note that the deadline for submissions for the March edition of Contact is Monday, February 17. Make sure to get your articles, announcements, and any other content in by this date to ensure it's included in the upcoming issue. Thank you for your cooperation!

SUNDAY NURSERY OPPORTUNITY

There is one spot to fill before Easter to ensure we have two people in our nursery each Sunday. Please sign up to be a "second" on March 2 if you are able, either online or at the back of the sanctuary. <https://bit.ly/3WEHW1J>

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR CASH DONATIONS

If you're planning to make a cash donation and would like to receive credit toward your pledge or for tax purposes at the end of the year, please follow these guidelines:

1. Use an Envelope: Ensure your cash donation is placed in an envelope with your name clearly written on it. This will help us accurately record your contribution.
2. Check Donations: If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to University Presbyterian Church (not UPC). This small detail helps our bank and check depositors process your donation smoothly.

Thank you for your generosity and support! Your contributions make a significant difference in our community.

HELP US REPLACE OUR RAINBOW DOORS!

We need your help! A couple of our beloved rainbow doors have seen better days and need to be replaced. Unfortunately, two of our doors that were not exterior doors last year didn't survive the elements. If you have an exterior door at home that you no longer need, or if you come across one at the Habitat ReStore or a friend's house, we would greatly appreciate your contribution!

How to Help:

- Bring your exterior door to the church.
- We'll take care of getting everything ready to put the doors out once again.

Your support will help us continue to brighten our community with these vibrant symbols of inclusivity. Thank you for your generosity!

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. 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 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

February 9: Mamie Broadhurst and Richard Williams on the Ten Commandments
February 16: David Gambrell will share new songs he has written for worship.
February 23: Brad Storin begins 7-class series on "Jesus and the Gospels"
March 2: Introduction to Taizé led by Leslie Green and Jeff Perry

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.



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.

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2025 (*as of 2/12/2025*)

Received Pledged Giving: \$135,741 (*23% of \$582,790 pledged*)

Received Unpledged Giving \$2,460

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$138,201

Thank you for your generous contributions!

INQUIRER'S CLASS

Have you been visiting lately and have some questions about UPC? Are you wondering how to join this fabulous community and get more involved than you already are? Do you wonder what Presbyterians believe and how we organize ourselves? Would you just like to meet some new people and see their names on name tags so they're harder to forget?

All these things can be yours if you are able to join our Inquirer's Class this spring. We are still working out the specific dates, but we hope to gather on Sunday mornings for about 4 weeks this spring to talk about Presbyterianism, UPC, our own stories, and whatever else comes up. Please let Mamie know if you are interested in learning more.



DON'T COOK NIGHT - FEBRUARY 27

The UPC Curry Appreciation Society (AKA the Fellowship Committee) invites everyone in the congregation to meet us at Bay Leaf Restaurant on 5160 South Sherwood Forest Blvd. (225 291-4250, <http://bayleafindiancuisinela.com/>) on Thursday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m. Of course, the Lamb Saag is pretty good too!

JOIN THE UPC CHOIR FOR A SPECIAL LENTEN SEASON!

Are you interested in singing with a choir but hesitant about a long-term commitment? We have the perfect opportunity for you! This Lent, the UPC Choir invites you to join us for a seasonal collaboration with the UUMC Choir for Good Friday. This is a wonderful chance to be part of a meaningful musical experience that culminates in the joyous celebration of Easter. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just looking to try something new, we welcome you to join us!

If you're interested or have any questions, please reach out to Ross Cawthon. You can find him after services or email him at rcawthon@upcbr.org. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to share your voice and be part of something special this Lenten season!

BIRTHDAYS (February 16-22)

18 Stephen Hoffman; 19 Glenda Crummett; 20 Armin Meier and Graham Nichols; 21 Robin Patty; 22 Beverly Jones and Elizabeth Roberts

TEXT PRAYERS

It can be hard to set aside a time to pray. What if you had a group of 3 or 4 people who would meet you on your phone once a week for just twenty minutes to share a joy and concern with you and who would listen to yours and hold it too? If that sounds compelling to you, join us for text prayers during Lent (March 5-April 19). It's a simple way to hear from others and to share your joys and concerns so we all remember we're in this together. It's a bit early to talk about Lent, but the season begins pretty early in March, so we need to act now to make plans! Let Mamie know if you are interested (mbroadhurst@upcbr.org).

University Presbyterian Church Day School

PLAY, LEARN, AND GROW TOGETHER



Early childhood qualified teachers and staff

Low student/teacher ratio

Vibrant learning environment

Developmentally appropriate programs

State Licensed Facility



OPEN ENROLLMENT

Full time program for ages 3 mos. - 4 yrs.

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Morning and afternoons snacks, lunch, and rest time



Call to schedule a visit TODAY!

Contact us at 225-344-8077 or email upcdayschool@upcbr.org



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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
Fay Coco • Melanie Driscoll • Our Cuba Partners • Lynn Nichols Dull**

- **Family and friends of Kamile Geist**, a Music Therapy Professor at LSU, upon her death this week
- **Sue Kenyon**, recovering from a stroke
- **Robert Gorges and his family**, upon the death of his nephew, Brian Zito
- **Alex**, grandnephew of Robbie Phillabaum
- **Gus Britton**, who is now serving in Lithuania. Prayers for peace in the area.
- **John Johnson**, Mary Steven's father, in hospice care
- **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
- **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
- **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
- **Hugh Huffman**, friend of Rosemary John, undergoing treatment for cancer
- **The United States of America** as we transition to a new administration
- **All those affected by the wildfires in California**
- **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**