

# 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 March 9, 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 (3/9) 1st Sunday in Lent** *Communion, Daylight Savings Time Begins*

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group *Youth Sunday Planning*

#### **Monday (3/10)**

- 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 11:30 a.m. Membership Committee - Library
- 5:00 p.m. APNC - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Huntington's Disease Support Group - Conference Room

#### **Tuesday (3/11)**

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

#### **Wednesday (3/12)**

- 9:00 a.m. Faith & Community - Parks Wilson Room
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive
- 5:00 p.m. Property Committee - Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Taizé - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday (3/13)**

- 11:00 a.m. Soul Feast Small Group - Zoom & Parks Wilson Room
- 6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom
- Westdale Middle School Orchestra Recital - Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

#### **Saturday (3/15)**

- 8:30 a.m. PSL Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering - Sanctuary/FS Hall

#### **Sunday (3/16) 2nd Sunday in Lent** *Communion*

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 12:30 p.m. Racial Wealth Gap Program & Lunch - Fellowship Hall
- Youth Group *at Racial Wealth Gap program*
- Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference 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>)*

## **BIRTHDAYS** (March 9-15)

10 John Mazoch; 12 Edem Mensah and Tom Shelton; 14 Salem Fontenot Stafford

## **CUBA TRIP**

A trip to visit our partner church in Cuba is being planned for late April to May. If you are interested in participating, please contact George Strain at [strain@lsu.edu](mailto:strain@lsu.edu) or 225-937-8094.

## **Lunch and The Racial Wealth Gap Simulation**

Please join the Fellowship and Mission & Peacemaking Committees directly after worship on March 16th, as we co-sponsor the “Racial Wealth Gap Simulation” here at UPC. Lunch will be served, and members of the Presbytery’s Racial Reconciliation Committee will lead us in an interactive learning activity for adults and youth alike. This event supports UPC’s Matthew 25 commitments to eradicate systemic poverty and eliminate structural racism.

By actively participating in this learning simulation, you will be able to:

- Understand why racial equity is important to address structural inequality,
- Discuss racial equity within our organizations, congregations, and communities,
- Incorporate a racial equity lens into our daily work, life, worship, policies, practices, and advocacy, and
- Feel more comfortable explaining the importance of applying a racial equity lens when working to end hunger or poverty.

We hope to see you! Please click the registration link below or use the QR code, to indicate if you plan to attend. (This is very helpful for planning purposes, but for the spontaneous among us, do not dismay – we will welcome you whether you register or not!).



<https://onrealm.org/UniversityPresb15909/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MGFkNTVINjYiYWMlMS00M2IyLTlhMmUtYjI4ODAsMDViMmMj>

## **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*).

March 23

April 6

May 4, 11, 18

June 15, 22, 29

July 27

August 10

September 7, 14, 21, 28

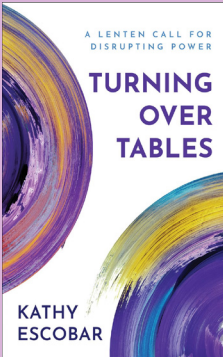
October 12, 19

November 9, 23

## LENTEN SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES:

*Faith formation invites you to join a small group for Lent (March 5-April 17)*

- **“A Second Look”** Led by Jan Risher, this group will use the previous week’s sermon and Bible reading as a jumping-off point for reflection and discussion. A Second Look will meet on Sundays during the Church School hour (9:30-10:30) in the Library (room behind the conference room - please enter through the office).
- **Visio Divina** restarts this Lent. Let Melanie Driscoll know if you have any questions.



• **Devotion Book Meeting** If you’re interested in the Lent devotion book, Turning Over Tables, join others after church today in the Parks Wilson Room to decide on a meeting place and time. Each day features a short reading and reflection question on how Jesus dismantled systems of inequality and injustice. With each week of Lent, this is a chance to dig deeper into Jesus’ challenge to the pervasive influence of privilege and oppression that have dominated since ancient times.

- **JOIN THE UPC CHOIR FOR A SPECIAL LENTEN SEASON!**

The UPC Choir is offering a chance to join a seasonal collaboration with the University Methodist Church Choir (UUMC) for Good Friday this Lent. It’s a great opportunity to be part of a meaningful musical experience leading to Easter, open to both experienced singers and newcomers. For more details or to join, contact Ross Cawthon after services or via email at [rcawthon@upcbr.org](mailto:rcawthon@upcbr.org).

## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL CARDS

Bundled cards are available in the Welcome Center, as well as on the tables outside the Sanctuary and the Church Office. Be sure to pick up yours today!

EXPERIENCE the stillness... the music... the prayer  
for a whole new season

**Taizé**  
Sung Prayers

Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. March 5 - April 9

Make Taizé a part of your Lenten preparation.

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**IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2025** (as of 3/05/2025)

Received Pledged Giving: **\$152,005** (26% of \$582,790 pledged)

Received Unpledged Giving \$3,763

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$155,768

*Thank you for your generous contributions!*

# 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

March 9: Brad Storin, "Jesus and the Gospels"-- Class 2: Gospel of Mark

**[NEW CLASS]** March 16: Kendall Cox, Director of Training for Living Waters for the World: In 2023, Kendall was a member of a group of 18 Presbyterian Women who travelled to the U. S./ Mexico border on the USA Mission Experience. She'll be speaking about what they learned.

**[NEW CLASS]** March 23: Randy Nichols: Update on the current crisis regarding the OneStop Homeless Services Center

March 30: Brad Storin, "Jesus and the Gospels"-- Class 3: Gospel of Matthew and Luke

April 6: Brad Storin, "Jesus and the Gospels"-- Class 4: Gospel of Matthew and Luke continued

## 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 Lent. Contact Melanie Driscoll if you would like to participate. No artistic talent necessary!



### 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.*

# 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**

- **Bob Gambrell** - recovering from a heart valve procedure this past week
- **Mickey Brown** - recovering after a heart incident this past week
- **Pope Francis** - as he is hospitalized battling bilateral pneumonia
- **The Moreland family** after the death of Joyce's sister Dede
- **Warren Goodman**, friend of Mary Stevens, recovering from a splenectomy
- **Sue Kenyon**, recovering from a stroke
- **Gus Britton**, who is now serving in Lithuania. Prayers for peace in the area.
- **John Johnson**, Mary Steven's father, in hospice care
- **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
- **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** during this uncertain time of change
- **Those who are suddenly unemployed or experiencing significant job insecurity**
- **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**