

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 March 30, 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 (3/30) 4th Sunday in Lent *Communion, Special Offering*

- 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 Practice*

Monday (3/31)

- 5:00 p.m. APNC - Zoom

Tuesday (4/1)

- 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 S. Eugene

Wednesday (4/2)

- 9:30 a.m. Day School Chapel - Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive
- 6:00 P.m. Taizé - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday (4/3)

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

Sunday (4/6) 5th Sunday in Lent *Communion*

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)

Important Reminder: For cash donations to count toward your pledge or taxes, use an envelope with your name on it. Checks should be payable to University Presbyterian Church (not UPC). Thank you for your support!

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.

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>)

BIRTHDAYS (March 30 - April 5)

30 Rich Cooper; 1 Corrina Storin; 2 Maggie Richardson and Caroline Wright; 3 Madison Barron, Anna Snyder Kelly, and Sarah Meier; 4 Bizza Britton and Jim Wilcox; 5 Ashleigh Bowles, Nora Costello, and Paul Hoffman

MOTHER'S DAY BAILOUT

Drawing inspiration from Jesus' call in Matthew 25, UPC has been exploring the impact of the cash bail system, which imprisons people before their trial—flipping “innocent until proven guilty” into “guilty until proven wealthy.” Our study has revealed the devastating toll this takes on mothers, who, when detained, often lose their jobs, homes, or custody of their children, only to be found innocent later. TODAY we're taking action by partnering with the YWCA of Greater Baton Rouge for a “Mother's Day Bailout.” All of our loose plate or designated offerings will help reunite mothers in our community with their families for Mother's Day. If you write a check please put “Mother's Day Bailout” in the memo line. You can also select it from the dropdown menu when giving online.

WOODEN CHAIRS

A handful of child-sized wooden chairs are available for the taking outside the choir room on the 2nd floor. These sturdy little seats would be perfect for a fun refinishing craft project—imagine the possibilities! Grab yours soon, as they'll be donated to ReStore if unclaimed today.

BOOK GROUP

Come join us on Tuesday, April 1, for an engaging and thought-provoking discussion of The Last Animal by Ramona Ausubel. The event will take place at 7:00 PM at 1725 S. Eugene. We're excited to dive into this captivating novel together, share our perspectives, and explore its themes in a lively conversation. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with fellow book enthusiasts! The MAY book is by Jonas Jonasson, The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared.

BASEBALL AT THE BOX

It's that time again! Join us for UPC and Baseball at the Box on Tuesday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. for the LSU vs. Southeastern game. The Fellowship Committee will be selling tickets on April 6 and 13 in the Welcome Center. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and children over 3; kids under 3 get in free—no ticket required!

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*).

May 4, 18, 25

June 15, 22, 29

July 27

August 10

September 7, 14, 21, 28

October 12, 19

November 9, 23

OUR GOAL IS

Justice

Equal justice is promised to all in our country, whether wealthy or poor.

Yet, the bail system creates a two-tier system: One for people with money, and one for everyone else.

The goal of the YWCA Bail Fund is to pay bail for non-violent, un-convicted citizens. Our mission is to create a fairer system, one that truly treats people as equals. We do not offer bail for violent offenders. We hope you will help us achieve justice for all, rich or poor.

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YWCA IS ON A MISSION

JOIN US TODAY
YWCA-BR.ORG

Admin Office
8120 Kelwood Ave.
Baton rouge, LA 70806

Monday - Friday
8:30 AM - 5:00PM
225.383.0693

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COMMUNITY BAIL FUND



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HOW IT WORKS



WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY BAIL FUND?

Non-violent, un-convicted citizens in Baton Rouge are being held in jail because they do not have the ability to pay several hundred dollars on the spur of the moment. The purpose of bail funds is to help those who are awaiting trial and are unable to secure their release due to a lack of funds. Our goal is not to subvert justice, but to allow these individuals to continue their lives until they have been arraigned and judged as guilty or not guilty. We do not offer bail for violent offenders. Without bail, those arrested with no ability to pay, will lose their jobs, their housing and their children, all before they have been convicted of any wrong-doing.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We are particularly mindful of assisting individuals during the holidays and/or in the summer months, when their children are not in school and in need of a parent's care and support. You can donate to the fund on the YWCA Greater Baton Rouge website at ybca-br.org. Or, you may send a donation to our administrative offices and specify your donation to YWCA Bail Fund. The YWCA is a non-profit 501.c3 organization. Your donation enhances justice.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SEEK ASSISTANCE, PLEASE REACH OUT AT 225.383.0681

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 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

April 13: Brad Storin, "Jesus and the Gospels"-- Class 5: Gospel of John

April 20: No class; come to Easter Brunch in the Fellowship Hall!

April 27: Brad Storin, "Jesus and the Gospels"-- Class 6: The Proto-Gospel of James and the Infancy Gospel of Thomas (non-canonical)

May 4: Brad Storin, "Jesus and the Gospels"-- Class 7: The Historical Jesus

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2025 *(as of 3/26/2025)*

Received Pledged Giving: \$161,638 *(28% of \$582,790 pledged)*

Received Unpledged Giving \$4,072

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$165,710

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.



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.

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 of Heather McVoy**, friend of Patti Snyder, after her death on March 24
- **Millie Townsend**, friend of Debbie Abernathy and Rick Pitcher, who has entered hospice
- **Jerry Kennedy**, as he recovers from knee replacement surgery
- **Janel Worsley Feierabend**, former member of UPC, recovering at home
- **Jerry Landry**, uncle of Kate Midkiff, recovering from open heart surgery and her Aunt
- **Pope Francis** - as he is hospitalized battling bilateral pneumonia
- **Warren Goodman**, friend of Mary Stevens, recovering from a splenectomy
- **Sue Kenyon**, recovering from a stroke
- **John Johnson**, Mary Steven's father, in hospice care
- **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
- **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
- **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**



The flowers this morning are
presented to the glory of God
by Caroline Elder
in loving memory of her husband,
Dave Elder.

