

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 April 13, 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 (4/13) Palm Sunday *Youth Sunday, Communion, Baptism, Confirmation*

9:30 a.m. Church School

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

Monday (4/14)

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 (4/15)

9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom

Wednesday (4/16)

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 (4/17) Maundy Thursday

11:00 a.m. Soul Feast Small Group - Zoom & Parks Wilson Room

6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom

6:30 p.m. Potluck/Worship - Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday (4/18) Good Friday

Day School & Church Office Closed

6:30 p.m. Worship - University Methodist Church

Sunday (4/20) Easter Sunday *Communion*

9:30 a.m. Easter Potluck Brunch/Egg Hunt - Fellowship Hall

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



The flowers this morning are presented
to the glory of God in celebration
of all of the youth at UPC who make
our lives and our faith journey
better and brighter



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>)

THANK YOU MENTORS

A big thank you to all the sponsors who agreed to help our youth on their confirmation journey this year: Bizza Britton, Gaines Foster, Leslie Green, Jill Kerr, Beth Paskoff, Victoria Robertson, Linda Walker

BIRTHDAYS (April 13-19)

13 Alicia Lewis; 15 Barbara Hoffman; 17 Kathy Rossman; 18 Cheryl Hedlund; 19 Mary Anne Sheffield

LAST CALL FOR EGGS!

If you have extra eggs, please drop them off at church by Tuesday so they can be stuffed and ready for next week's egg hunt. Thank you!

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME LSU BASEBALL?

Get ready for a grand slam of a time! Join us for Baseball at the Box on Tuesday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. as LSU takes on Southeastern. The Fellowship Committee will be selling tickets for just \$5.00 (adults and kids over 3) on April 6 and 13 in the Welcome Center. Little sluggers under 3 get in free—no ticket needed. Batter up!

MOTHER'S DAY BAILOUT

There's still time to give your mom the gift of helping other mamas to be free, and moms, there's still time to tell your kids if you'd really like them to donate on your behalf this year! We are leaving the offering open this week, so there is still time to contribute before we total the funds and send them to the YWCA to help moms who are in jail waiting for trial on non-violent offenses to be released to get home in time to spend Mother's Day with their families. You can bring a check (memo: Mother's Day bailout) or choose the bailout selection in Realm.



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 16

Make Taizé a part of your Lenten preparation.

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 on-line 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

FAITH FORMATION SPRING 2025 *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

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

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!

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2025 *(as of 4/9/2025)*

Received Pledged Giving: \$181,445 *(31% of \$586,337 pledged)*

Received Unpledged Giving \$5,849

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$187,295

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.

worship for holy week

Palm Sunday April 13

11:00 a.m.

This year the youth (6th-12th graders) will be in charge of our Palm Sunday service. It will also be the day youth who wish to confirm their baptismal vows (or be baptized) will be recognized during the service. Palms will be waved, but maybe not when you think...

Holy Wednesday April 16

We will have a Taizé service at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. It will not be live streamed. You can read more about the original Taizé community here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taiz%C3%A9_Community

Maundy Thursday Service April 17

A Service of Word and Sacrament centered on the events of this sacred evening
We will have a service at 6:30 p.m. starting in the Fellowship Hall. It will not be live streamed. Following the traditional Maundy Thursday story, we will begin with a meal (potluck) and shared supper around tables. Please join us.

Good Friday Service April 18

The Service of Tenebrae (the extinguishing of lights)

This year, as with last, we are joining with the Methodists next door for our Good Friday service. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. in their sanctuary for a service of readings and song. It will be live streamed through the UUMC Facebook page, YouTube channel, and also on the UUMC website.

Easter Sunday April 20 - A Service of Word and Sacrament

Brunch, an Egg Hunt, and the Hallelujah Chorus

Instead of Church School we will fellowship together (see details on page 8.) Then we join together to celebrate the gift of resurrection life at 11am. Hallelujah! The One Great Hour of Sharing PCUSA offering will be collected. **Everyone is encouraged to bring flowers to add to the Easter cross.**

NOTE: The Day School and Church office will be closed on Good Friday. The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 21.



Easter Sunday Brunch and Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Potluck Brunch will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday starting at 9:30 a.m. Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring their favorite brunch items to share.

Older and younger children will be invited from our Easter brunch to the playground beginning at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to assist - let Meredith Veldman know if you are interested in helping!

We hope to see you there!

* **G-1.0304 The Ministry of Members Membership** in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. Such involvement includes:

- proclaiming the good news in word and deed,
- taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,
- lifting one another up in prayer,
- mutual concern and active support,
- studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,
- supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
- demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
- responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,
- living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,
- working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment,
- caring for God's creation,
- participating in the governing responsibilities of the church,
- and reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

New Member Questions:

1. From the Book of Order G-1.0304 - The Ministry of Members*:
Is this the journey you wish to be on?
2. Do you wish to be on that journey here at UPC?

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 • Cody Lucero
Alan Williams • Kathy Poché • Cheryl Whitting • Kathy Rossman
Fay Coco • Melanie Driscoll • Our Cuba Partners • Lynn Nichols Dull**

- **Gerard Klein**, upon the death of his friend, Isabel Addison
- **Christine Russell**, former member, as her father nears end of life
- **Jerry Landry**, uncle of Kate Midkiff, recovering from open heart surgery and her Aunt
- **Family of Millie Townsend**, friend of Debbie Abernathy and Rick Pitcher, upon her death
- **Family of Heather McVoy**, friend of Patti Snyder, after her death on March 24
- **Jerry Kennedy**, as he recovers from knee replacement surgery
- **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**

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, April 27, following worship for the purpose of electing the next class of elders and deacons.