

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 27, 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 (4/27) 2nd Sunday of Easter

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
Called Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary following worship
- 1:00 p.m. NAJAMA - Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room
- 2:00 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
No Youth Group

Monday (4/28)

- 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 5:00 p.m. APNC - Zoom

Tuesday (4/29)

- Noon Emily Gualgliardo Recital Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. UPC @ LSU's Alex Box Stadium
- 7: Emily Guagliardo Recital - Sanctuary

Wednesday (4/30)

- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday (5/1)

- 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

Saturday (5/3)

- 8:30 a.m. PW PSL Spring Gathering - Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall

Sunday (5/4) 3rd Sunday of Easter

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
Called Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary following worship
No Youth Group

OFFICE NOTE: Mamie will be out of the office from April 21-27 and again from May 2-9; she will not be responding to emails or texts during that time. While she is away, Randy Nichols will be taking emergency pastoral calls. He may be reached at 225-241-6374. From May 2-7 Betsy Irvine will be on call for pastoral emergencies. Betsy may be reached at (225) 603-1439.

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 (April 27- May 3)

27 Lois Kuyper-Rushing; 2 Sherry Olds; 3 Jimmy Robertson

TABLES AND CHAIRS AND TOYS - OH MY!

Seeking a fixer-upper project or gently used play centers for kids? We're clearing out our attic, and your treasure awaits! Visit the 2nd floor near the choir room to browse our finds. Act fast—items will be gone by month's end.

PW SPRING GATHERING

Join us for the rescheduled PW Spring Gathering at UPC on May 3 at 8:30 a.m. Don't miss this joyful event filled with fellowship and celebration. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED

A newly settled couple needs items to furnish their apartment. Please donate any spare kitchenware, linens, plates, cups, or cutlery to the church's Room of Requirement (Patti's old office) by month's end. We'll handle delivery. For more information contact Randy Nichols. Thank you!

CHRISMON STITCHERS

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 4, immediately after worship at New York Bagel Company on Highland Rd. We'll discuss new designs, select supplies, choose fabrics, and review details for completing the designs. We warmly welcome anyone interested in cross-stitching (no experience needed!) or skilled seamstresses who can assist with fabric selection and finishing stitched pieces by backing them with fabric for hanging on the tree. Join us to discover how you can contribute to this project.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Lea and Ryan O'Donnell on the birth of their daughter, Milly Patricia O'Donnell, born on April 19 at 2:29 a.m. Milly is a healthy 7 lbs, 4 oz, and 21 inches long. She will be warmly welcomed home by her big brother, Michael.

CUBA CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

A UPC team will visit our partner church in Cuba from June 9-15. To support our partnership, we aim to bring items scarce in Cuba, including medicines, food, personal hygiene products, office supplies, Sunday School materials, and batteries for electricity. The Cuban church provided a detailed list of needed items, and we're asking for donations from our congregation. Please place contributions in the collection box at the Visitor's Center, where printed lists are available. Digital copies can be requested from the church office or George Strain (937-8094). Donations will be accepted until June 3. Thank you for your generosity.

PSL Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering at UPC.
You are invited to join us. All are welcome.
Please contact Julie Launey at 225-236-6949
to let us know to include you for lunch.
Cost is \$15.

Saturday, May 3rd, 2025
Rescheduled PW SPRING GATHERING
Sponsored by PSL Presbyterian Women

LOCAL MISSION AT WORK

Registration 9:30 am - Closing Luncheon 12 Noon

Workshop I

What is LORI?

(Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants)

Workshop II

Learn about Bertha Hinojosa's ESL classroom and the students

PLEASE BRING FOOD ITEMS for LORI (Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants) Choose from this list of food: Rice, Dried or Canned Beans (Pinto, Black, Pidgeon Peas)

An Offering will be taken to assist LORI (more information will be provided at the Gathering)

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

August 10

September 7, 14, 21, 28

October 12

November 9, 23



Sunday, May 18 following the 11:00 a.m Worship Service

Location: UPC Fellowship Hall



UPC

BLOOD DRIVE

May
11TH

Bloodmobile
University
Presbyterian

Starting
9AM

Donate May 1-31 and you'll be entered for a chance to win an epic vacation package! Visit vitalant.org/epicgiveaway for more details.

Schedule your appointment today at vitalant.org or contact Beth Paskoff!

For more information or to schedule a donation call 877-258-4825 or visit us at vitalant.org

Find us @    IDs are required to donate.



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 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

May 11: Carl Motsenbocker and Cheryl Giles: "Sustainable Food Systems in the Middle of Climate Change: What Can You Do?-Part 1"

May 18: Carl Motsenbocker and Cheryl Giles: "Sustainable Food Systems in the Middle of Climate Change: What Can You Do?-Part 2"

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.

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2025 (*as of 4/23/2025*)

Received Pledged Giving: \$194,233 (*33% of \$586,337 pledged*)

Received Unpledged Giving \$6,830

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$201,063

Thank you for your generous contributions!

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!



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

- **Leslie Green and family**, upon the death of her aunt, Lillian Magruder, on April 19
- **Mickey Brown** upon the sudden death of her friend, Robbie Meadows
- **Carl Stoddard**, brother of Linda Walker, recovering from pericarditis
- **Will**, neighbor to the Walkers, taking chemo for bladder cancer and recovering from blood infection
- **Brandon Moree**, son of Caralyn Durham, as he faces more medical testing
- **Christine Russell**, upon the death of her father
- **Jerry Landry**, uncle of Kate Midkiff, recovering from open heart surgery and her Aunt
- **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
- **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
- **Those who are suddenly unemployed or experiencing significant job insecurity**
- **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
and in loving memory of
Geraldine Ward
by Ruby Sevier and John Ward

