

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 September 14, 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 (9/14) 14th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Monday (9/15)

7:00 p.m. Les Sirens Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Tuesday (9/16)

9:30 a.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room
6:00 p.m. Bella Voce Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee - Zoom

Wednesday (9/17)

9:30 a.m. Day School Committee - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.
7:00 p.m. UPC Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday (9/18)

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

Saturday (9/20)

6:45 p.m. (*kickoff*) LSU vs. Southeastern @ LSU (*PARKING*)

Sunday (9/21) 15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Blood Drive - Bloodmobile
9:30 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Inquirers Class - Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
4:30 p.m. Youth Group



The flowers this morning are presented
to the glory of God
by Beth Paskoff
in celebration of the lives of her parents,
Richard and Dorothy Mehalick



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>)



GET READY FOR LSU GAME DAY PARKING AT UPC!

Parking cars is a fun and rewarding way to show UPC's hospitality to fans from near and far. The more volunteers, the better! Join us for this exciting opportunity to serve. **Contact our new parking organizer, John Ward, at 225-505-4418 to learn more or sign up.** Game times may vary due to TV schedules, but volunteers typically arrive 4–5 hours before kickoff and finish about an hour before the game starts.

Inquirer's Class Update

Due to several date conflicts for attendees, the dates for the Fall Inquirer's Class have been modified. We will now meet Sundays at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall on the following Sundays: September 21, October 19, November 2 and 9. Please add them to your calendar!

The Inquirer's Class is open to everyone who would like to find out more about our fabulous church, and get to know other people here as well! You may decide to become a member of the church as we come to a close, or you may come to the class just to learn more; either is great, and everyone is welcome!

BIRTHDAYS (Sept 14-20)

15 M Kennedy; 16 Beth Paskoff; 17 Margaret O'Donnell; 18 Owen Meier;
20 Rick Pitcher

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

Received Pledged Giving: \$415,821 (71% of \$587,837 pledged)

Received Unpledged Giving: \$12,866

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$428,688

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.

FAITH FORMATION FALL 2025!

For Children and Youth:

- Babies - Kinder in the nursery
- 1st-7th - Act Up! - 2nd floor in Room 204
- 8th-12th - Follow Me - 2nd floor in Room 206

For Adults:

Bible Study

This group uses the "Living the Word" curriculum which follows the Narrative Lectionary used in worship. Themes for this fall include: "God Provides Blessings", "Encountering the Messiah", and "God's Kingdom Revealed". Several participants of the class share the weekly facilitating. 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 will meet on the 2nd floor in Room 208.

Digging Deeper

This class explores various topics using a lecture and discussion format. This class meets in the Parks Wilson Room near the Sanctuary.

- "Welcoming the Stranger: Louisiana, America, the World"

This series will feature representatives from LORI (Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants), LA AID (Louisiana Advocates for Immigrants in Detention), and our very own UPC members. These classes will shed light on the serious challenges facing immigrants detained right here in Louisiana, share how UPC members have been involved in serving this community, and discuss opportunities to contribute to this effort.

September 14: LORI Representative part 1

September 21: Firsthand insights from Mary Mikell and Christine Kooi

September 28: LORI Representative part 2



What makes you afraid?

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

- **Tip Tipton**, as he recovers from shingles.
- **Faye Coco**, after falling and breaking her hip.
- **Robert Gourges**, as he recovers after a car accident
- **Darla O'Connor and all those who loved her friend Jan Manno**, who died earlier this month
- **David Pohlman**, dealing with liver disease
- **Jan Risher and Julio Naudin** as they settle into their rental home following a house fire
- **Peter Wren McGuyer**, nephew of Shannon Couhig & Joanie Cangelosi, deployed
- **David Strain**, George's brother, in rehab recovering from a fall
- **Pat Phelps**, after a car accident
- **Edith Veldman**, Meredith's 95-year-old mother, in hospice care
- **Josh Rosenberg and Angelle Bradford** as Josh undergoes radiation and chemotherapy
- **Carl Stoddard**, brother of Linda Walker, recovering from sarcopenia
- **Warren Goodman**, friend of Mary Stevens, restarting chemotherapy
- **Gretchen Goodrich**, mother-in-law of Kathie Pohlman
- **Ron Veldman**, Meredith's brother, with pancreatic cancer
- **Will**, neighbor to the Walkers, undergoing chemotherapy for bladder cancer
- **Holly Palughi**, family friend of Darlene Rowland, with recurrent breast cancer
- **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
- **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**
- **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**



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BLOOD DRIVE

September
21ST

Bloodmobile
University
Presbyterian

Starting
9AM

Donate blood, platelets or plasma Sept. 8-30 and you'll be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two \$10,000 gift cards!* Donor Rewards program opt-in required. 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.



Is Hummus Lebanese Soul Food?

The UPC Lebanese Culinary Appreciation Society (LeCAS or the Fellowship Committee) is sponsoring a Don't Cook Night on Thursday, September 25, at 6:30 p.m. Congregation members are invited to meet at Albasha Greek and Lebanese Restaurant (5454 Bluebonnet Road, <https://www.albashabluebonnet.com>, 225-292-7988, to present their pros and cons on whether hummus can be considered a Lebanese Soul Food. Oh, and you get to chow down as well...

Don't Cook Night

Thursday, September 25 - 6:30 pm

Albasha Greek & Lebanese @ 5454 Bluebonnet Blvd # G

Food, fun, and fellowship! Everyone is welcome!!!

FLOWER DONATIONS 2025

There are only a few Sundays left in 2025 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*).

October 12

November 9, 23

UPC ANNUAL GIVING KICKOFF

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

sunday, october 5

9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall