

# 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 October 5, 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 (10/5) World Communion Sunday** *Communion*

- 9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group (then to Blessing of the Pets)
- 5:00 p.m. Blessing of the Pets - Univ. United Methodist back parking lot

#### **Monday (10/6)**

- 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 6:00 p.m. Together Baton Rouge Meeting - Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

#### **Tuesday (10/7)**

- 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 (10/8)**

- 9:00 a.m. Faith & Community Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Dr.
- 5:30 p.m. Property Committee - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. UPC Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

#### **Thursday (10/9)**

- 11:00 a.m. Soul Feast Small Group - Library
- 6:30 p.m. Day School Committee - Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

#### **Friday (10/10)**

TBA (*kickoff*) LSU vs S. Carolina @ LSU (*PARKING*)

#### **Sunday (10/12) 17th 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

#### **BIRTHDAYS** (*October 5-11*)

5 Peggy Carroll and Casey Cogburn; 6 Drew Patty and Scott Phillabaum;  
10 Micah Short

# 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>)*



## **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.

## **Book Group**

The UPC Book Club will meet Tuesday, October 7th, 7:00 pm. 1725 S. Eugene  
The discussion book is Becoming Duchess Goldblatt, Anonymous. The  
November book is My Friends by Fredrik Backman. All are welcome, contact  
Ellen, [emmorgan@cox.net](mailto:emmorgan@cox.net)

## **Inquirer's Class**

This class will meet again on 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!

### **IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2025** *(as of 10/1/2025)*

**Received Pledged Giving: \$425,616** *(72% of \$587,837 pledged)*

Received Unpledged Giving: \$15,378

**TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$440,994**

*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](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.*

# 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"

October 5: NO CHURCH SCHOOL join us at the Pancake Breakfast!

October 12: LA AID presentation

La-AID, a volunteer-driven abolitionist group, supports immigrants in Louisiana and Natchez, Mississippi detention centers through letter-writing, visits, advocacy for humane treatment, and transportation assistance. They educate communities but do not offer legal advice. Join a class on October 12 to learn about immigration detention, volunteer with La-AID, or become a detainee pen pal. The session includes required volunteer training. Complete the volunteer form at <https://tinyurl.com/z466s8pj>. For Zoom access, email Kristin Savicki at [klsavicki@gmail.com](mailto:klsavicki@gmail.com).

## **FLOWER DONATIONS 2025**

There are only two 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*).

November 9, 23



The flowers this morning are presented  
to the glory of God  
by Necia Lanius  
in memory of her mother,  
Madge Gibson Lanius



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# *Prayer Requests*

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

- **Leroy Gongora**, father of Maeghan, as he recovers from surgery
- **David Strain**, George's brother, in memory care support
- **Family of Veronica Tucker**, college friend of Christine Kooi, who died unexpectedly
- **Christopher Cunningham**, upon the death of his grandmother on September 14
- **Michael Williams**, Jonathan Hubchen's brother in law, as he continues with physical therapy
- **Albertha Hubchen**, as she grieves the loss of her sister-in-law, Sandra Williams, and continues care for her brother Michael
- **Members of our sister church in Cuba, San Jose de los Ramos**, who are suffering from Dengue Fever and Chikungunya
- **Faye Coco**, after falling and breaking her hip
- **David Pohlman**, dealing with liver disease
- **Peter Wren McGuyer**, nephew of Shannon Couhig & Joanie Cangelosi, deployed
- **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
- **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**

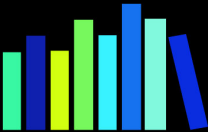
## Blessing of the Pets

Oct. 5 | 5 p.m.

University United Methodist Church  
Back Parking Lot | All Pets Welcome



We hope to  
see you there!



**Book Fair Hours 8-9:30 AM and 3-4:30 PM**

**Monday - Friday**

The book fair will be held in Fellowship Hall  
and will be available to church members on  
Sunday, October 26 until 12:30 p.m.

**Day School Book Fair** **October 20-26**

The Day School Book Fair will be celebrated October 20-26 in the Fellowship Hall. It will be open weekdays 8-9:30 a.m. and 3-4:30 p.m. and on Sunday before and after worship for the congregation to shop for Christmas and birthdays. Volunteers are needed for the morning and afternoon time slots Monday - Friday and also on Sunday, October 26, before and after the 11:00 worship service. Please contact Pam Bartlett if you can help ([pamelasteen@gmail.com](mailto:pamelasteen@gmail.com) or 225-405-4826).

## Bathroom Supplies

In each bathroom downstairs there are maxipads as well as incontinence underwear or pads available if you find you are in need of them. They are either in a cabinet or a basket in all five restrooms. If you notice replacements are necessary, please let Mamie or Erin know.

**TOGETHER**  
BATON ROUGE

# CIVIC ACADEMY CLUSTER CAMPAIGN

*A series of Civic Academies to learn  
about the upcoming Thrive! EBR plan  
followed by small-group conversations*

**JOIN US**

To build long-term relationships across institutions &  
Learn about what the people of this city want!

## **SOUTH BATON ROUGE CLUSTER MEETING**

**Monday  
OCT 6TH  
6:00 pm**

— at —  
Shiloh Missionary  
Baptist Church

## **MID-CITY & CENTRAL CLUSTER MEETING**

**Tuesday  
OCT 7TH  
6:00 pm**

— at —  
St. Mary  
Baptist Church

## **NORTH BATON ROUGE CLUSTER MEETING**

**Thursday  
OCT 9TH  
6:00 pm**

— at —  
Immaculate Conception  
Catholic Church



*Sign up for a cluster meeting at:*  
**[TogetherBR.org/clustercampaign2025](https://TogetherBR.org/clustercampaign2025)**



What are three things you are good at?