

# 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 APRIL 5, 2026

*Meeting times/locations are subject to change. Please check with your group leader for confirmation and information on how to log into Zoom meetings.*

#### **Sunday (4/5) Easter Sunday** *Communion*

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

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

#### **Monday (4/6) - Church Office Closed**

6:00 p.m. Bella Voce Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

#### **Tuesday (4/7)**

8:30 a.m. Nurture Committee - Conference Room

10:00 a.m. Day Circle - Parks Wilson Room

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Committee - Zoom

7:00 p.m. Book Group - 1725 S. Eugene

#### **Wednesday (4/8)**

9:00 a.m. Faith & Community Small Group - Parks Wilson Room

10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive

NO CHOIR REHEARSAL

#### **Thursday (4/9)**

11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Conference Room

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

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

#### **Saturday (4/11)**

5:30 p.m. Christopher Cunningham Piano Concert - Sanctuary

#### **Sunday (4/12) 2nd Sunday of Easter**

9:30 a.m. Church School

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

12:15 p.m. Cuba Potluck Luncheon & Presentation - Fellowship Hall

### **IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2026** (*as of 4/1/2026*)

**Received Pledged Giving: \$166,051** (*27% of \$620,512 pledged*)

Received Unpledged Giving: \$4,559

**TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$170,610**

*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!*

# **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 the Contact on our web site, [www.upcbr.org](http://www.upcbr.org).

Check us out on Facebook, too! (<https://www.facebook.com/universitypresbyterian>)

## **SNAP YOUR EASTER PHOTO TODAY!!**

*Special "frames" supplied for fun!*

Three prime locations:

- Courtyard benches by the gate
- Under the Veranda (*covered walk between the sanctuary windows*)
- Flower Cross inside the sanctuary (*after worship*)

## **Sunday Nursery Sign Up**

Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or with the link below to serve as a "second" in the nursery this spring!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444ABAA2DA5FF2-sunday1>

## **UPC Book Club**

The Book Club will meet April 7, Tuesday, April 7, 1725 S. Eugene. The discussion book is Barking to the Choir by Gregory Boyle. The May book is Childhood's End by Arthur C. Clark. All are welcome.

## **Birthdays (April 5 - 11)**

5 Ashleigh Bowles, Nora Costello, and Paul Hoffman; 6 Kate Midkiff;

7 Jill Kerr; 9 Daniel Burch and Stephanie Launey

Our organist Christopher Cunningham is giving a piano concert series for youth and adults. Baton Rouge concerts will be offered on April 11th at 5:30pm in our sanctuary and April 18th at 5:30pm at Trinity Episcopal Church.

## **UPC and Cuba: Water, Power, and Partnership**

### **April 12th Class and Potluck**

Mission and Peacemaking - in collaboration with the Faith Formation and Fellowship Committees- welcomes the congregation to learn and share about UPC's long partnership with the Presbyterian Church in Cuba and how we are supporting our siblings there to navigate increasing struggles. We have exciting updates to share about a new project supporting our partner church, Gethsemane, in San Jose de los Ramos. Come share the good news, in one (or both) of two opportunities:

1. Digging Deeper class at 9:30am in the Parks Wilson room, and
2. Right after worship, a Cuba-themed potluck and presentation in Fellowship Hall.

## CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, April 19, following worship for the purpose of electing new officers. The nominating committee has put together the following slate of elders and deacons:

### Elders Class of 2029

Bizza Britton

Dave Launey

Charles Saban

Jane Smith

Violet Stroope (*youth, Class of 2027*)

### Deacons Class of 2029

Mary Clinkenbeard

Wes Mainord

Margaret O'Donnell

Kathie Pohlman

### Deacons Class of 2027

Dinah Keyes (*filling an unexpired term*)

*Nominations from the floor must have prior approval from the nominee.*

## VOLUNTEER AT LSU'S TAKE BACK THE NIGHT EVENT

UPC's Mission and Peacemaking Committee is supporting Take Back the Night, hosted by LSU's Feminists in Action. Join us on **Thursday, April 16th from 6-8:30pm at Memorial Tower on LSU's campus**. This event raises awareness about interpersonal violence, supports survivors, and builds a safer, inclusive community. Baton Rouge has held Take Back the Night events with UPC regularly participating. Volunteers needed for set-up, tear-down, and event booths. Fill out the form here: <https://forms.gle/CY5GjubFw2qbTES78>

Volunteers receive a free event shirt and volunteer hours!

## SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS 2026

The following Sundays are available to reserve celebratory or memorial flowers for the sanctuary. Please 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*).

April 26

May 3, 24, 31

June 14, 21, 28

August 9, 23, 30

September 6, 13, 20, 27

October 11, 25

## Together Baton Rouge - Organizing for Education

On May 16, voters across Louisiana will decide on Amendment 2 - a constitutional amendment that would create the St. George breakaway school district and separate it from the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. Please sign up to attend a Civic Academy on April 14th at 6pm at Baton Rouge Community College – Acadian Campus (3250 North Acadian Thruway East) to understand concerns raised by the St. George breakaway school district. RSVP here: <https://www.togetherbr.org/apr14civicacademy>

You will also find out how to plug into the Get Out The Vote effort locally for the May 16th election on this issue.

# 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](mailto:cdurham@upcbr.org).

**Lois Liggett • Ruth Bivins • Cody Lucero • Gerard Klein • Pat Phelps  
Alan Williams • Kathy Poché • Lynn Nichols Dull • David Strain  
Cheryl Whitting • Faye Coco • Melanie Driscoll • Dawn Dominy  
Members of our sister church in Cuba, San Jose de los Ramos**

- **Mickey Brown**, at home recovering from surgery
- **Betsy Wilks**, recovering from surgery after a dog attack
- **Thelma Berg**, upon the death of her husband, Eugene
- **Kathy Kennedy**, Jerry's sister, after entering hospice
- **Kathy Rossman**, following the death of her Aunt Helen
- **Terry Miller Jr.**, son of Ann and Terry Miller Sr., with health issues in Virginia
- **Elizabeth Roberts**, recovering at home from a tibia fracture
- **Becky and Bill Jones**, friends of Elizabeth and Faimon Roberts, as Becky is having medical issues
- **Josh Rosenberg**, praying for continued, good MRIs showing no return of cancer
- **Hal Horan**, former pastor of UPC in hospice, and his wife, Del
- **Ellen Severin**, Lois Kuyper Rushing's aunt, in hospice care, and her daughter and full-time caretaker, Jo Ellen Parrott
- **John Stoddard**, brother of Linda Walker, undergoing PT for pain in knees and hip
- **Gary & Judy Crow**, friends of the Brittons, as they deal with Gary's cardiac issues
- **Sherri Wilson**, friend of Darla O'Connor and Tavia Crumpler, with brain cancer
- **Amy Heller**, mother of the Hoffman's granddaughters, with a recurrence of cancer
- **David Pohlman**, dealing with liver disease
- **Carl Stoddard**, brother of Linda Walker, slowly recovering from sarcopenia
- **Warren Goodman**, friend of Mary Stevens, undergoing chemotherapy
- **Gretchen Goodrich**, mother-in-law of Kathie Pohlman
- **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
- **Corrie Hale's Dad, Conrad**, with inoperable cancer on his spine
- **Joellen Hawkins**, Aunt of Emily Cogburn, with Alzheimer's
- **The United States of America** during these uncertain times
- **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**
- **Those who are serving in the armed forces**
- **Those who are going through separation or divorce**
- **Those who are affected by domestic violence**