

# 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 26, 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 (4/26) 4th Sunday of Easter**

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 9:30 a.m. New Member Class & Called Session Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 1:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room
- No Youth Group

#### **Monday (4/27)**

- 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 5:30 p.m. College Dinner & Bible Study - Library

#### **Tuesday (4/28)**

- 4:30 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Formation 6 and under Dinner and Activity - Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library

#### **Wednesday (4/29)**

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

#### **Thursday (4/30)**

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

#### **Saturday (5/2)**

- 9:00 a.m. Presbytery of South LA Stated Meeting - First PC, Lafayette

#### **Sunday (5/3) 5th Sunday of Easter**

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

### **IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2026** *(as of 4/22/2026)*

**Received Pledged Giving: \$227,355** *(36% of \$632,512 pledged)*

Received Unpledged Giving: \$7,059

**TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$234,414**

*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>)

## **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>

## **Birthdays (April 26-)**

26 Betsy Irvine and Jerry Kennedy; 27 Lois Kuyper-Rushing; 1 Bliss Barnes and David Shaffer; 2 Sherry Olds

## **Calling All Musicians!**

This summer, we need volunteers to perform a musical offering during the collection. This could be a song, piano piece, a gospel quartet, a clarinet solo, a banjo duet. Please talk to Christopher if you are interested. The first Sunday of the summer term is May 31.

## **Celebrating Our Grads**

If you are graduating in May, please let us know. We would like to celebrate this momentous occasion with you! High School grads, please include your future plans. College grads, please indicate your degree and future plans. **Please turn this information in to the church office by May 20.**



### ***Tigers vs. Green Wave!!!***

*The LSU Baseball Booster Club (AKA the Fellowship Committee) will be selling 35 tickets to the LSU/Tulane Baseball game May 5th at 6:30 p.m.*



*There will be a sign-up sheet at the welcome center for the next 3 Sundays. Unfortunately, ticket prices are uncertain; we will charge \$10 each at this time and will hand out tickets on Sunday, May 3rd. If the tickets are less than \$10, the excess will be donated to a cause supported by the church.*

*Members are welcome to support the team with appropriate outerwear. Go Tigers!*

## **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 it in the offering plate. Payments may also be made online in Realm (*please note date in the memo line*).

May 3, 24

June 14, 21, 28

August 9, 23, 30

September 6, 13, 20, 27

October 11, 25

# FAITH FORMATION 2026

## For Children and Youth:

- Babies - Kinder in the nursery
- 1st-7th - Act Up! - 2nd floor in Room 204
- 8th-12th - Parks Wilson Room joining Digging Deeper for Lent

## 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: "Following Jesus", "God's Kingdom Revealed", and "God News Spreads". 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 pod-casts and book chapters to spark discussion of what it means for Christians to parent in 2026. This class will meet on the 2nd floor in Room 208.

### Digging Deeper

Faith 250--American Scriptures: As we approach the nation's 250th Anniversary, Americans do not agree on how to celebrate the occasion and, more important but not unrelated, do not agree on what "American values" are. Our class will study a series of major documents from across American history in hopes of developing a better sense of what we mean by American ideals or an American faith.



### 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.*



# 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**

- **Samear Zaitoon**, recovering at an assisted living facility after a fall
- **Mary Stevens**, upon the death of her father
- **Jerry Kennedy and family**, upon the death of his sister, Kathy
- **John Stoddard**, brother of Linda Walker, waiting for medical pain relief in back and knees
- **Susan Brooks**, friend of Linda and Doug Walker, whose step-granddaughter (17) died in a car accident along with two of her friends
- **Mickey Brown**, in the hospital with pancreatitis
- **Terry Miller Jr.**, son of Ann and Terry Miller Sr., with health issues in Virginia
- **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
- **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
- **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**