

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 May 17, 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 (5/17) 7th Sunday of Easter

- 9:30 a.m. Church School (*Final Classes until August!*)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Library
- 2:00 p.m. New Officer Preparation - Conference Room & Library
- 3:00 p.m. Children's Music Studio Recital - Sanctuary
- 4:30 p.m. Ferncliff Youth Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Monday (5/18)

- 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library

Tuesday (5/19)

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

Wednesday (5/20) - CONTACT ARTICLES DUE

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

Thursday (5/21)

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

Sunday (5/24) Pentecost

- 9:00 a.m. Blood Drive - Bloodmobile
No Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 1:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room
- 2:00 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room



The flowers this morning are
presented to the glory of God
in loving memory of
Annette Costello
by Brannon, Gina, Nora, and Josie Cosello



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.

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

Sunday Nursery Sign Up

All “spring” dates are filled! Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or with the link below to serve as a “second” in the nursery (9:45-11:15 AM) this summer!

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

Birthdays (May 17-23)

17 Karen Foote; 19 Angelle Rosenberg; 20 Rosemary Goodell and Albertha Hubchen; 21 Caralyn Durham; 22 Robert Gourgues; 23 Tom Warner

Calling All Musicians!

Summer music is just around the corner here at UPC. Contact Christopher via email at ccunningham@upcbr.org or text at 228-596-9777 to sign up for summer music. We are grateful for your service!

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.**

Blood Drive

Our next UPC blood drive will be on Sunday, May 24, from 9:00-12:30. You can pick your own time by going to Vitalant.org, or let Beth Paskoff (BPaskoff@lsu.edu) know what time you prefer and she will put you on the schedule.

Did you know

- 1 in 83 mothers need blood
- Every 2 seconds someone in the US needs blood or platelets
- One donation can help up to 3 patients

Because of YOU, Life Doesn't Stop

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2026 (as of 5/7/2026)

Received Pledged Giving: \$237,915 (37% of \$632,512 pledged)

Received Unpledged Giving: \$8,010

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$245,925

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!

FAITH FORMATION - FINAL SUNDAY

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. 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 meets 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)
- 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS 2026

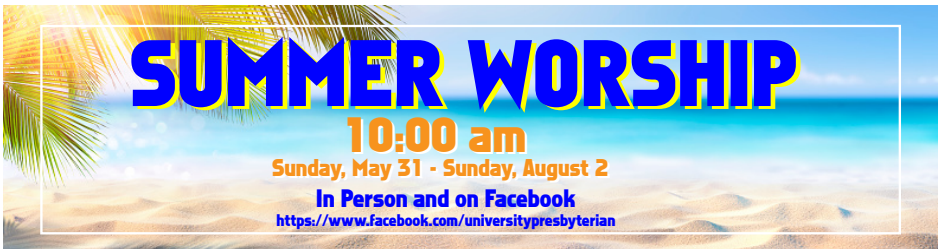
The following Sundays are available to reserve celebratory or memorial flowers for the sanctuary. Please fill out a flower donation envelope found in the pew and place it in the offering plate. Payments may also be made online in Realm (*please note date in the memo line*).

June 14, 21, 28

September 6, 13, 20, 27

August 9, 23, 30

October 11, 25



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 • Pat Phelps
Alan Williams • Kathy Poché • Lynn Nichols Dull • David Strain • Hal Horan
Cheryl Whitting • Faye Coco • Melanie Driscoll • Dawn Dominy
Members of our sister church in Cuba, San Jose de los Ramos**

- **Ed Campbell**, Julie Launey's brother's father-in-law, undergoing treatment for esophageal cancer
- **Senator Larry Selders**, friend of Eleanor Cannon, in the hospital after a medical emergency
- **Randy Marks**, friend of Anita Melon, with complicated cardiac issues
- **Alice Hondzinski** of Broadmoor Pres. recovering from surgery; she began the HugABears ministry for kids in hospitals
- **Ann Trenga**, sister of Bill Crummett, following the passing of her husband Rick
- **Jeff Johnson and his wife Stephanie**, friends of Gerard Klein, recovering from bypass surgery
- **Mickey Brown**, still recovering in the hospital
- **Randy Williams**, brother of Michael and brother-in-law of Jonathan Hubchen, with back problems arising from sickle cell
- **Ivy Ollendike**, 8 yr old neighbor of Caralyn Durham, in isolation at St. Jude Children's Hospital, undergoing MIBG/chemo therapy for neuroblastoma
- **Messiah Hammond**, grandson of Susan Seifert, dealing with mental health issues
- **Kay Broadhead**, friend of Susan Seifert, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- **Susan Comeaux**, diagnosed with Parkinson's and her daughter, **Carrie Comeaux**, diagnosed with stage three breast cancer and is undergoing treatment
- **Samear Zaitoon**, recovering at an assisted living facility after a fall
- **John Stoddard**, brother of Linda Walker, waiting for medical pain relief in back and knees
- **Terry Miller Jr.**, son of Ann and Terry Miller Sr., with health issues in Virginia
- **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
- **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**