

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 (5/24) 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
- 1:00 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

Monday (5/25) Memorial Day

Day School and Church Office Closed

Tuesday (5/26)

- 7:00 p.m. NAMI - Conference Room & Library

Wednesday (5/27)

- 9:00 a.m. Faith & Community Small Group - Parks Wilson Room
- 10:00 a.m. Day Circle II - 1545 Patrick Drive

Thursday (5/28)

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

Saturday (5/30)

- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Concert - Unitarian Church BR

Sunday (5/31) Trinity Sunday

- 10:00 a.m.** Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)

Birthdays (May 24-30)

- 24 Kay Lindsey; 25 Judy Dedrick;
30 Ruth Bivins, Steven Hartman, and Nathan Tipton

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2026 (*as of 5/20/2026*)

Received Pledged Giving: \$243,844 (*38.5% of \$632,512 pledged*)

Received Unpledged Giving: \$8,745

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$252,589

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.

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

Sunday Nursery Sign Up

What a gift to help kids at UPC know they are loved and belong. 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>

Book Group

The UPC Book group will meet Tuesday, June 2, 7:00 p.m., at 1725 Eugene. The book we will discuss is Year of Wonder by Geraldine Brooks. All are welcome!

Intergenerational Bible School

Stories That Shape Us: Intergenerational Bible School" will take place June 19th from 5-7pm and June 20th from 9:45am-4pm. Friday night will start with a cookout co-sponsored by the fellowship committee and a brief worship service. Saturday will feature learning the stories of Abraham in small groups, lunch, telling each other's stories, and creating a UPC timeline together. [Please email Erin to volunteer as a small group leader, activity assistant, or logistical helper.]



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, 27

August 9, 23, 30

October 11, 25

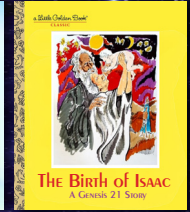
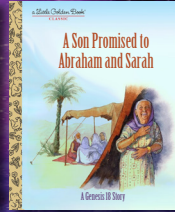
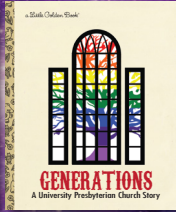
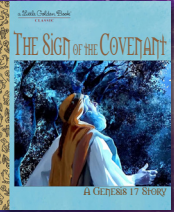
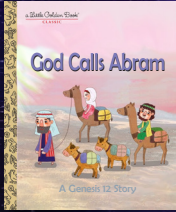


The flowers this morning are presented to the glory of God by Margaret and David Bach celebrating 42 years of marriage.



Stories That Shape Us

Intergenerational Bible School 2026



June 19-21

Friday, June 19 - Cookout and Worship 5-7 pm

Saturday, June 20 - Small Groups, Lunch, and Stories 9:45 am - 4 pm

Sunday, June 21 - Wrap up of IBS during worship at 10 am

All ages are warmly invited to our Intergenerational Bible School!

Come together as families and generations to explore the powerful stories of Abraham and the inspiring faith journeys of the people of UPC. Everyone is welcome—kids, teens, adults, and grandparents!

Join us for this special time of learning and fellowship. We can't wait to see you there!

 **The New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus**
presents

ELTON



the man, the music, the legend

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, May 29, 2026 University of New Orleans Performing Arts Center 7:30pm	Saturday, May 30, 2026 Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge 8470 Goodwood Blvd. 7:30pm
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Small Groups

Faith and Community

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. (*ongoing*)

We explore a wide range of topics concerning faith and community and look forward to sharing ideas and conversation. Everyone is welcome. This group meets in the Parks Wilson Room.

Soul Feast

Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

Readings from various writers in spirituality. This group meets in the library.

Don't forget...

Our Summer worship schedule starts Sunday, May 31.

*Worship will be at 10:00 AM
Church School will resume
in August*

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 • 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**

- **Gerard Klein**, recovering after a fall last week
- **Mickey Brown**, at a rehabilitation center awaiting a future surgery
- **CJ Veldman**, Meredith's brother, who is going through a hard time right now
- **Andy Hubchen**, Jonathan's brother, who had a serious fall and whose ability to move going forward is uncertain
- **Adrienne Haughton**, daughter-in-law of Lorinda Sealey's friend, recovering from cancer related surgery
- **Ed Campbell**, Julie Launey's brother's father-in-law, with esophageal cancer
- **Randy Marks**, friend of Anita Melon, with complicated cardiac issues
- **Alice Hondzinski** of Broadmoor Pres. recovering from surgery
- **Jeff Johnson and his wife Stephanie**, friends of Gerard Klein, recovering from bypass surgery
- **Randy Williams**, brother of Michael and brother-in-law of Jonathan Hubchen, with back problems arising from sickle cell
- **Messiah Hammond**, grandson of Susan Seifert, dealing with mental health issues
- **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
- **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**