

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 August 16, 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 (8/16) 12th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 12:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance Committee - Conference Room
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group Pool Party - Costello's House

Monday (8/17)

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

Tuesday (8/18)

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

Wednesday (8/19)

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

Thursday (8/20) - CONTACT ARTICLES DUE FOR SEPTEMBER

- 11:00 a.m. "Soul Feast" Small Group - Conference Room
- 4:00 p.m. Day School Open House - Day School Facility
- 7:30 p.m. New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room

Sunday (8/23) 13th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (*Live Streamed via Facebook & upcbr.org*)
- 1:0 p.m. Stated Session Meeting - Conference Room
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group

Birthdays (*August 16-22*)

16 Priscilla Burch, Cody Lucero, and Jane Smith; 17 Jonah Savicki-Kelly; 19 Virginia Davis and Anita Melon; 20 Alan Hale, Theodore Ourso, and Mercer Richardson; 21 David Hall



The flowers this morning are
presented to the glory of God
by Kathie Pohlman
to mothers everywhere, male and female,
and Happy Birthday Mom.



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>)



YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF POOL PARTY and PARENT MEETING SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 4:30 - 6:00 PM at the Costello's



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 (10:45-12:15) this fall!

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

Backpack Tags

Missed Blessing of the Backpacks last week? Want to grab more backpack tags for the young people in your life? Help yourself to the extras on the small table in the back of the sanctuary.

Join the UPC Choir

Love to sing? No audition required! Our first Wednesday rehearsal is August 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. For more details, contact Christopher Cunningham at ccunningham@upcbr.org.

Sanctuary Flowers

Only two Sundays remain available to reserve celebratory or memorial flowers for the sanctuary in 2026: August 30 and October 25. To sponsor flowers for one of these final dates, please complete a donation envelope from your pew and place it in the offering plate, or pay online through Realm (noting the date in the memo line). Dates for 2027 will be published in December, so stay tuned!

Act Up! is starting up again!

UPC's first-through-sixth graders' drama troupe and church-school class is in need of folks who can sew. We have lots of adult-size costumes that need to be sized down, and lots of fabric just waiting to be transformed into simple child-sized garments. If you are able and willing to help, just let Meredith Veldman know: hyveld@gmail.com or 225-281-4852.

IDENTIFIED GIVING STATUS 2026 (as of 8/12/2026)

Received Pledged Giving: \$416,937 (66% of \$632,512 pledged)

Received Unpledged Giving: \$13,197

TOTAL GIVING RECEIVED: \$430,134

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!

UPC College Student and Young Adult Group

The UPC College Student and Young Adult group will have its first meeting of the year on Wednesday, August 26th in the church library. Each week will feature a Bible study from 5-5:45pm, followed by dinner (often homecooked) from 5:45-6:30pm. All college students and young adults are welcome. Contact Erin for more details to let her know you're coming: etolar@upcbr.org

Faith Formation

Digging Deeper, the adult church school group that meets in the Parks Wilson room, is a flexible format class that features speakers, lecturers, and leaders both within our church and beyond. We're working on an exciting lineup, but the group still has some Sunday morning spaces to fill in the fall. If you would be willing to share your area of expertise in an informal setting, please reach out to Betsy Wilks (Maryelizwilks@gmail.com) or Jan Risher.

Today in Digging Deeper, the group discussed the campaign to stop the approval for construction of the family ICE detention center near Alexandria. If you would like to learn more about detention centers and how they impact our state, there will be extra flyers about the post-card writing campaign available in the welcome center.

Preschool/Young Children

The faith formation committee is exploring the possibility of a Sunday morning class for children approximately 3 to 6 years old. If you have a child in that age range who would like to participate, or you are interested in assisting with the class, please reach out to Erin.

Meanwhile, the monthly dinner/program for families with young children (approximately kindergarten and younger) will resume next month! Let Erin know if you'd like to participate and she will include you in the scheduling process.



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.*

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

- **Jonathan Hubchen and family**, upon the death of his brother, Andy, on August 11
- **Kim Law Rankin**, sister of Linda Law Clark, who has been hospitalized due to a severe infection in her leg from a spider bite
- **Ray Adams**, father of Darlene Adams Rowland, with metastatic prostate cancer, and her mother, **Martha**, undergoing surgery to receive a defibrillator and pacemaker next week
- **Gustavo Rodriguez**, friend of George Strain from Cuba, being treated for lymphoma
- **Deana Henry**, niece of Peggy Carroll, in the hospital in TX
- **Claudia Singelmann**, sister-in-law of Lorinda Sealey, in critical condition
- **Elvia Williams**, friend of Lorinda Sealey, recovering from surgery due to a broken hip
- **Stacy Fontenot** dealing with significant back pain from a herniated disc
- **Randy Marks**, friend of Anita Melon, receiving radiation and chemo for lung cancer
- **Lorriane Farnan**, aunt of Caralyn Durham, with brain cancer/recovering from a flood
- **Judy Crow**, friends of the Brittons, dealing with a newly diagnosed chronic condition
- **Jana Walker**, niece-in-law of Doug and Linda, with breast cancer, and her husband Tre'
- **CJ Veldman**, Meredith's brother, who is going through a hard time right now
- **Adrienne Haughton**, daughter-in-law of Lorinda Sealey's friend, recovering from cancer related 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
- **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
- **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
- **The children, women and men in ICE detention**
- **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**