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Daylight Saving is  
Sunday, March 14, 2021.

Remember to set your clocks  
ahead one hour  
Saturday night  
before you go to bed!

Happy Spring!



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## **WORSHIP AND MINISTRY NEWS**

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### **LENT AT UPC**

Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of Lent, a time of reflection and prayer in preparation of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. As in years past, we invite you to make the 40 days of Lent a transformational experience. This year we will engage forgiveness, which Marjorie Thompson in her book "**Forgiveness**" and our study guide describes as "the healing stream flowing out from the crucified Christ over a world that does not know how desperately it needs the healing." We are exploring this topic during worship and in small group settings. Forgiving others and humbly asking for forgiveness are central disciplines for all Christian believers. Lent, a time to reflect on our Christian journey, is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness. We have small group discussions

We hope you are making this Lent, amid coronavirus, physical distancing, and virtual worship, a truly healing experience by participating in worship and a discussion group, as your involvement makes a difference. Look for a special email towards the end of March with all of the Holy Week activities planned.

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

### OUTDOOR AT 8:00AM

Join us for a meditative experience on the grass facing Bushnell Ave. Follow the safety guidelines and please bring your own chair.

### ONLINE AT 10:00AM

Join us for worship each week lead by Dries Coetzee and assisted by Dawn Martin. Music provided by Mary Lowder, Keith Martinez, and the Choral Scholars. Church members take turns sharing in the time for children, moments for mission, and liturgies. Guest speakers and special visitors also add to the line up of some services.

#### Online Service Links:

[CLICK HERE FOR ZOOM WEBINAR](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR YOUTUBE LIVE](#)

#### Dial-In Numbers:

346-248-7799, 669-900-6833, 301-715-8592, 312-626-6799

Webinar ID: 209 945 961

#### Added Security:

Worship services are password protected. [Contact Anastasia](#) for the password. Please note, the password is the same week after week.

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## ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting of University Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, was held Sunday, Feb. 7, 2020, at 11:00am via Zoom during the Fellowship Time. The purposes of this meeting were to review the annual budget, to elect officers, and to vote on Pastor's Terms of Call.

Throughout the remaining Sunday Fellowship Times until May, we will receive the various committee reports, and hear from the committee chairs.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS



### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

This year's Habitat for Humanity home build will run through mid-April and we need volunteers! Each Saturday from 8:00am-3:00pm, we hope to have 2-3 UPC volunteers on site. You can learn as you go, and we'll keep a healthy social distance the whole time. [Click here to sign up to volunteer](#). The build site is on the south side of town, in the Rancho Carlota subdivision (13801 Watson Rd, 78073). [Contact Leslie Ellison](#) for info. Let's build better, together!

As always, we also welcome donations to fund next year's home. Please give to the church, with "Habitat Cluster" in the memo line.

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### I/CAN REPORT

February was a very active month for the Interfaith/Community Action Network at various levels: studying issues, meeting with elected officials and reaching out to the community.

- I/CAN leaders participated in an IAF Seminar with Professor Michael Budde, author of The (Magical) Kingdom of God and The Borders of Baptism.
- Leaders met with State Representative Phil Cortez that renewed his commitment to work in the state legislature to increase the homestead exemption, allow undocumented

residents to obtain a Texas driver's license, expand Medicaid, and simplify the process to obtain Medicaid for children. Leaders also met with Councilwoman Rocha Garcia who pledged to work with the organization and attend an assembly of I/CAN leaders scheduled for Sunday May 16. Leaders also participated in planning a meeting of state-wide leaders to discuss various issues in the state legislature.

- Ramon Duran, I/CAN organizer conducted a training session on power: how to create it and how to use it accountably.
- Leaders met with Sophia Lopez and Richard Mogas in two separate meetings to discuss the issue of affordable housing and the upcoming vote on May 1 to amend the city charter to allow bond money to be used for affordable housing.
- Leaders at St. Rose of Lima, St. Luke and University Presbyterian/True vine met to discuss strategies to reaching out to the people of the community and convening Zoom small group meeting to break down the barriers of isolation and identify issues of common concern. Leaders also met with the Vincent de Paul Society of the Archdiocese of San Antonio to strategize on how to reach out more effectively to the people of the community.

[Contact Joseph Luedecke](#) with questions.

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### **LOAVES & FISHES**

Sunday, March 7, is the next Loaves & Fishes. Monetary donations to purchase canned items (soups, fruits, veggies, meats, and peanut butter) for the House of Neighborly Service and Christian Assistance Ministry are welcome. Please mark online donations or send checks to the church marked "Loaves & Fishes."

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### **WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP**

UPC Book Group will meet via Zoom on Monday, March 22nd at 7:00pm with Sharon Holcomb as Moderator. After sharing our concerns and prayers, we will discuss Tattoos on the Heart by Gregory Boyle. All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book yet.

[Let the church know](#) if you want to be added to the mailing list. Instructions for joining the virtual gathering are sent out a day before.

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### **SHAWL MINISTRY - PUTTING THINGS INTO CONTEXT**

Last month we all faced tremendous challenges and hardships. It took me back to a time 30 years ago reminiscent of my time in Iraq during the Gulf War. No flush johns. No heat. Uncertain food supply. Intermittent power. No running water. Yup. Just like Iraq. We had Scuds to worry about 30 years ago. Today we have Covid-19. Still at war, much more deadly enemy.

For many, the fight or flight reflex never let down: It was a whole week of uncertainty and not knowing what to expect. In the Army we prepared for war. Last month San Antonio and surroundings were unprepared- emotionally and logistically. Even though the crisis has passed here, residual damage for many still has to be faced and paid for. The personal and emotional trauma of the experience still has to be dealt with and unpacked.

Many exceptional acts of kindness were experienced, but in many cases, people are still shocked and hurting. Be kind to yourself. What you went through emotionally and physically was what people in war zones experience. It will take awhile to feel comfortable again. If you or someone you know is still reeling, the Shawl Ministry invites you to take a shawl. It's a small thing but it's warm and a reminder of God's enfolding love. Shawls may be selected from the box in the church library or you may [contact Caryl Gaubatz](#).

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### **PRAYER FLAGS AVAILABLE FOR ALL**

The prayer flag makers have made prayer flags available (for free) for each deacon to give to folks in their parish who have suffered a death or other severe occurrence in their life, as well as for those who are experiencing a joyous event - a birth, wedding, graduation, etc.

However, the flaggers decided to tell all members of UPC to take or mail a flag to others, outside UPC, that may be comforted. [Contact the church office](#) to set up a time to retrieve a flag.

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## OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT DURING THE WEEK

### Sunday Outdoor Worship - 8:00am

Join us for a meditative experience on the grass facing Bushnell Ave. Follow the safety guidelines and please bring your own chair.

### Sunday Virtual Worship - 10:00am

[Click here for the Zoom Webinar](#), [click here for YouTube Live](#), or call 346-248-7799 with meeting ID 427 660 200. You can also watch the service later at your convenience on [YouTube here](#).



### Sunday Joys, Concerns & Prayers Fellowship Time - 11:00am

We miss the personal connection when we watch services online. Not seeing each other in worship takes away a critical connection we have come to love about worshipping at UPC. Join Dries after worship for sharing your joys and prayer. [To Join Click Here](#) or dial 346-248-7799 and enter Meeting ID 742 807 278.

### Meditation Tuesdays: Centering the Week with Dawn Martin - 10:00am

Whether you've never meditated or are a transcendental sage, join us for communal meditations. Together we will breathe in new possibilities for how we shape our days, setting intentions that nurture peace, generosity, and compassion. We will open the hour with centering prayer and wisdom literatures from diverse traditions, and then move into the contemplative. [To Join the Zoom Webinar. Click Here](#),

### Tuesday Discerning Worship with Karen Jensen and Dries Coetzee - 1:00pm

Worship is about so much more than just a sermon. Join a discussion lead by Karen Jensen and joined by Dries as we discuss the upcoming Sunday's Scripture and make it relevant to our lives. Through art, poetry, and meditation, we explore the multi-facetedness of God's word for our time. [Contact Karen Jensen to receive Zoom invite](#). Please Note: Feb. 17-Mar. 30, this will become a Lent Small Group.

### Wednesday Zoom Knit-In - 7:30am

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join. For further information, [contact Caryl Gaubatz](#). Even though we may not be able to enjoy each other's physical presence, we realize the need to remain a "knitted-together" community. Plus there are real psychological benefits to working with one's hands: the repetitive motions of knitting activate the parasympathetic nervous system, calming the "fight or flight response." (*British Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 2013). [To Join Click Here](#).

### Wednesday Midweek Check-In and Prayer with Dries - 9:00am

These are trying times. Not being with each other removes the sense of connection. Join Dries for a midweek check-in and prayers as we cultivate a community of faith that seeks to nurture and support one another through life's trials and triumphs while we minister to the brokenness in the world. [To Join Click Here](#).

### Thursday Theology 101 with Dawn Martin - 7:00pm

Deepen your faith with Dawn Martin as you engage in a theological conversation. Dawn has taught courses in Philosophy and Theology, Civil Engagement, Peace and Power, and Utopias and Dystopias, at Drew University, St. Mary's University, and Hanover College. Her areas of academic study include political theology and peace-making. [To Join Click Here](#). Please Note: Feb. 17-Mar. 30, this will become a Lent Small Group.

### Saturday COVID-19 Bereavement Support Group - 10:00am

This weekly online support group is for those who have lost loved ones to COVID-19. This informal group will be held one hour a week and is limited to 20 people. [Contact Joseph Luedecke, LMSW for more information and to sign up](#).

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## SESSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - FEBRUARY

- **Session Centering** – Before the beginning of Session business, Dawn Martin led the Elders and guests in a brief meditation. After the weather and pandemic events of the past few weeks and months, attendees welcomed it as a healing exercise.
- **Receiving New Members** - The Welcome & Fellowship Committee will schedule meetings to receiving those who are considering joining UPC as new members. Inquiry classes that were normally held in the past are on hold until restrictions are lifted for in-person meetings, but W&F will offer several videoconference meeting options in the next few weeks for the interested parties.
- **Baptisms Resume** – On Saturday, Feb. 27, the first UPC baptism in months was held for Gael Marin. The request was considered by the Pandemic Advisory Group and approved for an outside ceremony, with restrictions on group size and other precautions suggested by public health officials.



**Porter Loring Family Care Services  
and  
University Presbyterian Church & SOL Center**

**Would like to invite you to join a six-week virtual program  
For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.**

**Life After Loss Virtual Class**

**This program is designed to give you an opportunity to:**

**Understand the process of grief**

**Assess where you are in this process**

**Discover how your loss can transform you into becoming a better person**

**Plan for how you will continue to heal and live a good life**

**Place: Virtual Group via Zoom**

\*Please note that call in information will be provided after you register.

**Contact: Kelsey Hankins (210) 227-8221, [KHankins@porterloring.com](mailto:KHankins@porterloring.com)  
(please register a spot providing your email address\*)**

**Dates: Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6, 2021**

**Time: 6:30pm-8:00 pm**

**Facilitator: Darwin L. Huartson, M.Div, BCC  
Porter Loring Community Coordinator**

Attending all six sessions is most beneficial, therefore no new participants are accepted after the second session. For more information, please call Darwin Huartson, (210) 227-8221 or Nancy Vaughan, (210) 508-8629

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## ONLINE GIVING / STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for keeping up with your pledge or donating extra to the UPC Covid-19 Response Fund. Continue to mail checks to the church office or click on the link below for online donations.

[DONATE NOW](#)

## CHRISTIAN PEN PALS: UPC'S NEW PRISON-RELATED MINISTRY

In keeping with the text of Matthew 25 and the tenets of being a Matthew 25 church, UPC is calling for volunteers as we embark on a new prison-related ministry: [Christian Pen Pals](#).

### What is Christian Pen Pals?

Christian Pen Pals (CPP) is an organization that matches volunteer pen pals (age 18+) with inmates that are incarcerated. Inmates are male and female and can be incarcerated anywhere in the nation. Volunteering with CPP is a way for UPC members and sojourners to engage with an inmate in a COVID-safe way and within the structure of an established program.

### What does a volunteer do?

The hope is that pen pals will write to their inmates around twice per month; the cost of postage is part of the volunteer commitment. UPC's mailing address will be used as the return address for letters from the inmates, and UPC Pen Pals will be notified when they have received a letter. The focus of the letter-writing should be on building a positive relationship, and if stories of faith and spiritual encouragement are shared, that is welcome. [Click here for more details](#) on the matching process, safety, and suggestions for letter content.

### Why is UPC joining CPP now?

This opportunity was brought to the Mission, Outreach and Justice Committee by UPC member Janice Zitelman, who has been a Christian Pen Pal along with her husband Fred since 2016. Janice says: *"The ministry has afforded us a lens into the prison system and shows us some of the struggles of our brothers and sisters from different backgrounds than ourselves. Such a lens increases our understanding of the human condition and helps us to empathize more with others. The four men we have been corresponding with bring many blessings to us: we write to them and pray for them, and they also offer prayers for our wellbeing. It has been a meaningful experience for us."*

### How can I get more information or sign up?

[Email Janice with questions and to indicate interest](#). We hope to sign up volunteers in February and March, in advance of April as "Second Chance Month," but volunteers can start at any time.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Thanks to all who have been keeping up with their pledges so far in 2021 and to the many new members and visitors who have made donations. We have a healthy balance in most of the special funds which are non-operating funds, usually designated for a particular purpose. The overall balance in the special funds account is \$438,630 which includes a very generous anonymous donation of \$125,000 which is being used for campus improvements and making the sanctuary more spacious and audio/visual friendly. The sanctuary remodel project is underway and the solar panel project is very close to completion - only lacking the CPS solar meter! The SoL Center offers interfaith adult education and has an operating budget of \$33,160 and separate endowment accounts.

Financial Report for January 2021 - Operating Budget				
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
<b>Revenues</b>				
Pledge Income	\$83,334	\$44,704	\$38,630	\$536,456
Reimbursements	\$2,455	\$5,636	-\$3,181	\$70,378
Other	\$5,678	\$6,146	-\$468	\$54,349
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$91,467</b>	<b>\$56,486</b>	<b>\$34,981</b>	<b>\$680,835</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Mission, Outreach & Justice	\$5,755	\$6,638	\$883	\$68,430
Stewardship & Finance	\$1,046	\$754	-\$292	\$9,050
Personnel	\$33,793	\$37,145	\$3,352	\$437,999
Christian Education	\$46	\$688	\$642	\$8,250
Worship & Arts	\$367	\$642	\$275	\$7,700
Facilities & Operations	\$6,407	\$11,208	\$4,801	\$134,500
Welcome & Fellowship	\$0	\$771	\$771	\$9,250
Session	\$1,048	\$434	-\$614	\$5,255
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$48,462</b>	<b>\$58,280</b>	<b>\$9,818</b>	<b>\$680,434</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$43,005</b>	<b>-\$1,794</b>	<b>\$44,799</b>	

In addition to operating funds and special purpose funds, we also have Endowment Funds which are funds invested for the long term that help support programs of the church and The SoL Center. The current market value of UPC Endowments is \$632,454 and the book value is \$424,773. The current market value of SoL Endowments is \$150,113 and the book value is \$105,061. Endowments are invested and only the earnings or a percentage of the current value may be used regularly.

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### **UPC THANKED OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS**

To express our gratitude to those working in healthcare, the Welcome & Fellowship Committee and Mission Outreach & Justice combined resources and volunteers to thank personnel at Metropolitan Methodist Hospital for their tireless work during Covid.

With the financial support of both committees, fifteen baskets filled with chocolates, mandarin oranges, and nuts were delivered to staff lounges with notes of thanks from UPC. In addition, each of the administrative staff received a personal thank you note with a Starbucks gift card. The baskets and cards were filled and delivered on a cold, rainy day just in time for Valentines.

Thanks, UPC, for letting us thank those who have worked so hard during the pandemic!



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### **COVID-19 RELIEF FUND**

UPC's drive to respond through the COVID-19 Response Fund continues. Our church community has contributed just under \$29,000, so thank you! \$21,000 has been given to community nonprofit organizations and \$3,500 has been given to families in our midst that are in need of assistance.

If you or someone you know needs some extra help with rent, utilities/internet, groceries, healthcare expenses, transportation expenses, childcare expenses, or other essentials, please reach out to your Deacon or [Pastor Dries Coetzee](#) (UPC) or to [Cindi Catlin Gaskins](#) (UPCC). A subcommittee will review and respond to these requests confidentially and as quickly as possible.

Thank you for all you have done-and all you will continue to do-to help UPC respond to this crisis with compassion and in alignment to our Mission and Welcome Statement. Your generosity to the COVID-19 Response Fund and by maintaining your UPC pledge makes that possible.

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### **SOUPEL BOWL OF CARING RESULTS**

UPC Youth Ministry and the MOJ Committee collaborated for the Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser that centers around raising money and non-perishable food items for people experiencing hunger. Mission Presbytery encouraged youth groups to participate in a competition with other groups in our Presbytery and the MOJ Committee was amazing enough to agree to use some of their COVID-19 Relief Fund to contribute to the fundraiser. We decided to contribute to the House of Neighborly Service food pantry, an organization that has worked tirelessly to fight hunger during the pandemic.

HNS is not the only place that has been working toward fighting hunger. This month, in addition to contributing to the Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser by the youth, the MOJ Committee focused specifically on hunger relief among the organizations they disbursed funds to from their COVID-19 Relief Fund, including Meals on Wheels, St. Vincent de Paul, and Christian Hope Resource Center / SA Hope Center. In total, UPC Youth Ministry raised \$665, with the MOJ Committee matching \$500, for a total of \$1165 and over 100 non-perishable food items to donate to HNS. UPC Youth Ministry was very excited to work alongside the MOJ Committee in this; our students strongly believe in helping those in need. We can't wait to partner with them again in the future.

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## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND COLLEGE MINISTRY

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### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Children's ministry is in a strange state during the COVID-19 pandemic. While church staff and volunteers want to minister to and support children and families, they do not want to burden them, as many families are already overwhelmed with distance learning, working from home, and limited childcare availability. The Christian Education Committee is continuing to explore this situation and consider what type of programming we would like to offer for children and families in the fall. If you have suggestions, opinions, or questions, please [contact Children's CE Committee Chair, Melissa Almsted](#).

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### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The youth continue to meet most Sunday evenings via Zoom and one Sunday evening a month in person. In addition, kids can "Hang with Hannah" at the Quarry Starbucks. [Click here for a schedule](#).

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### COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Pastor Dries and others are re-imagining what college and young adult ministry could look like at UPC. Todd McGraw established a vibrant college ministry group in his tenure at UPC, and Dakota Kohfield maintained it. Members continue to meet online and are looking forward to redefining its young adult ministry to foster inclusion. If you'd like to be a part of this conversation, [please contact Dries](#).

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## UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S CENTER

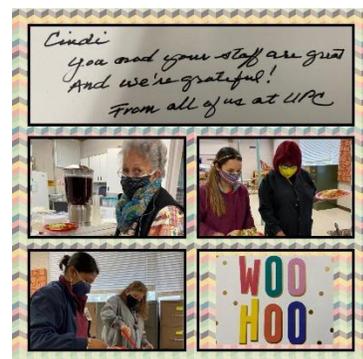
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### SCHOOL NEWS

What a special day!

The Welcome and Fellowship Committee of the church provided lunch for the UPCC staff along with a handwritten Valentine for each staff member!

The staff of UPCC express our gratitude to those who provided the wonderful meal and desserts as well as everyone at UPC for their support of the school.



## THE SOURCE OF LIGHT CENTER

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### UPCOMING CLASSES

The SoL Center is offering online programming (meetings and webinars via Zoom) in the Spring. [Click here](#) for class descriptions and instructor bios.

#### **Faith and Race—An Ongoing Conversation with Rev. Andries Coetzee, Dr. Doshie Piper, and others**

**Schedule:** Two Saturdays; Mar. 20 and Apr. 17; 10:30-11:30am

**Tuition:** Free, registration required by Mar. 13

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

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## CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES

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### CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

#### **Partnership of Prayer**

Over 160 people are currently united in praying for others as needs arise. If you would like to participate or if you have a prayer request, please [contact the church office](#) or [contact Kate Wilson](#).

#### **Caregiver Needed**

Seeking live-in companion care and caregiver for our kind 20 year old son with autism, intellectual developmental delays, and epilepsy. \$14 an hour, 25 hours a week, plus free room and board. Seeking a caring, sweet, responsible, and dedicated lady with a heart for special-needs people. We are a very nice Christian family in a nice, big house in NW San Antonio. This is a steady and safer job during these times because we are glad to all shelter-in-place and get everything delivered and sanitized. [Please contact Melissa](#). (Editor's Note: Melissa and her family visited UPC a couple of times prior to the pandemic.)

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### MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### **Birthdays**

- 1- Janifer Meldrum
- 1- Laurie Sanders
- 1- Aaron Catlin
- 1- Laurel Cox
- 1- Consuelo Donahue
- 2- Dhawn Martin
- 4- Sara Holland
- 4- Courtney Anderson
- 6- Barry Hubbard
- 7- Grace Toman
- 8- Catherine Bray
- 11- Larry Adamson
- 12- Lily Rodriguez
- 12- Kristen Addington
- 12- Hanna Kuykendall
- 12- John Rezentos
- 14- Sally Smith
- 14- Robert Browning
- 14- Lillian Morris
- 15- Kathy Cody Gallaway
- 16- Barbara Warren
- 16- Endalkachew Coetzee
- 16- Karen Smith
- 17- Ed Bondurant
- 17- Jane Warsaw
- 19- Michelle Allgood Welker
- 21- Marian Edson
- 22- Ruth Frederick

24- Jocelyn Miller  
24- Karen Roe  
25- Ron Tefteller  
26- Ralph Fritz  
27- Elinor Gingerich  
28- Pamela Toman  
30- Christian Carpenter  
30- Aimee Jensen  
31- Allison Esman  
31- Lamont Wood

**Anniversaries**

12-Katy and Eddie Bravenec  
16-Lois and Tom Heger  
18-Betsy and Dave Pasley  
25-Melinda and Lamont Beckett  
25-Gail and Ben Plummer  
26-Janifer Meldrum and Bud Eaton  
27-Pamela and Troy Toman

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**GIFTS & MEMORIALS**

**UPC Memorial Fund in Memory of Anna Barbara Neuenschwander**  
Barry Hubbard

**UPC Memorial Fund in Memory of Jim Ireland**  
Barry Hubbard

**UPC Memorial Fund in Memory of Susan Langan**  
Barry Hubbard

**UPC MOJ Unrestricted Fund**  
Janice Zitelman & Fred Johnson  
Catherine Bray

**SoL Programming Fund**  
Jane Warsaw  
Cynthia Smith

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**PEOPLE SERVING YOU**

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**STAFF**

Anastasia Bernal - Church Administrator  
Allan Catlin - Facilities & Event Steward  
Cindi Catlin Gaskins - Children's Center Director  
Andries Coetzee - Pastor  
Hanna Cooley - Youth Ministry Director  
Mary Lowder - Organist  
Dhawn Martin - SoL Center Director  
Keith Martinez - Choral Music Director  
Frank Villalpando - Custodian

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**SESSION**

**Ruling Elders - Committee Serving**  
Melissa Almsted - Christian Education, Co-Chair (Children)  
Cathy Bray - Worship & Arts, Co-Chair  
Robert Browning - Christian Education, Co-Chair (Adults)  
Terry Fried - Stewardship & Finance, Chair  
Keith Kendall - Mission Outreach & Justice  
Hanna Kuykendall - Worship & Arts, Co-Chair  
Melinda Loudon - Mission Outreach & Justice, Co-Chair

Art Nicholson - Facilities & Operations and Co-Clerk of Session  
Ariel Simpson - Personnel, Co-Chair  
Sally Smith - Christian Education and Nominating, Chair  
Don White - Facilities & Operations, Co-Chair  
Andrew Wilson - Mission Outreach & Justice, Co-Chair

**Non-Session Members - Committee Serving**

Ben Henderson, Facilities & Operations, Co-Chair  
Sandy Nicholson - Church Treasurer  
Betsy Pasley - Co-Clerk of Session  
Melissa Richard - Welcome & Fellowship, Chair  
Lou Williams - Personnel, Co-Chair

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**DIACONATE**

**Deacons - Parishes and Assignments**

Carol Brown - Northwest Parish, Vice-Moderator  
Margaret Cairnes - Olmos Parish  
Bonnie Flake - Northwood Parish  
Marlyn Gibbs - Windcrest Parish  
Paula Henderson - Castle Hills North Parish  
Linda Ireland - Northeast Parish  
Cynthia Smith - College Student Parish, Treasurer  
Anne Pearson - Alamo Heights Parish  
Carlos Rodriguez - Fredericksburg Parish  
David Sanders - University Parish  
Nancy Vaughan - Moderator  
Janice Zitelman - Stone Oak Parish, Secretary

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San Antonio, TX

**UPC'S MESSAGE TO YOU**

*Wherever you may be in the journey of faith, UPC welcomes you.  
We are a community where honest questions are valued  
and where faith is considered a process, not an arrival.*

*Affirming that every person has worth as a unique creation and a child of God,  
we welcome into full participation people of every age, sex,  
race, color, ethnicity, culture, immigration status, political affiliation,  
economic condition, physical and mental ability, marital status,  
sexual orientation, and gender identity and expression.*

*If you are passing through, we extend God's blessings to you as you continue on your way.  
If you are seeking a home, we invite you to join us in the adventure  
of serving Jesus Christ in a challenging world.*

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