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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Greeting friends,

We have a full Sunday ahead of us.

We are honored to welcome the Rev. Ted Foote as our guest preacher this Sunday. He will be preaching on Matthew 9. Next week Pastor Lora will return us to the beginning in Genesis. Rev. Foote will also be joining our adult Sunday school class as the co author of *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America*, which the class has been faithfully studying these past few weeks. We are also delighted to welcome back UPS's good friend, Rev. Carla Matthews to co-preside with Ted over the Lord's Supper and help lead us in worship.

We will also be ordaining and installing our new church officers by the laying on of hands and thanking those whose time in leadership has come to a close.

Last, but not least, this Sunday at 4 p.m. is our all church Luau Summer kickoff. Melissa and Daniel Almsted have graciously offered to provide pulled pork bbq. Bring a side or dessert and come fellowship with us!

Please keep Pastor Lora and her family in your prayers as they spend this week moving her parents, Carol and David, to San Antonio from the Woodlands. Transitions always come with challenges, and I know she is excited to have them here in SA.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday!
Pastor Josh

SUNDAY SCHEDULE INFORMATION

8 a.m. Outdoor Meditation

Participate in meditative gathering out on the front lawn. Bring a blanket or chair and join us.

10:00 a.m. Summer Childcare

Childcare is offered for children Kinder and younger in UPCC Room #2. Obtain gate code [from Erika Stiner](#) or Greeters. (Note: UPCC family codes do not work on Sundays.)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Join us for worship in the sanctuary or online. [Click here for the bulletin](#). The first Sunday of each month we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Worship leaders include Lora East, Erika Stiner, Josh Clapp, Christian Carpenter, Keith Martinez, Zachary Ridgway, Nicholas Dimick, and others.

11:30 a.m. Summer Children's Choir

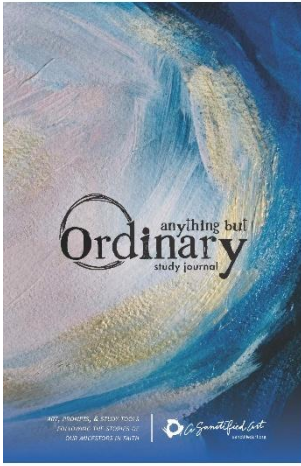
Choir will continue through the summer in CE #6. Kids meet Nicholas and Erika in the Narthex at 11:30 a.m. to go to the Forum for a snack and then to the room to rehearse.

Online Service Links

[Click here for Zoom Webinar](#) or [click here for YouTube Live](#). You can also watch past services at any time by [clicking here](#).

Summer Parking

With college kids away from Trinity University during the summer, we are granted access to park along Bushnell Ave., on Heidi Circle, and at the Parker Chapel visitor spots. We also encourage those who are able to take short walks to park down the streets of Bushnell and Laurel Heights.



WORSHIP FOCUS FOR SUMMER

During the summer months, UPC will follow a 12-weeks-long study of the Abrahamic family narratives in Genesis and Exodus using Sanctified Art's *Anything But Ordinary* curriculum.

To dig deep into these narratives, they created a booklet that is part devotional, part scripture study, part personal journal. Each week dives into one of these family stories through art, Visio Divina meditation, scripture study, artist reflections, creative writing prompts, and prayer.

A small amount of printed copies of this booklet are in the Narthex. [Contact the church office](#) if you would like an electronic version.

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

The whole church is invited to celebrate the beginning of the summer with an

ALOHA SUMMER PARTY!

**JUNE 7
4-6 PM**

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We will provide the BBQ, you bring a dessert or side!

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PRESS CONFERENCE - JUNE 9



Friend of Immigrants, you are invited!! Invite others too!

WHAT: A **Press Conference** to raise awareness about escalating immigration enforcement. San Antonio already has the 4th highest number of immigrant arrests of U.S. cities this year. With the implementation of Senate Bill (SB) 8, 287(g) agreements, and now SB 4 (from 2023), Texas law enforcement agencies are partnering with ICE to arrest, detain, and deport many more of our neighbors—including children. Quietly, one by one, members of our community are being arrested, detained, and deported at greater and greater rates.

WHO: Members of three local interfaith organizations, Interfaith Welcome Coalition, Nuevos Vecinos, and Agape Action San Antonio

WHEN: Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 10:00 AM

WHERE: Main Plaza in front of the San Fernando Cathedral, 115 Main Plaza, SA 78205. (In case of rain, the event will occur at La Trinidad United Methodist Church, 300 San Fernando St. SA 78207.)

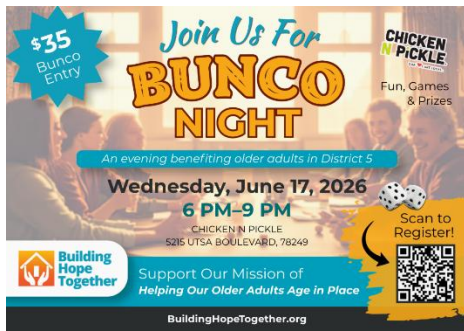
WHY: The effects on children and families are devastating, with people afraid to leave their houses, lost wages, and children staying out of school. The damaging effects on public safety, our economy, our educational system, and our community's mental health are just beginning to be felt.

WHAT TO BRING: Bring a positive immigrant sign. Do not include messages that refer to negative messages such as "Immigrants are not illegal."

HOW: For additional information, contact Sister Denise LaRock, Denise.LaRock@doc.org, 443-602-5801.

PW BIBLE STUDY - JUNE 17

The final meeting of the Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study for this year will take place on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in the UPC Library. This yearlong study on joy, resilience, and our identity in Christ will conclude with "*When You Are Walking with Jesus: The Road to Emmaus*," from Luke 24:13-35. No previous attendance is necessary to enjoy this lesson. All women are invited. For more information, [contact Paula Gentner](#).



BUNCO NIGHT - JUNE 17

Building Hope Together has a fun way to support their mission of "Helping Older Adults Age in Place" ... by playing Bunco. [Click here to purchase your ticket online](#) and then prepare to attend Bunco Night on Wednesday, June 17, at Chicken N Pickle (5215 UTSA Boulevard, 78249). This is one of the agencies that UPC's Mission Outreach

& Justice Committee supports.

SUMMERTIME GAME DAY - JUNE 20

The Welcome & Fellowship Committee is hosting a Game Day on Saturday, June 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the CE Building. Bring your favorite games and your personal water bottle. This is a church-wide event and there will be plenty of space for dominos, cards, and other games! Bring a neighbor! Get a friend to come along! For more information, [contact Paula Gentner](#).

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - JUNE 22

The book group will meet on Monday, June 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Jeanette Clark where Kelli Weedon will lead the discussion of *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey. As usual, all are welcome, even if you have not yet read the book. Simply bring a salad to share. [Kindly notify Jeanette](#) if you plan to attend or need directions to her house. [Contact Sandy Nicholson](#) to RSVP as a Zoom participant.

2026 PRIDE FESTIVAL AND PARADE - JUNE 27

A poster for the 2026 PRIDE Festival and Parade in San Antonio. The poster features a group of people holding a banner that says "God's Love is All Inclusive" and "UNIVERSITY WESBYTERIAN CHURCH". The banner also has a rainbow heart logo and the number "115". The poster includes the "PRIDE BIGGER THAN TEXAS" logo, the "PRIDE San Antonio" logo, and a QR code. Text on the poster reads: "Join us at PRIDE 2026", "Come hang out at the festival booth", "or", "march with us in the parade!".

PRIDE 2026
FESTIVAL AND PARADE

PRIDE San Antonio

115 God's Love is All Inclusive
UNIVERSITY WESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Join us at PRIDE 2026
Come hang out at the festival booth
or
march with us in the parade!

LUNCH BUNCH - JUNE 28

The Lunch Bunch will gather at Ming's Cafe at Midtown (914 E Elmira St, 78212) on Sunday, June 28 after worship. This Dutch treat lunch fellowship opportunity is a great way to get to know people from UPC. If you have questions or want a ride to and from church, please [contact Janifer Medrum](#).

Christmas in JULY

**Mission Outreach and Justice
Family Feast July 5th**

Who: Everyone of all ages!
What: Family Feast
When: July 5th immediately following worship
Where: The Gathering Space

Why: To learn more about Alternative Gift Market and ways for families to practice generosity all year long

How: Through story time, crafts, and conversation

What's on the menu?
Hotdogs and paletas

RSVP

SCAN HERE

[CLICK HERE FOR THE RSVP LINK](#)

SESSION AND COMMITTEE INFORMATION

SHARING THE SPACE REMINDER

We are so lucky to be able to share space with University Presbyterian Children's Center. Our youngest are able to take advantage of an age appropriate classroom and playground during their time in Sunday morning childcare year round.

During the summer months, UPCC expands to include school-aged children and uses additional space to accommodate this program. Please be aware that for June and July the Community Room and Gathering Space are used as classrooms Monday-Friday and remain set up over the weekends.

For safety reasons, children should not be unaccompanied in any space on campus, but please pay special attention to these spaces so we can be good neighbors to the SOIL program. Thank you!

MAY SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved signing a Memorandum of Agreement to become a Core Partner Organization in support of Building Hope Together.
 - Approved off-site worship and congregational picnic at Orsinger Park on October 18, 2026.
 - Outgoing Elders, Melissa Almsted, Ben Henderson, Kelli Weedon, and Bob Wise, were thanked for their service to UPC's congregation.
 - The Christian Education - Children & Youth committee is hosting a church-wide Aloha Summer Party on June 7 from 4-6 p.m. All are invited to attend. BBQ meat will be provided and participants are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to serve at least 10 people.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CAMPUS?

CE Kitchen

If you have been to church lately, and more specifically, in the CE Building, you may have noticed some significant changes in the works with the remodeling the kitchen. The old cabinets have all been removed; new cabinets will be installed and we will have new sinks, new dishwasher, new combination microwave/convection oven, and fresh paint. Until the work is finished, we have packed everything up and found spaces for the boxes. So, please excuse the mess and any inconvenience. It will be so nice to have a more user-friendly space. Since UPCC, a Sunday school class, children's choir, and committees still need to use the CE Building, the work is being done around us. Any kitchen needs will be handled through the Community Room kitchen. We'll keep you posted about the progress.



Columbarium

The work has begun to add the East wall of the Columbarium. This section was planned from the start, but the committee felt we could wait to do the build until the time it was needed. Currently, there are only 10 out of 58 niches left to purchase. This phase of construction will add 70 more niches to our space available to purchase.

Financial Report for April 2026 Operating Budget				
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	Annual Budget
Revenues				
Pledge Income	\$216,890	\$218,574	-\$1,684	\$655,722
Reimbursements	\$18,276	\$18,276	\$0	\$54,828
Other	\$27,044	\$20,511	\$6,533	\$61,534
Total Revenues	\$262,210	\$257,361	\$4,849	\$772,084
Expenses				
Mission, Outreach & Justice	\$23,932	\$24,527	-\$595	\$71,610
Stewardship & Finance	\$6,294	\$6,201	-\$93	\$19,103
Personnel	\$150,463	\$151,690	-\$1,227	\$456,471
Christian Education	\$5,411	\$4,867	-\$544	\$14,600
Worship Ministry	\$2,248	\$2,500	-\$252	\$7,500
Facilities & Operations	\$54,736	\$60,058	-\$5,322	\$180,175
Welcome & Fellowship	\$3,065	\$3,158	-\$93	\$9,475
Session	\$3,899	\$4,300	-\$401	\$12,900
Total Expenses	\$250,048	\$257,301	\$7,253	\$771,834
Net Total	\$12,162	\$60	\$12,102	

TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you for pledging and keeping up with your gifts. 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 \$378,101; however, we have some large facility projects in the works. The SoL Center is mostly on hold and has a budget of \$10,000. The SoL Center has endowment funds which can be used for programming needs.

In addition to operating funds and special purpose funds, UPC also has Endowment Funds. These funds are invested for the long term to help support programs of the church, The SoL Center, and the Children's Center. The April market value of UPC Endowments is \$1,588,119 and the book value is \$1,107,611. The April market value of SoL Endowments is \$198,017 and the book value is \$135,617. Endowments are invested and only distributions or a percentage of the current value may be used regularly.

BIBLE STUDY CLASS

The Bible Study Class led by Jim Gentner will continue to study the Gospel According to Matthew, the second half starting at chapter 15. They will continue to meet in Room #3 of the CE Building at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings through the end of July.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Let the kindness of the Lord our God be over us. Make the work of our hands last. Make the work of our hands last!

(Psalm 90:17, CEB)

The UPC Shawl Ministry has two chapters, both meet weekly. One group meets in person on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in Monte Vista. The other meets on Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom. Every month we try to have an in person get-together where folks from both groups can enjoy food, fun, and fellowship together.

Being in community is important to mental and physical health. Sharing projects and patterns encourage learning new techniques and fosters self confidence. In June, anyone interested in being part of this vibrant, productive and caring fellowship is invited to join us at these events:

- Saturday, June 13, 2 p.m. - Bee Nice Cream, 8003 Broadway, 78209
- Wednesday, June 17, 7:30 a.m. - Corner Bakery, Quarry Market

For more information or to request a shawl , [contact Caryl Gaubatz](#).

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Summer Sunday Childcare

Childcare is available for those in kindergarten and younger available 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the UPCC Downstairs Classrooms. [Contact Erika Stiner](#) for the gate code or ask the Greeters.

Sunday School Classes

Taking a break until September. Feel free to [contact Erika Stiner](#) with questions.



Summer Children's Choir

Our children continue to make a joyful noise during children's choir on Sundays, 9:50-10:25 a.m. [Please contact Nicholas Dimick](#) if you have any questions. [Click here](#) to sign up to assist.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group Schedule

June 7 - All Church Aloha Summer Party

June 11 - Drive-In Movie

July 30 - Schlitterbahn

Summer Camps at Mo Ranch 2026

June 16-19 - Summit 46 for entering 4th-6th grades

June 21-25 - Youth Celebration for exiting 9th-12th grades

July 5-9 - Junior High Jubilee for exiting 6th-8th grades

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adults will continue to meet every Monday, 6-7:30 p.m. [Contact Josh Clapp](#) for more information.

2025-2026 UPCC FAMILY FEEDBACK

A total of 38 feedback forms were returned towards the end of the school year. The overall rating score for the six key questions are below. (1 = Not Satisfied and 5 = Very Satisfied)

4.9 - I am satisfied with the care and education my child has received at UPCC

4.9 - I feel UPCC meets the needs of my family and child.

4.9 - The director, Cindi Catlin Gaskins, exerts leadership with treating staff and parents with respect.

4.9 - The assistant director, Sandy Stout.

4.9 - I feel the director or assistant director are available and responsive when I have questions or concerns about the program or my child.

4.9 - I feel informed about UPCC policies and school-wide activities, such as guidelines, payment information, special events, closings, etc.

Specific feedback on questions are logged on the summary form. [Click here to read all of the comments.](#)

A NEW SCHOOL YEAR FOR UPCC

As the Children's Center begins its 55th school year in June, the younger children transition to new classrooms and the children ages 5-8 years of age in the SOIL (School-age Outdoor Investigational Learning) program return for four 2-week camps for June and July.



Every summer with the SOIL program Trinity students and graduates considering careers in education work with the school age group alongside our regular full-time staff. This summer we have two Trinity graduates and two second year students. The SOIL program also serves as a practical experience as they develop their skills and understanding of working in the field of education.



CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

The Sacrament of Baptism

We baptized Austen James Miles Bell on Sunday, May 24.

Austen is the child of Alison Wiesenthal and Paul Bell, the grandson of Janice Miles, and nephew/cousin of Alexis Miles and Jack.

We baptized Sage Anna Stevens on Sunday, May 31.

Sage is the child of Steffanie and John Stevens, and little sister to Wren.

New Members

Brian Flores by Letter of Transfer

Kealey Martinez by Reaffirmation of Faith

Keith Martinez by Reaffirmation of Faith

Stephanie Negron-Fernandez by Letter of Transfer

Julie Risman by Letter of Transfer

Senior Recognition

Matthew Payton, from Trinity University

Melayne Anderson, from NE School of the Arts at LEE High School

Jackson Hile, from Winston Churchill High School

Lillian Holland, from Claudia Taylor "Lady Brid" Johnson High School

Sympathies

Marion Edson passed away May 16.

Mariel Garber passed away June 5.

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.](#)

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

1-Lamont Beckett
1-Jim Gentner
1-Nicholas Dimick
1-Julie Risman
5-Taylor Hile
6-Dale Clyde
8-Sheri Rosen
9-Hillary Everts
9-Ashley Gans
9-Mark Seaman
10-Dave Pasley
10-Liora Supcoff
12-Jaiden Bueno
12-Chris Ware
13-Fernando Frescas
13-Laine Leibick
13-Jay Louden
13-Lydia Piper
14-Mailyn Dill
14-Eric Neal
16-Nicole Foy
16-Gabriel Miller
16-Troy Toman
17-Sarah Strybos
18-Mary Lance
18-Roy Martino
19-Victoria Esman
19-Andrew Frescas
19-Annette Louden

21-Jim Shinkle
21-Cristina Silva
21-Susan Williams
22-D'Ann Seaman
23-Camille Holland
23-Zoe Mitchell
26-Daniel Almsted
26-Garry Cole
26-Becky Huston
27-Sloane Spriester
28-Elliot Morgan
30-Ruthie Douglas

Anniversaries

1-Betty and Ralph Fritz
2-Renee and David Meriwether
5-Carla Monroe-Posey and Doug Posey
6-Gail and Marc Raney
8-Lauren and Hunter Morris
14-Lydia and Matthew Piper
21-Becky and John Huston
21-Barbara and Jim Warren
24-Tamara and Timothy Apgar
24-Miriam and Leslie Ellison
24-Jane and Terry Fried
28-Liz and Carl Helser
28-Sara and Will Holland
28-Jennifer and Jacob Tingle
30-Caryl and Gary Gaubatz

GIFTS & MEMORIALS - MAY

UPC Prayer Shawls

Anonymous Cash
Kay Johnson

UPC Deacons Fund for Grief Books

Tucker Gibson

UPC Memorial Fund in memory of Ross Smith

Judy and Garry Cole

UPC Memorial Fund
in memory of Raymond Judd
Paula and Jim Gentner

UPC Special Donations Fund in honor of Austen Bell's Baptism

Alison Wiesenthal

UPC Special Donations Fund in honor of Josh Clapp's Ordination

James Nicholson
Julie Adkins

UPC Special Donations Fund Bangladesh School Needs

Tucker Gibson

UPCC Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund

Joan Hildreth
Lou and David Williams
Janifer Meldrum and Bud Eaton
Patty Nicholson
Gail and Marc Raney
Miriam and Leslie Ellison
Barbara Trinkle
Jeanna and Cabral Balreira
Judy and Garry Cole
Janice Zitelman and Fred Johnson
Antje and Norman Klaunig
Gail Olsen
Carolyn and Don White
Alison Wiesenthal

UPCC Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund in honor of Sandy, Melanie, and Christopher

Cindi Catlin Gaskins and Dave
Gaskins

UPCC Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund in honor of Cindi Catlin Gaskins

Cathy Leary and Bill Germer

2nd Harvest Food Bank

Lora East

PEOPLE SERVING YOU

F&O COMMITTEE REQUESTS YOUR HELP

The intent of the form is to involve everyone in the maintenance and safety of our facility. [Click here to access the form online](#) or use the QR code provided. Issues reported will be reviewed and prioritized by the F&O Committee. Thank you in advance for your assistance!



UPC Facility & Safety Concerns Form



STAFF DAYS OFF, HOLIDAYS, AND OFFICE CLOSURES

Lora East: 06/03/26-06/10/26, 06/12/26-06/13/26, and 06/15/26-06/19/26

Josh Clapp: 06/12/26-06/13/26, 06/17/26-06/25/26

Erika Stiner: 06/17/26-06/19/26 and 06/22/26-07/04/26

Nicholas Dimick: 06/28/26-07/19/26

SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Memorial Day to Labor Day

Mondays:

Closed

Tuesdays – Fridays:

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

On-site emergencies:

210-663-5280 or 210-240-4113



STAFF

Anastasia Bernal - Church
Administrator

Christian Carpenter - Media
Technician

Allan Catlin - Maintenance
Coordinator

Cindi Catlin Gaskins - Children's
Center Director

Josh Clapp - Youth & Young Adult
Ministries Director

Nicholas Dimick - Children's Choir
Director

Lora East - Pastor

Keith Martinez - Choral Music
Director

Zachary Ridgway - Organist/Pianist

Erika Stiner - Children's Spirituality
Director

SESSION

Ruling Elders - Ministry Serving

Laurie Doyal-Lampman - SoL
Center Liaison

Ashley Gans - Worship & Arts Chair

Miriam Martinez - Christian
Education Jr. Chair

and UPCC Liaison

Jennifer Mitchell - Christian
Education Jr.

Sue Martino - Stewardship & Finance
Chair

Patty Nicholson - Worship & Arts

Doug Posey - Christian Education
Sr. Chair

Mark Seaman - Worship & Arts

Elena Serna-Wallender - Welcome
& Fellowship Chair

Tracy Wilson - Facilities &
Operations Chair

Julie Wise - Personnel Chair

Janice Zitelman - Mission Outreach
& Justice Chair

DIACONATE

Deacons - Parishes and Assignments

Paula Gentner - Moderator
Arlene Aguilar - University
Bonnie Bartlett - Airport
Safira Carpenter - Olmos
Cindi Catlin Gaskins - Castle Hills North
Jeanette Clark - Downtown South and Secretary

Becky Huston - Northwood and Vice-Moderator
Laine Leibick - Northwest
Tatyana Lewis - North Central
Carla Monroe-Posey - Fredericksburg
Sally Smith - Northeast
Barb Warren - Alamo Heights

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UPC nor any of the staff will ever send an email or text asking for gift cards, money, or help/assistance; nor with ambiguous greetings like, "Hey, do you have a minute?" Report as spam or just delete the text or email.



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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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