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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear friends,

What a fun front lawn worship we had last week with Confirmation and a Baptism! The activities fair was so fun, too. Huge thanks to everyone who made our Earth Day celebration so meaningful! And welcome, again, to our recently confirmed youth.

For the next three Sundays we are in the Gospel of John. John is the most mystical gospel of the four gospels. Matthew, Mark and Luke have the most in common with one another. John is this wild card with these woo woo statements and often we're wondering, what does that mean?

Our text this Sunday says a lot, but we often get the most hung up on this one verse: *I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.* This verse is one of those biblical landmines that has centuries of baggage that we are unlucky to inherit. And yet we can't ignore it and pretend it doesn't exist.

What does it mean that we are reading this in Eastertide? Our text is a reminder of what Jesus told his disciples before his traumatic death and resurrection. This is a text of comfort, and a reminder that Jesus goes before us. In fact, our Scripture for Sunday is often read at funerals because it's meant to be one of comfort. So join us on Sunday as we look at this text through the lens of this Eastertide Season.

Your Pastor,  
Lora

Sunday Scripture: [John 14:1-14](#)

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## **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.

### **8:30 a.m. 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.)

### **9 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages**

Classes for children and adults are held in the Center for Education Building.

### **9:50 a.m. Children's Choir and 11:30 a.m. Adult Choir**

Children gather to make a joyful noise in the Community Room and adults rehearse in the Sanctuary.

### **10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

Join us for worship at 10:30 a.m. 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.

### **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](#).

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you are invited to the ordination service of

# Joshua S.Clapp

as he becomes a Minister of Word and Sacrament  
in the Presbyterian Church (USA)



Sunday, May 24 at 2:30 p.m.

University Presbyterian Church  
300 Bushnell Ave  
San Antonio, TX 78212

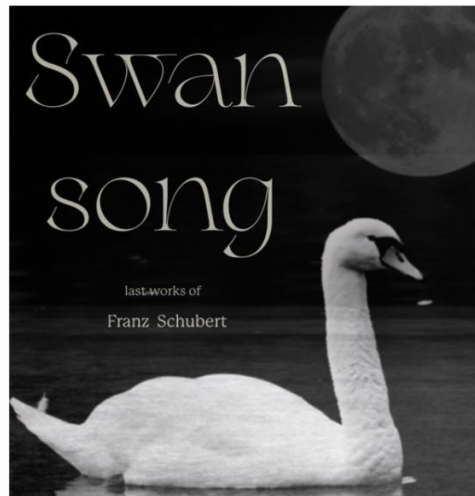
Reception to follow

## EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Christopher Briggs Rodriguez,  
baritone  
Zachary Ridgway,  
pianist

Saturday, May 2, 3 p.m.

Ruth Taylor Recital Hall  
Trinity University



### PRAYER SHAWL DISTRIBUTION - MAY 3

#### God's Closet by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

*When you are asleep  
you hang in God's closet.  
Every morning God gets up  
and stands there wondering,  
"What shall I wear today?"  
God chooses you and puts you on.  
That's when you wake up.*



The imagery in this picture is lovely. It's brilliant. Step inside it for a moment. Imagine God choosing you in all your special originality to represent THEM today on earth. Imagine that YOU have an important job to do as a chosen envoy of God. St Teresa of Avila says it best: "Christ has no body now on earth but yours; No hands but yours; No feet but yours; Yours are the eyes through which is to look out Christ's compassion to the world; Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good; Yours are the hands with which He is to bless now."

No one is too small or too poor or too powerless to be kind. No one is too insignificant to be God's representative here on earth. And, good news, kindness is contagious. Your friends in the Shawl Ministry will be handing out lap robes and shawls just outside the Narthex doors from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Sunday, May 3.

Interested in joining us or trying us on for size? Our next In-Person Meeting will be 7-9 a.m. May 6, at The Corner Bakery Quarry location. For more information, [contact Caryl Gaubatz](#).

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### **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TRAINING - MAY 3**

When UPC worshiped at Madison Square Presbyterian Church for MLK Jr. Sunday, Erika and Lora were struck by the beautiful liturgy they used to begin worship:

This is the font of identity.

This is the table of sustenance.

This is the book of memory and hope.

Bienvenides, people of God, welcome home!

Rituals are one of the ways people, especially children, connect with faith. Rituals and liturgy that children know and participate in are even more impactful than those they just observe. Just as UPC has included bringing the Light of Christ into worship and sending it out into the world with acolytes, UPC would like to include this new liturgical practice in worship at UPC.

On May 3, children currently in Kindergarten and up, along with their parents, are invited to learn more about Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the Bible. Families will lead the congregation in this weekly liturgy to center our worship around Word and Sacrament.

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### **FIRST SUNDAY FAMILY FEAST - MAY 3**

Join us May 3 after worship for a Family Feast at The Cove (606 W Cypress, 78212.) All are welcome to come for a Dutch Treat lunch and fellowship no matter your age or family make up. This is a great time to build intentional intergenerational friendships. Due to the Presentation of Gifts Training, some families may not arrive until 12:30 p.m.

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## **READING AND Q&A WITH AUTHOR NICO LANG - MAY 7**

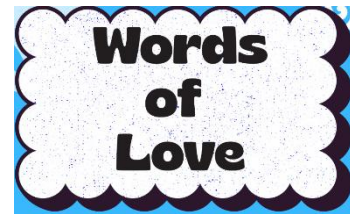
Nico Lang is a longtime LGBTQ+ journalist and author of the recently released book, *American Teenager*, which documents the lives of trans kids and their loved ones in seven different states. His goal was to speak back to extreme anti-trans rhetoric about youth by showing trans young people as they actually are: powerfully human.

He's been touring the country for the past 19 months to bring their voices and stories to as many communities as possible, and as part of that work, he will be in San Antonio next week, on Thursday, May 7, for a Reading/Q&A at Travis Park UMC, with the help of the Pride Center. The event should start around 6:30 p.m. and the UPC Community is invited to join.

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## **WORDS OF LOVE - THROUGH MAY 10**

There will be strips of paper to leave words of love, encouragement, or scripture passages for our graduation seniors to take with them. The plan is for them each to have a jar with these words they can pull from when they need a moment of encouragement or reminder, they are loved. It can be challenging to transition from high school and into the world. Let's overflow their jars with love!



We will be recognizing our graduation Seniors on Sunday, May 17 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

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## **LUNCH BUNCH - MAY 17**

The Lunch Bunch will gather at Ro-Ho Pork & Bread - Tortas Ahogadas (8617 N New Braunfels Ave, 78217) on Sunday, May 17 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 Medlum](#).

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## **PW BIBLE STUDY - MAY 20 - DIFFERENT LOCATION**

The Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, May 20, at 10:30 a.m. at the office of Building Hope Together (2802 W Salinas, 78207.) Sharing the Bible Study is the beginning of a collaboration between the UPC PW Group and Building Hope Together.

Lesson 8 in the PW Horizons study book will be discussed: *Remembering Jesus' Baptism*. The Bible reference is the story of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist, passages are from each of the gospels: Luke 3:1-22, Matthew 3:1-17, Mark 1:1-11, and John 1:19-34. Each lesson stands alone, so previous attendance is not necessary. All women are invited. Meet in the UPC parking lot at 10 a.m. if you would like to carpool. For more information, [contact Paula Gentner](#).

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## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - MAY 25

The book group will meet on Monday, May 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Becky Huston where she will lead the discussion of *The Cure for Women* by Lydia Reeder. As usual, all are welcome, even if you have not yet read the book. Simply bring a salad to share. [Kindly notify Becky](#) if you plan to attend or need directions to her house. [Contact Sandy Nicholson](#) to RSVP as a Zoom participant.

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## MAKING YOUR GRIEF COUNT - STARTS JUN. 2

A support group for any adult who is grieving the loss of a loved one will begin in June and run for eight weeks. You do not need to be a member of UPC to attend, so feel free to tell your friends or family members.

Information is below. Please register [by contacting Janice Zitelman](#).

**MAKING YOUR GRIEF COUNT**

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Porter Loring Mortuaries and University Presbyterian Church would like to invite you to join us in an eight-week program for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

This program is designed to create a safe place to:

- Embrace your grief and learn to bear it
  - Discover how your loved one can live on into your life story
- Strengthen your characteristics of resilience
  - Plan for how you will continue to heal and live a meaningful life

**FACILITATOR:**  
Emily Phillips Davis, M.Div.

**WHEN:**  
Tuesdays,  
11:30am-1:00pm  
June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30,  
July 7, 14, 21, 2026\*  
**\*Attending all sessions is most beneficial, therefore no new participants will be accepted after the second session**

**WHERE:**  
University Presbyterian Church  
UPC Continuing Education  
Room 3  
300 Bushnell Avenue  
San Antonio, TX 78212

**COST:**  
Free\*\*

**CONTACT:**  
Janice Zitelman

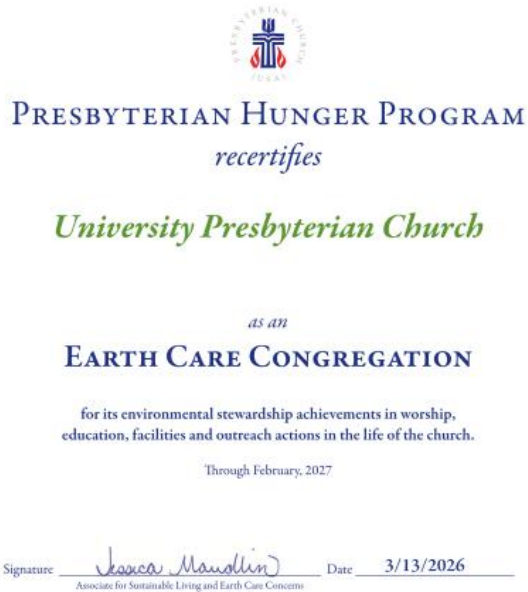
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## SESSION AND COMMITTEE INFORMATION

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### UPCC RECERTIFIED AS AN EARTH CARE CONGREGATION

This is UPC's 7th year being certified. [Click here to see more information](#) about this PC(USA) Program.



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### APRIL SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Three Confirmands, Zoe Christine Mitchell, Hendrix Sterling Olmsted, and Caitlin Estibaliz Villareal-Roth, were received into membership.
  - Session approved the summer office hours between Memorial Day (May 25) and Labor Day (Sep. 8) to be Mondays = Office Closed and Tuesdays-Fridays = 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
  - Sue Martino, Patty Nicholson, and Janice Zitelman were elected to be commissioners at the Jun. 12-13 Mission Presbytery Stated Meeting at Parkway Presbyterian Church in Corpus Christi.
  - Sandy Nicholson, CE Adult Committee, shared that there will be a Q&A session on Sunday, Jun. 7 with Ted V. Foote, Jr., Zbinden Chair Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Leadership at Austin Theological Seminary, and author, along with P. Alex Thornburg, of the book, *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America*. He will also preach during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.
  - Miriam Martinez, CE Children & Youth Chair, announced plans for an all-church luau to celebrate the beginning of summer in early June.
  - Ben Henderson, Mission Outreach & Justice Chair, shared that the Americans United for the Separation of Church and State will show films followed by discussions at UPC three evenings July.
  - Bob Wise, Facilities & Operations Chair, shared that the committee is finalizing the plans for the Christian Education kitchen remodel. They hope to start the project within the month.
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## TREASURERS 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 \$391,549; 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.

| Financial Report for March 2026 Operating Budget |                  |                  |                 |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|  | YTD Actual       | YTD Budget       | Variance        | Annual Budget    |
| <b>Revenues</b>                                  |                  |                  |                 |                  |
| Pledge Income                                    | \$177,527        | \$163,931        | \$13,596        | \$655,722        |
| Reimbursements                                   | \$13,707         | \$13,707         | \$0             | \$54,828         |
| Other  | \$21,055         | \$15,383         | \$5,672         | \$61,534         |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                            | <b>\$212,289</b> | <b>\$193,021</b> | <b>\$19,268</b> | <b>\$772,084</b> |
|  |                  |                  |                 |                  |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                  |                  |                  |                 |                  |
| Mission, Outreach & Justice                      | \$21,260         | \$21,610         | -\$350          | \$71,610         |
| Stewardship & Finance                            | \$4,903          | \$4,650          | -\$253          | \$19,103         |
| Personnel  | \$110,799        | \$113,468        | -\$2,669        | \$456,471        |
| Christian Education                              | \$5,090          | \$3,650          | -\$1,440        | \$14,600         |
| Worship Ministry                                 | \$992            | \$1,875          | -\$883          | \$7,500          |
| Facilities & Operations                          | \$41,568         | \$45,044         | -\$3,476        | \$180,175        |
| Welcome & Fellowship                             | \$1,536          | \$2,369          | -\$833          | \$9,475          |
| Session  | \$2,897          | \$3,225          | -\$328          | \$12,900         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                            | <b>\$189,045</b> | <b>\$195,891</b> | <b>\$6,846</b>  | <b>\$771,834</b> |
|  |                  |                  |                 |                  |
| <b>Net Total</b>                                 | <b>\$23,244</b>  | <b>-\$2,870</b>  | <b>\$26,114</b> |                  |

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 March market value of UPC Endowments is \$1,503,277 and the book value is \$1,107,611. The March market value of SoL Endowments is \$1877,559 and the book value is \$135,617. Endowments are invested and only distributions or a percentage of the current value may be used regularly.

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## SA PRESBYTERIAN CLUSTER HABITAT REFLECTION

As we celebrate the completion of the 50-Year Anniversary Habitat for Humanity build, our church is reminded of the quiet but powerful ways God works through willing hands and open hearts. Milestones like this invite us to pause, breathe, and recognize the renewal that comes when we step into God's work together — not in a rush, but in a spirit of steady faithfulness.

This home stands as a testament to what can happen when the body of Christ comes together with a shared purpose. Built through the combined efforts of the Presbytery Cluster, along with the dedicated service of UTSA students, UTSA ROTC, and AmeriCorps volunteers, this project reflects the strength of partnership and the beauty of unity across our wider community. Every nail hammered, every wall raised, and every prayer spoken over this home was an act of love and service.

Thank you to everyone who showed up — through labor, encouragement, meals, or simply lifting this effort in prayer. Our church family and the Presbytery Cluster continue to shine as a community that supports, serves, and builds hope where it's needed most.

And as we look ahead, I want to plant a seed for next year's build. When the time comes, I hope to see our church community raise their hands to volunteer — whether that means opening your checkbook or stepping onto the build site to help raise the walls with your own hands. When I say anyone can do this, I truly mean it. There is a job for everyone. We've had volunteers of all ages — including a 94-year-old — and all skill levels. So tuck next year's build into the back of your mind, and let's make it even better together.

May this home be a lasting reminder that when we come together in Christ's name, God multiplies our efforts far beyond what any of us could do alone.



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### **PARENT CONNECTION**

The Parent Connection continues to meet each Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Church Library. They are returning to the pre-Lenten format for the discussions and reflecting on the lectionary scripture for the day, using reflections and questions from the Presbyterian Outlook. This will continue through the end of May before taking a summer hiatus.

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### **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

The Sunday Morning Book Discussion Group will discuss, *What to Believe? Twelve Brief Lessons in Radical Theology* by John D. Caputo, 2023. We welcome anyone and everyone who enjoys reading and have lively discussion. This segment will run until May 31, and then the class will take a break during the summer.

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### **LIVING OUR FAITH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

The Living Our Faith Sunday school class will study *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America* by Rev. Ted V. Foote, Jr. and P. Alex Thornburg through May 31, 9-10:15 a.m. in Room 4 of the CE Building. The class will be led by our great friend Rev. Debbie Parsons and is open to everyone. On June 7, there will be a Q&A session with the author, Rev. Ted V Foote, Jr. A supply of books from the church office for \$10 each.

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### **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. There will be a discussion whether the class wants to continue or move to a different study.

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# MISSION OUTREACH & JUSTICE

## NEWSLETTER

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### MOJ MINUTE



A Visit to the Dilley Family Residential Center  
- Click Here! -

### ON THE MOVE

#### LEARN

Educate yourself on what is happening on the border and around the country.

GET STARTED →

#### ENGAGE

Join the work of the Interfaith Welcome Coalition.

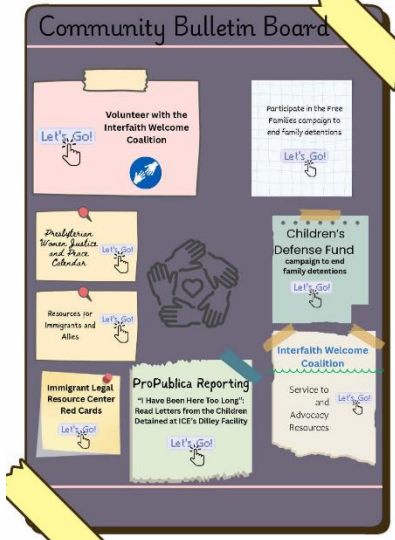
GET STARTED →

#### ACT

Participate in local and national campaigns to end family detention.

GET STARTED →

### Community Bulletin Board



Volunteer with the Interfaith Welcome Coalition  
Participate in the Free Families campaign to end family detentions  
Children's Defense Fund campaign to end family detentions  
Interfaith Welcome Coalition  
Service to and Advocacy Resources  
ProPublica Reporting  
Immigrant Legal Resource Center Red Cards  
Resources for Immigrants and Allies  
Presbyterian Women Justice and Peace Calendar

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE LINKS IN THE NEWSLETTER](#)

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### THANK YOU TO THE MANY EARTH-DAY EVENT VOLUNTEERS

We were fortunate to be able to experience worship outdoors! A huge thank you to those who helped organize the outdoor worship and all who participated. We all enjoyed many fun activities afterwards from nature-based prayer flags to leaf painting, from plastic recycled art to henna and natural fabric dyeing, from learning about the greenway trails around San Antonio to education about reducing and reusing in our homes, and from music to healthy snacks and paletas!

Living in community and helping each other to appreciate and care for the earth are all values that we appreciate as part of the University Presbyterian Church fellowship!

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### THANK YOU FOR THE BLOOD DRIVE

UPC officially donated 9 pints of whole blood during the Blood Drive on Sunday, Apr. 26. Although we didn't make our goal of 16 units, we were able to help save 27 lives.



The next blood drive at UPC will be Sunday, Nov. 15, in conjunction with our Alternative Gift Market.

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## UPC COMPOSTING PROGRAM

We started the composting program at University Presbyterian Church in 2024 and UPC has diverted 3,376 pounds from the landfill to date. You can compost all kinds of organic waste from lawn clippings to food waste to paper towels to compostable plates and cups.

In February alone, UPC composted 491 pounds. Assuming this is the monthly average, 4,213 net pounds of CO2 would be saved from your composting efforts over the course of the year. This is equivalent to...

- Greenhouse gas emissions from 0.446 average cars driven for one year and 4,866 miles driven by an average passenger vehicle.
- CO2 emissions from 215 gallons of gasoline consumed in one year and 0.257 homes' energy use for one year.

Last year, we worked with Mission Compost to become a drop-off location for those in the community who might want to implement composting in their own homes. Composting is already available as part of your Solid Waste fees throughout the City of San Antonio, but NOT if you live in apartments, condominiums, or in one of the separately incorporated cities like Olmos Park, Alamo Heights, Terrell Hills, Windcrest, and Helotes.

Anyone who interested in adding composting for their home would have an option of setting up service with Mission Compost and can either choose to have them pick up from you or you can drop off at UPC in the special shed which is on the south side of our parking lot. [Please contact Mathew Chandler at Mission Compost](#) to see if this might make sense in your life.

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## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

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### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

#### Sunday Childcare

Childcare is available for those in kindergarten and younger, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the UPCC Downstairs Classrooms. [Contact Erika Stiner](#) for the gate code or ask the Greeters.

#### Breakfast Snacks

Breakfast snacks are available for all classes from 8:30-8:55 a.m. [Click here to volunteer.](#)

#### Sunday School Classes

The Godly Play Grace Growers (Pre-K - 2nd grade children) meet in the CE Building, Room #6. They use the *Godly Play* curriculum, a hands-on way to engage with the stories of the people of God and wonder together about the mysteries of our faith. The Upper Elementary Peace Makers (3rd - 5th grade children) meet in Room #7 of the CE Building. Are you interested in helping with these classes? [Click here to sign up](#) to help on Sunday mornings. Feel free to [contact Erika Stiner](#) with questions.

## 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.

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Sunday Mornings

Middle and High School Youth are invited to come hang out in the Youth Room to read a book, do homework, or play a board game on Sundays, 9-10 a.m., in the CE Building Room #1. [Contact Josh Clapp](#) to be added to the youth email newsletter.

### Youth Group Schedule

- May 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Gathering
- May 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Gathering
- May 17, 10:30 a.m. - Senior Recognition
- May 24, 2:30 p.m. - Josh's Ordination Service
- May 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m. - End of year Party
- June 7, 4-6 p.m. - All Church Summer Kickoff Luau

### Summer Camps at Mo Ranch 2026

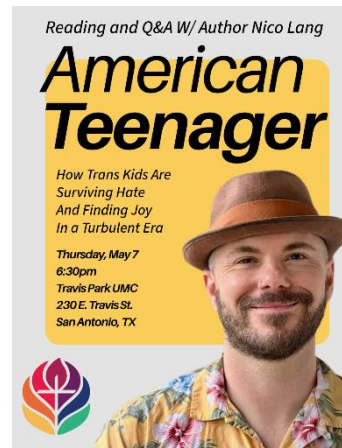
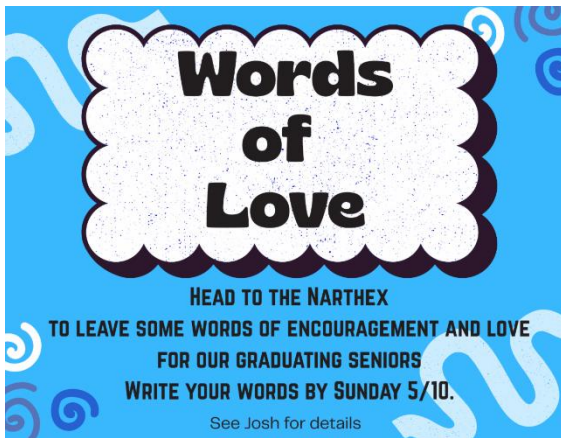
- June 16-19 - Summit 46 for entering 4th-6th grades
- June 21-25 - Youth Celebration for exiting 9th-12th grades
- July 5-9 - Junior High Jubilee for exiting 6th-8th grades

### Youth Confirmation

Congratulations to our three confirmands who made their profession of faith and became members of UPC on Sunday, Apr. 26

Zoë Christine Mitchell, mentored by Arlene Aguilar; Hendrix Sterling Olmsted, mentored by Dan Lopez; and Caitlín Estibaliz Villarreal-Roth, mentored by Kelli Weedon.





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### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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



**EVERY MONDAY**  
**6:00PM**  
**NOWHERE BOOKS**

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### ANNUAL PICNIC A BIG SUCCESS

With a theme of “Bubbling with Community,” the UPCC and UPC families and friends gathered on the front lawns for the Annual Picnic, Silent Auction and Raffle in early April. The rain clouds passed by the start of the event without a drop to damper the fun with the mounds of bubbles, face painting, a “Fish Pond,” story time with a character, and so much more that brought smiles to the faces of all ages.



### CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

#### The Sacrament of Baptism

We baptized Hendrix Sterling Olmsted on Sunday, Apr. 26.

#### New Members

We confirmed youth Zoe Christine Mitchell, mentored by Arlene Aguilar; Hendrix Sterling Olmsted, mentored by Dan Lopez; and Caitlyn Estibaliz Villareal-Roth, mentored by Kelli Weedon on Sunday, Apr. 26. We welcome them into membership at UPC.

#### Sympathies

Ross Smith passed away Apr. 6. A Memorial Service will be held at UPC on Sunday, May 17, at 3 p.m. with a reception following. [Click here](#) to sign up to help with the reception. If you are not able to be in person for the memorial service, you can [click here to watch online](#). Please continue to pray for his wife, Barbara, and his family and friends.

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### PARTNERSHIP OF PRAYER

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

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#### MAY CELEBRATIONS

##### Birthdays

1-Eddie Bravenec  
1-Mariel Garber  
2-Michelle Cox  
2-Gay Spinks  
3-Ellie Lopez  
3-Jude Lopez  
3-Alyssa Noltner  
3-Maya Sloan  
3-Barbara Smith  
6-Sera Steves  
6-Blaine Stiner  
8-Robin Raquet  
9-Lisa Campbell  
9-Alexis Miles  
10-Larry Higgins  
10-Devon Hile  
11-Melodie Pue  
12-Elise Frescas  
13-Bonnie Simons  
14-Judy Eno  
15-Leroy Sebesta  
18-Nancy Frescas

19-Terry Fried  
20-Lupe Bernal  
20-Harry Jewett  
22-Lisa Clyde  
23-Elena Serna-Wallender  
23-Caitlin Villareal  
24-Tony Truong  
25-David Carpenter  
27-Carl Helser  
28-Safira Carpenter  
29-Keith Martinez  
29-Eric Rodriguez  
30-James Nicholson  
31-Neena Tefteller  
31-Martha Whitworth  
31-Kate Wilson

##### Anniversaries

4-Allison and David Esman  
21-Jennifer and Nicholas Roberson  
27-Katherine Bridgman  
and Scott Gage  
28-Amanda and Bob Harris  
29-Laurie Doyal-Lampman  
and Rusty Lampman  
29-Neena and Ron Tefteller

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## **GIFTS & MEMORIALS - APRIL**

### **UPC Deacons Fund**

Jeanette Clark

### **UPC Deacons Fund for Grief Books**

Tucker Gibson

### **UPC Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Jeanette Clark

### **UPC Special Donations Fund in honor of Janifer Meldrum**

Paula and Ben Henderson

### **UPC Pastor Discretionary Fund**

Jeanette Clark

### **UPCC Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund**

Jeanette Clark

Carla Monroe-Posey and Doug Posey

### **Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services**

Charlotte Jensen

### **2nd Harvest Food Bank**

Paula and Ben Henderson

Tamara and Timothy Apgar

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## **PEOPLE SERVING YOU**

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### **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**



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### **STAFF DAYS OFF, HOLIDAYS, AND OFFICE CLOSURES**

Zachary Ridgway: 05/17/26

Children's Center Closed: 05/28/26-05/29/26

All Facilities Closed: 05/25/26

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## **STAFF**

Anastasia Bernal - Church Administrator  
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Cindi Catlin Gaskins - Children's Center Director  
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Lora East - Pastor  
Keith Martinez - Choral Music Director  
Zachary Ridgway - Organist/Pianist  
Erika Stiner - Children's Spirituality Director

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## **SESSION**

### **Ruling Elders - Ministry Serving**

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Laurie Doyal-Lampman - SoL Center Liaison  
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Ben Henderson - Mission Outreach & Justice Chair  
Miriam Martinez - Christian Education Jr. Chair and UPCC Liaison  
Sue Martino-Stewardship & Finance  
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Kelli Weedon - Stewardship & Finance Chair  
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Janice Zitelman - Mission Outreach & Justice

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Tamara Apgar - Alamo Heights  
Bonnie Bartlett - Airport  
Safira Carpenter - Olmos  
Cindi Catlin Gaskins - Castle Hills North  
Jeanette Clark - Downtown South and Secretary  
Marilyn Dill - Out-of-Town  
Paula Gentner - Northeast and Moderator  
Paula Henderson - North Central  
Becky Huston - Northwood and Vice-Moderator  
Laine Leibick - Northwest  
Carla Monroe-Posey - Fredericksburg

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