HAPPY HOLIDAYS, UUMC!

As we head into the upcoming winter season, there are plenty of opportunities to gather, worship, and spend time together at UUMC. From Christmas traditions to special services and fellowship, we look forward to sharing another season with you!

This pamphelt provides a general overview of events happening from November 2026 through January 2027. For the most up-to-date information, check your weekly Gathering and Scattering email for updates and reminders. Event dates and times are subject to change, so be sure to stay in the loop!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Social Justice Committee | November 15, 12:30 p.m. | Library
- Finance Committee | December 6, 4 p.m. | Library
- Church Council | December 14, 7 p.m. | Chapel
- Executive Committee | December 17, 12 p.m. | Library

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Please note the following changes to our regular office hours during the holidays:

Thanksgiving
- Nov 26–27 | Closed

Christmas
- Dec 23–25 | Closed

New Year's
- Dec 30 | Closing at 12 p.m.
- Dec 31–Jan 1 Closed

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 18 | Closed

2027 PLEDGE CARDS

If you have not received a mailed copy of our 2027 pledge card, please email ***office@universitymethodist.org***, and we'll be happy to get one to you! Printed copies are also available in the church narthex.

UUMC GIVING CODE

CHURCH CENTER

CHURCH STAFF & CONTACT INFORMATION

Need help with a church matter or have a question? Our UUMC staff is here to help! Below you'll find contact information for our staff members. Please reach out to the appropriate person, and they'll be happy to assist you. Our regular office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

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Keep this guide handy for important event details, church meetings, service time changes, and ways to stay connected at UUMC.

UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOV 12

UUMC FOLK CONCERT SERIES

Join University United Methodist Church and Katie Love for the second show in the UUMC Folk Concert Series, featuring Irish-Americana singer-songwriter Pat Byrne! Enjoy an evening of live music and storytelling on Thursday, November 12, at the LSU Wesley Foundation (333 E. Chimes St.). Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the show beginning at 7 p.m. Suggested donations are $20 for individuals, $50 for families, and $10 for students. No one will be turned away for lack of funds!

NOV 15

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB

Join us for the Social Justice Book Club as we explore issues of faith, justice, and community through reading and conversation. Our current selection is ***Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today*** **by Adam Hamilton.** The group meets approximately once a month, and new members are always welcome! Our next meeting will be Sunday, November 15, from 4:30–6 p.m. We will meet again on Sunday, December 6, from 4:30–6 p.m.
For questions or more information, contact Trey Bickham at ***trey.bickham@gmail.com***

NOV 19

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHY

It's time for a new church directory! Join us November 19–21 for our Connections Event and be part of our new church family album. Professional photography sessions will take place in the church library. Every family photographed by Universal Church Directories will receive a complimentary 8×10 portrait and a copy of the directory. **Photography sessions are available Thursday and Friday, November 19–20, from 2–8:30 p.m., and Saturday, November 21, from 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.**

Sign up at www.ucdir.com using Church ID: LA215 and Church Password: photosLA215. For questions, contact ***office@universitymethodist.org***

NOV 29

HOPE MINISTRIES TOY DRIVE

Each year, UUMC hosts a Toy Drive benefiting HOPE Ministries. Monetary donations help purchase toys for underserved children and gift cards for teens in need. You can donate through the provided link or place your contribution in a marked envelope in the offering plate. Please make donations by November 29 so we can purchase and deliver everything by HOPE Ministries' deadline. Prefer to shop for a toy yourself? Bring a new, unwrapped toy to the church sanctuary on November 29. Please include batteries if needed. Popular choices include sports balls, dolls, toy cars, and action figures. Please, no toys of violence!

DEC 4

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Need a night out? Let the kids enjoy an evening of fun at UUMC while you take some time for yourself! Parent's Night Out runs from 6:30–9:30 p.m. Registration is now open in Church Center!

DEC 6

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB

The Social Justice Book Club will meet Sunday, December 6, from 4:30–6 p.m. as members continue discussing ***Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today*** **by Adam Hamilton.** New members are always welcome! For questions or more information, contact Trey Bickham at ***trey.bickham@gmail.com***

DEC 6

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

Our young performers are getting ready to share their Christmas musical with the congregation! Join us at 9:45 a.m. for a morning of music and Christmas cheer as they present ***"O Christmas Tree!"***

DEC 7

POINSETTIA ORDERS CLOSE

Help brighten our church for Christmas by ordering poinsettias for the season! Please see Church Center for registration information. Orders close December 7.

DEC 13

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Through scripture, carols, and special music, we'll hear the story of Christ's birth and prepare our hearts for Christmas. We'll have one worship service at 10 a.m.

DEC 13

HOPE MINISTRIES FOOD DRIVE

Each year, UUMC collects food for the HOPE Ministries Client Choice Pantry. As part of our Advent Giving Campaign, you can help replenish pantry supplies by donating canned goods and other nonperishable food items. **Please bring your donations to church on December 13** during worship services. Church volunteers will deliver the collected items to the pantry. You may also make a monetary donation toward purchasing food through the provided link or in the collection plate. **Please submit monetary donations by December 13.**

DEC 17

DAY TIMERS SOCIAL

Join us Thursday, December 17, at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a social gathering for the senior members of our congregation. Enjoy CHRISTMAS COOKIES, cocoa, coffee, and good conversation with friends!

DEC 17

LONGEST NIGHT

The holidays can be a difficult time for those experiencing grief, loss, or other challenges. Our Longest Night Service offers a quiet space for prayer, reflection, and comfort. All are welcome to gather in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m.

DEC 19

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our youth are invited to celebrate the Christmas season together at UUMC! Join us Saturday, December 19, from 5:30–8 p.m. for an evening of Christmas fun and fellowship.

DEC 20

HOLIDAYS AT UUMC

Celebrate Christmas with us at UUMC! Join us for a morning of holiday fun, beginning with Birthday Party for Jesus for our youngest members and their families. Enjoy Christmas Family Brunch at 9 a.m. before gathering for our Family Christmas Service at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

DEC 24

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Christmas Eve is a special time to gather for worship and remember the gift of Christ's birth. Choose from services at 3 p.m. or 5 p.m. and share in this meaningful Christmas tradition.

DEC 27

SUNDAY WORSHIP

We'll gather for one worship service at 10 a.m. as we continue through the Christmas season. We hope you'll join us for a morning of worship and connection after the holiday!

JAN 17

UNIVERSITY 101

Interested in learning more about UUMC? Join us for University 101 on Sunday, January 17, at 5:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to learn more about UUMC and the United Methodist Church and to ask any questions you may have. Enjoy coffee and conversation as we take the next step toward becoming a member at UUMC. We meet once a quarter, and everyone is welcome!