

November 19, 2023



The Methodist Church in the 1800s

In the nineteenth century, “the people called Methodist,” both English speaking and German, played a crucial role in our nation’s growth and its push westward. Six forms of ministry were especially prominent.

Circuit Riders: Many preachers were appointed to ride a circuit, a loop of small frontier communities, often hundreds of miles around. The pastor preached, distributed literature from saddlebags, delivered letters, helped establish new congregations, and brought news of the larger world. It was not an easy life. The salary at one point was set at \$64 a year and half of the preachers died before they turned 30.

Camp Meetings: Early in the century a new religious form appeared, the annual camp meeting. Settlers from miles around would come with their wagons and tents, staying for a week or so. Evangelistic preachers of several denominations would stand on tree stumps or special platforms, proclaiming a vivid and emotional call to repentance and acceptance of God’s grace. The often-electrifying response brought many conversions and spread a vast spiritual revival across frontier America.

Sunday School: The Sunday school began in England in the late 18th century to teach children of the nation’s poor to read and write, to also teach the Christian faith, and to teach how to make moral choices. Wesley adopted it for the Methodists, and in the 19th century it spread rapidly across America. In congregations that were visited by a preacher only once in several weeks or months, the Sunday school was the chief means for Christian instruction and learning. Though called a school, the purpose in America was mostly evangelistic, not educational as in England. In the latter part of the century, Methodists joined with other denominations in the cooperative development of lessons for all ages.

Publishing: The Americas followed Wesley’s practice of distributing Christian literature, especially

needed with such a widely scattered population. In 1789 The Methodist Book Concern was founded to keep the circuit riders supplied with literature. The Evangelical named a book agent in 1816. Later, the Evangelical Press and the Otterbein Press served all the German-speaking churches. From these small beginnings the publishing enterprise grew into the United Methodist Publishing House (Cokesbury), located in Nashville, TN.

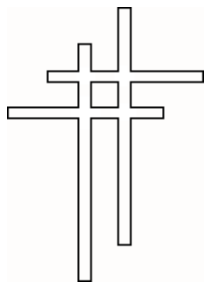
Missions: Thomas Coke, whom Wesley ordained and sent to America, is often called the father of Methodist missionary outreach. He challenged the church to share the gospel with others, and in 1804, the Methodists named him the general superintendent of all missions. The Missionary Society of the Evangelical Association was formed in 1839. One of the outstanding missionaries to Native Americans was John Stewart, an African-American preacher among the Wyandot people of the Midwest. The first Methodist missionary abroad arrived in Liberia in 1819. Work in China and India began at mid-century. By the late 19th century, missionaries were at work around the globe, with strong support from American congregations, Sunday schools, young people’s groups, and women’s organizations. New congregations were established, as well as countless hospitals, clinics, schools, colleges, and orphanages.

Schools: In the United States of America, the church was also at work founding schools and universities. The Methodist General Conference of 1820 urged annual conferences to develop colleges; by 1850 a number were functioning, many of which endure today. In Virginia some of the Methodist schools are Randolph-Macon, Randolph-Macon Women’s College, Virginia Wesleyan, Shenandoah, Emory & Henry, Ferrum...other schools you will know are Albright, Allegheny, American U., Baldwin-Wallace, Bethune, Boston U., Brevard, DePauw, Dickinson, Drew, Duke, Emory, Greensboro, Lebanon, Millsaps, Ohio Wesleyan, Otterbein, Pfeiffer, Southern Methodist, Denver, University of the Pacific, Wesleyan, Wofford, and Meharry Medical College, just to name a few. There are now 123 colleges, universities, seminaries and professional and secondary schools with United Methodist ties. Apportionments from every Methodist church in America help support and maintain these schools...AMEN.

Shalom,
Jim Sprouse

Please Celebrate Sunday's Message

Huguenot United Methodist Church is inviting you to our Sunday Morning Worship Service. This in-person service begins at 11 a.m. Please join us and take part in our worship and praise of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!



Pastor Jim Sprouse will provide us with the message

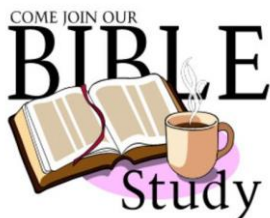
"The New Eden"
We hope you will join us!

HUMC Nursery

Our nursery caregivers, Rosalie Koch and a volunteer, are at church every Sunday morning and ready to welcome toddler children in the nursery! **Childcare is provided from 9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**



Our Adult Bible Study/Sunday School class begins gathering around 9:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship. Our lesson begins at 10 a.m. Our class meets in the Fellowship Hall.



The title of our lesson for Sunday, November 19, is "Finding Home in Unusual Places." The focal passage is Psalm 27. The background text

is the same. The purpose statement is "To discern God's presence when we feel frightened and alone."

We look forward to your participation in our class. If you have any questions, comments, or feedback regarding our HUMC Adult Bible Study please do not hesitate to contact me.

Gerry Flinchbaugh (804) 314-4817
gflinchb@gmail.com

Make a Joyful Noise!



Choir practice has resumed! New members (or those who might be interested) are **WELCOME!** We meet each Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room. Please contact Connie Salmeri with any questions. (804) 314-6308



Joy of Crafts – Bazaar **THIS SUNDAY!**

Mark your calendars now for the Joy of Crafts Holiday Bazaar coming to Huguenot starting **THIS Sunday, November 19**, in the Fellowship Hall following worship. This is the only fundraiser for the crafts group during the year, so your support is really important and appreciated. There will be lots of handmade gifts, toys, jewelry, and a few surprises. **The Bazaar will continue on Sundays until Christmas.**

Joy of Crafts has recently added a new source for donations - dresses for girls in Haiti, delivered there by a local Baptist church's mission team. We recently donated **51** dresses and plan to make more!

This is in addition to the items we make for nursing homes, homeless shelters and hospitals, including dialysis mitts, fleece hats, drain bags, children's pillowcases, walker and wheelchair totes and dignity bibs. We are still looking for donations of collared shirts to turn into clothing protectors. And we are always looking for volunteers who can sew any of these items - the skills needed range from beginner to advanced. For more information, contact Molly Sprouse at mollysprouse@gmail.com.

Assisting Families of Inmates

AFOI (Assisting Families of Inmates) has a children's service for children of incarcerated parents. They are helping to stop



the school to prison pipeline and intergenerational cycles of incarceration, by helping children learn skills that resolve conflict. We have volunteered to donate Christmas gifts for a small number of children. Please select your gift tag from our Angel Tree. Wrap them, attach the tags that you received in

your selection and return the gifts by or on December 3. Your donation will be appreciated by the many people who work hard to make this organization a success.

With Great Expectations,
Your Mission Team

Rise Against Hunger

Thank you, thank you to all who participated last weekend in our Rise Against Hunger event. We packaged 20,000 meals that will be shared soon with our friends in need throughout the world. We had a very successful turnout on Sunday. Families from five to ? participated in our event. We had congregations from two churches join with us. We had many helpers to make this event successful. If I thanked everyone individually, I know I would leave someone out. You all know who you are and how important you were to our very successful event.

Again, many thanks,
Judith Westerhouse



Save the Date!

Wednesday Night Pot Luck Fellowship Dinner

**Wednesday, November 29, at 6 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall**



Bring a dish to share and fellowship with your church family and friends.

*Please come early/stay after if you can assist.
Many hands make light work!*

Future Pot Luck Fellowship Dinner:

- **Dec. 13** - PIPS Puppets in Praise and Service
Holiday Program

Please note: We will not have a Fellowship Dinner on December 27.

Our Wednesday Night Pot Luck Fellowship Dinners are on the second and last Wednesday of each month. Feel free to email or text Shirley Bradshaw with questions at sbrads2321@gmail.com or (804) 240-1240.

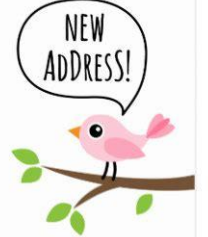
Caregiver Assistant Needed

Our church provides nursery caregivers Sunday mornings during worship and Bible Study / Sunday School for infants and toddlers. We are committed to offering a loving, caring, and safe environment and adhere to the Church Child Protection Policy by providing two adult caregivers. Our Caregiver Assistant recently resigned to return to her home church. Your Pastor / Staff Parish Relations Committee (P/SPRC) is advertising for a new hire. Volunteers are filling in temporarily. Please contact Shirley Bradshaw, (804) 240-1240 or sbrads2321@gmail.com, if you can volunteer in the interim. Additionally, please contact Shirley if you know of a potential candidate.



Please make note of this new address. (Judy's phone number did not change.)

Judy King
Anthology of Richmond
11210 Robious Road
Apt. 223
N Chesterfield, VA 23235-3719



Speaking of Address Changes!

A church directory update is in the works! Please review your listing and call or email Elaine to let her know of any desired changes.



**Happy Birthday to
Judge Cardwell (Nov. 22)**

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please call, leave a note or send an email to Elaine so she can include you!

Heartfelt Thanks

Dear Huguenot Friends,
Thank you so much for the cards, wonderful food, hugs, phone calls, gifts and prayers. We have felt the love of our Huguenot family during these difficult days. Each of you has blessed us and the celebration service and reception were a great healing for us. Pastor Jim did an outstanding job spreading God's message to our family and others. We are blessed.

Love,
LaVerne and Family

Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

Please contact Henry Harris or Chip Woodall if you are interested in joining the Usher Team.

THE UPPER ROOM

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Where the World Meets to Pray

Copies of the **November and December** edition of The Upper Room are now available on the greeting table at the front entrance. Please consider making a donation in the labeled box.



Nick Anderson

Family of Dianne Harris

Carmen Hoge

Stuart Joerg

LaVerne Jones and Family

**Judy King and Family of her brother,
Marshall Owens**

Debbie Luck

Judith Westerhouse

In an effort to keep the prayer requests current, names posted will be removed after 30 days unless requested otherwise.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Nov. 19 – 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
10 a.m...Adult Bible Study/Sunday School (FH)
11 a.m...Worship
12 p.m...Joy of Crafts Holiday Bazaar (FH)
12 p.m...Puppets in Praise and Service Practice (PR)

Wednesday, Nov. 22
7 p.m...Choir Practice (CR)

Thursday, Nov. 23 – *Happy Thanksgiving!*

Friday, November 24
10 a.m...Library Work Session

Sunday, Nov. 26 – 34th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10 a.m...Adult Bible Study/Sunday School (FH)
11 a.m...Worship
12 p.m...Joy of Crafts Holiday Bazaar (FH)
12 p.m...Puppets in Praise and Service Practice (PR)

CR – Choir Room **FH** – Fellowship Hall
K – Kitchen **L** – Library **PR** – Puppet Room

Upcoming EVENTS

- Tues., Nov. 28 – Finance Comm. Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m.
- Wed., Nov. 29 – Fellowship Pot Luck Dinner @ 6 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 3 – Joy of Crafts Holiday Bazaar @ 12 p.m.
- Tues., Dec. 12 – Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Church Office Hours:

Pastor Jim is in the office on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Elaine is in the office each Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. These hours are subject to change on occasion. (FYI-Elaine's hours may continue to vary as she supports family needs. She is checking email daily and will respond to requests for assistance as soon as possible.) If you have an article for the **pulse** newsletter, please email it to Elaine **by Wednesday at 10 a.m.**

Note: This newsletter and the Sunday Bulletin are posted on the church website by Friday evening.

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