

November 26, 2023



## Thanksgiving

**Thanksgiving Day** in the U.S. is celebrated on the fourth Thursday each November. Its origin is the harvest festival, giving thanks for all God's blessings. Prayer and feasts characterize it. Early European immigrants to North America celebrated their first Thanksgivings in 1619 at Charles City, Virginia, and in 1621 by the Plimouth colonists of Massachusetts

Thanksgiving is a time to remember and celebrate that, whether in Virginia or Massachusetts, the Native American tribal peoples made survival possible for the early immigrants to this beautiful country. The Native American cultures of New England and mid-Atlantic regions have a variety of elaborate ceremonies for thanksgiving which are related to the seasons of nature, their families, prayer and feasting. It was and is a time to offer thanks to the Creator.

I would like to offer my prayers of thanksgiving to all who make survival in this sometimes-hostile world possible for me:

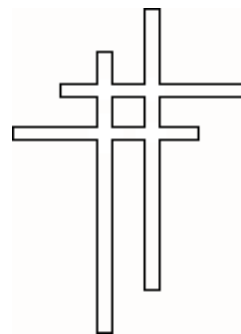
- ✘ Thanks to my mother and father for the gift of life and for encouraging me to face the world with courage and hope.
- ✘ Thanks to every teacher whose dedication and generosity of mind inspired my soul's growth and development.
- ✘ Thanks to my first wife, Patricia, whose patient love nurtured a boy into a man.
- ✘ Thanks to Catherine, daughter # 1, who taught me how to be a father.
- ✘ Thanks to Emily, daughter # 2, who taught me to see the world through an artist's eye and listen for the beat of the different drum.

- ✘ Thanks to Patrick, my son, whose strength of character reminds me how important it is to know oneself and persevere in life.
- ✘ Thanks to Huguenot Church for loving Molly and providing us with a new church family and opportunities of joint ministry.
- ✘ Thanks to Molly, my wife, whose love heals my soul's wounds, renews my spirit and causes my heart to sing; and thanks for her soul's sense of humor that keeps me laughing and filled with hope.
- ✘ Above all, Thanks be to God: the Divine Author, Artist, Giver of Song, and Companion.

*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

***"Christ the King"***  
*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.**



## Adult Bible Study/Sunday School



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 26, is “In

Whose House Will You Live.” The focal passage is Deuteronomy 8: 1-20. The background text is Leviticus 23: 33-43. The purpose statement is “To discern how we can accept God’s relentless hospitality.”

*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



## Mark Your Calendar!

Please join us for our Fellowship time after worship on **Sunday, December 3**. There will be ornaments to make and take home for your Christmas tree and cookies to decorate, plus Cissy's famous hot dogs and other delicious treats to enjoy.

## Poinsettias for the Church



Our congregation looks forward to having our church decorated with poinsettias during the Advent season. Flyers will be available this Sunday, Nov. 26, and also on December 3, for you to order a poinsettia to be placed in the church in honor or memory of

family or friends. The cutoff date for ordering poinsettias will be **December 10**. Please place your order form and your check for the poinsettias in the offering plate or the church office. The cost of each poinsettia is \$15.

Sarah Coffey



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

The Joy of Crafts Holiday Bazaar is back again this Sunday with some new additions and plenty of options for gifts. This is the only fundraiser for Joy of Crafts, and your support is very much needed and appreciated. Please stop by the Fellowship Hall on your way out of worship! The Bazaar will continue through Sun., Dec. 10.

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](mailto: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



**THIS WEEK!**

### 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.

### Rise Against Hunger

Thank you, thank you to all who participated 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. 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



### 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.



### 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

### Ushers Needed

*Are you willing to serve?*

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



### Happy Birthday!

Christian Podolny (Nov. 29)  
Stephen Podolny (Nov. 29)  
Connie Salmeri (Nov. 29)  
Judy Smith (Nov. 30)

### Happy Anniversary!

Bob & Claudine Pavlik (Nov. 30)



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

## 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**

**Cheryl Reynolds and Family in the passing of her mother, Mildred Powell**

**Carmen Hoge**

**Stuart Joerg**

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



## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, Nov. 26 – Christ the King Sunday

- 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)

### Tuesday, Nov. 28

- 6:30 p.m... Finance Committee Meeting on Zoom

### Wednesday, Nov. 29

- 6 p.m...Fellowship Pot Luck Dinner (FH)
- 7 p.m...Choir Practice (CR)

### Friday, November 30

- 10 a.m...Library Work Session

### Sunday, Dec. 3 – First Sunday of Advent

- 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

- Sun., Dec. 3 – Coffee Fellowship following Worship (FH) **and** the Joy of Crafts Holiday Bazaar @ 12 p.m
- Fri., Dec. 8 - Feed the Homeless @ 10 a.m. (K)
- Tues., Dec. 12 – Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. on Zoom
- Wed., Dec. 13 – Fellowship Pot Luck Dinner and Puppets in Praise and Service performance!

### 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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