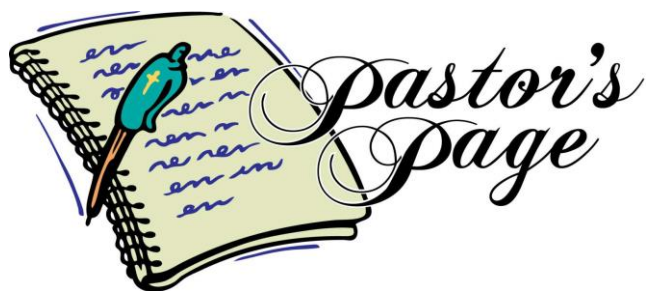


November 5, 2023



Favorite Places

Let's breathe a prayer of thanksgiving today for our favorite places. Think about those places, the ones you cherish the most in your repertoire of special places in the entire world. Are they in the mountains, set by a slow-moving creek or river? Are they metropolitan, with sidewalk cafes, museums, theaters, and art galleries? Are they rural, with gnarled old apple trees, or willow oaks, or falling down barns? Many people have favorite cities around the world. The most frequently mentioned are Kyoto, Singapore, London, Paris, San Francisco, New York, Rome, and Florence. You put a name to it.

A favorite place for me was a creek on my grandmother's farm. Whenever I could I'd make my way to a shaded, quiet place on this little stream which was about six or seven feet wide and varied in depth from a few inches to several feet. In the heat of a Virginia summer's day, I'd take off my shoes, step into the cool creek water and carefully pick my way among the smooth stones – slowly and carefully turning certain ones over - looking for crayfish. A boy learns early on to not muddy the water if you're looking for these beautiful little creatures that come in a wide variety of colors: red, black/gray, blue, orange/yellow – all beautiful. There was a sacred quality about this secret place of mine – a timeless place where I could spend hours alone with my thoughts, and God's creation. It was a holy place. Blackberries grew nearby. There were a couple of ancient willow trees; and red-winged black birds; a rotting board that I used as a bridge; and the smells of wildflowers and honeysuckle; a holy place- my own little secret plot of Heaven. Imagine how shocked I was the day my father knew

just where to find me and told me tales of how he used to come to this same place as a little boy to escape the day's work and the chores his mother had assigned him. I realized I was hunting the grandchildren or younger of crayfish my father must have seen.

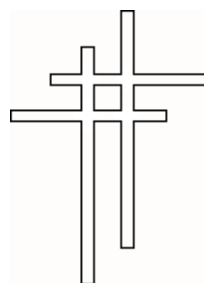
I have no idea why this place was holy to me, but you can tell a place in the moment you set foot in it if you have an eye for that kind of thing. The Irish refer to them as thin places...for reasons known only to God, it is one of the places God uses for sending love to the world. It is heaven to be in a place like this. It is heaven to be in a place we really like. Maybe one day Heaven will be our favorite place, or maybe we'll find a little of heaven in all our favorite places now.

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

"Saint Stephen"

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 5, is "A Place of Hope in the Wilderness?" The focal passage is Exodus 29: 42-46. The background text is Exodus 25: 1-9, 17-22; 39: 32-43. The purpose statement is "To discern and celebrate how God's faithful presence changes our lives."

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.

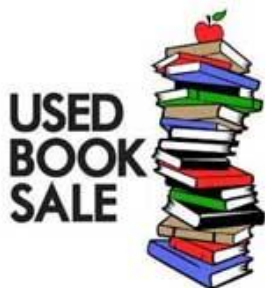
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THIS Sunday - November 5 Coffee Fellowship AND Used Book Sale

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after our 11 o'clock worship service, for our **Coffee Fellowship this Sunday, November 5**, for coffee, some light snacks and great conversations. We invite our visitors to join us for coffee fellowship, so we can answer their questions about HUMC and we can get to know them better. **See you there!**

**Would you like to host the November 5
Coffee Fellowship?**



Used Book Sale!

The United Women In Faith is having a used book sale during our Fellowship Time after worship on November 5. Hard cover books will sell for \$2.00

and soft covers for \$1.00. All proceeds will go to UMCOR. Books make wonderful Christmas gifts, and we have an excellent selection at bargain prices!



THIS WEEK!

Wednesday Night Pot Luck Fellowship Dinner

**Wednesday, November 8, 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:

- **Nov. 29** (set up needed)
- **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.

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.



Rise Against Hunger

Last minute details! PLEASE read!

Our church-wide mission event is just one week away! Thank you to all who have responded to help us set up, weigh, seal, package and clean up. Thanks, also to all those who are assisting with food preparation.

A couple of notes regarding lunch: After vacating the sanctuary, please assemble in the preschool wing for a few bites to eat. If children are in the nursery, please pick them up promptly, supervise their lunch and return to the nursery at approximately 12:35 p.m. The nursery staff will be having a short lunch and break from 12:15–12:35 p.m. to be able to supervise our young children for our event. If you or your child have special dietary needs, please feel welcome to bring your own snacks. We want to promptly begin our session in the Fellowship Hall by 12:55 p.m.

A local church in Midlothian, Local Vineyard, will be joining us on Sunday for our event. They have also donated money towards our 20,000-meal goal. I know you will all be welcoming. Also, PLEASE, wear your Huguenot name tags. If you have a red Huguenot shirt, feel free to wear that as well. Please dress in comfortable clothes and shoes. Remember to bring a sports cap if you do not want to wear a red net hat. So very excited for our church! See you all very soon.

-Judith Westerhouse

Special Request

A special request of anyone bringing children to the nursery during the Rise Against Hunger event: Please bring an old shirt to cover their clothing, preferably long-sleeved, as we will be painting. Please put their name inside.



Thanks,
Rosalie Koch
Nursery Caregiver

Luncheon Volunteers Needed for Rise Against Hunger

The committee for Rise Against Hunger needs help with the luncheon for the volunteers. A light lunch will be provided for the volunteers and we hope you will help by signing up to donate some ham rolls and chicken salad on rolls. We also need help with setting up for the luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. This will involve setting up tables and chairs in the hallway and a few preschool rooms, bringing out paper products, covering the tables with tablecloths, and a little decorating which will be done in the preschool wing of the church. We will need some help on Sunday, Nov. 12, from 11:30-12 p.m. to arrange food on trays and shuttled to the preschool area. Those who volunteer to help set up on Saturday will receive a jar of homemade jam! (Yes, homemade jam, don't miss it!)



The committee wonders if we should ask a few people to bring some peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for children who might not like ham or chicken salad. What do you think? Please give Marie or Sarah your opinion.

There will be a volunteer sign up sheet for the ham rolls and chicken salad on rolls as well as the sheet for volunteers for Saturday set up and Sunday helpers on the desk outside the church office after the Worship service this Sunday. We appreciate your help and especially the people who have already signed up to bring food for the luncheon.

Marie Taney and Sarah Coffey

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.



Joy of Crafts

Mark your calendars now for the Joy of Crafts Holiday Bazaar coming to Huguenot starting **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 **35** 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.

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



Happy Anniversary to

Phil and Sarah Coffey (Nov. 5)
Aaron and Erin Lowery (Nov. 5)



Happy Birthday to
Cissy Hope (Nov. 9)

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

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.

Before you go to bed on Saturday...



Sunday, Nov. 5 – 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time and Communion Sunday

10 a.m...Adult Bible Study/Sunday School (FH)

11 a.m...Worship

12 p.m...Coffee Fellowship and Used Book Sale

Wednesday, Nov. 8

6 p.m...Fellowship Pot Luck Dinner

7 p.m...Choir Practice (CR)

Thursday, Nov. 9

10 a.m...Women's Bible Study (FH)

Friday, November 10

10 a.m...Library Work Session

10 a.m...Feed the Homeless (K)

Saturday, November 11

9 a.m...Rise Against Hunger Event Setup (FH)

Sunday, Nov. 12 – 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

10 a.m...Adult Bible Study/Sunday School (FH)

11 a.m...Worship

12 p.m...Lunch for RAH Volunteers (Preschool Wing)

1 p.m...Rise Against Hunger Event

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



- Tues., Nov. 14 – United Women in Faith Meeting @ 10:30 a.m.
- Sun., Nov. 19 – Joy of Crafts Holiday Bazaar following worship in Fellowship Hall

Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

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

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. 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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