

March 31, 2024



The Lamb of God

Revelation 5: 11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” 13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb 14 And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Have you thought of the lamb as an object of divine affection? There aren't many people in the world who can resist the gentle beauty of a baby lamb. Think of a tender young lamb, barely able to stand on its wobbly legs. Imagine its innocence and purity. I served a church in England years ago that wasn't far from the lake district, and during lambing season the newborn lambs were standing and falling, leaning against their mothers, and trying to run after them when they moved. The lambs were looking at the world as if just awaking from a nap into the most puzzling place they'd ever seen. It is hardly any wonder that the blood of an innocent lamb became the symbol in ancient Israel of its own innocence, used to shield the chosen people, or that John the Baptizer announced as he saw Jesus arriving at the Jordan River for baptism, “Behold the Lamb of God...” (John 1:29).

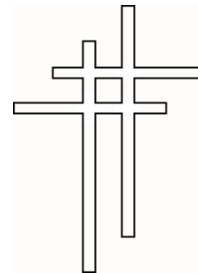
The early Christian churches adored the image of the lamb, and there is no more ringing affirmation of their faith than the one in the Book of Revelation: “Worthy is the Lamb.” You and I live in

a world of wolves, sometimes disguised as sheep; it is easy to fall prey, attacked and feel devoured. So, let your meditation today be on the figure of the Lamb, God's beautiful gift of purity. Live with the Lamb of God in your hearts. Have a joyous Easter.

*Shalom,
Jim Sprouse*

Please Celebrate Sunday's Message

Huguenot United Methodist Church is inviting you to our Sunday Morning Worship Services. 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

“Mark's Easter Account”

We hope you will join us!



**Easter Sunday
March 31**

**Sunrise Service
at 7 a.m.**

**Sanctuary Service
11 a.m.**



Audio recordings of our HUMC Sunday Morning Worship Services are available at HuguenotUMC.org under the Worship tab. We hope you will find these recordings beneficial and will share them with your family, friends and neighbors.

HUMC Nursery

Our nursery caregivers, Rosalie Koch and Lena Cosmo, are at church every Sunday and ready to welcome infant and toddler children in the nursery during worship from 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Rosalie and a volunteer provide childcare from 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.



Adult Bible Study / Sunday School

Our Adult Bible Study/Sunday School will meet next on **April 14** at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 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

Women's History Moment

Thanks to Pastor Jim for highlighting Women's History Month during March. He spoke of Hildegard von Binger (1098 - 1179) on March 17. Among other skills, she was a composer. As it happens, YouTube has 53 selections composed by her from which you may choose. (The group Chanticleer is the one I've heard of several times when listening to NPR). To prepare to listen, remember that she was living in the 1100s and we're now living in the 2000s. Why not give it a try.

-Wenda Singer



Volunteers Needed to Assist with Livestreaming of Worship Services

We are close to the point of being able to livestream our Sunday Morning Worship services in order to share them with our congregation and the community. Before we can proceed, we need volunteers who are willing to assist with the livestreaming during the worship using a tablet device to control the video. The tablet and



training will be provided. Please contact Gerry Flinchbaugh at gflinchb@gmail.com or 804.314.4817, if you are able to assist with this opportunity we have before us. Thank you!

Bedding Needed for Armenia

In a recent Sunday School class we talked about the humility of Jesus as He was crucified on the cross. It reminded me as I try to live in the kingdom of God, how I need (and maybe all of us need) to practice a great deal more humility. This Lenten and Easter Season, we at HUMC have the opportunity to live out our humility by helping people in Armenia. Brian Mateer, Director of Missions at Western N.C. Methodist Churches, spoke to the Wednesday Night Fellowship about the church program that he supports in Armenia. In Armenia, approximately 26% of the people live below the poverty level. Also, there is much tension in the country because the countries around them always want their land and often try to take land by force. Many lives are in a state of uncertainty. Right now, there is a large influx of Russian refugees who are fleeing Putin and his tyranny. Armenia is a Christian country, so the churches are helping with the refugees that are coming to Armenia and it has been draining their resources. They are trying to furnish basic sleeping and shelter arrangements and they particularly need funds for bedding items like sheets, towels, mattresses, etc. They are asking for monetary donations to purchase the needed items and this would help to boost their economy. **If you wish to donate, please write your check to Huguenot UMC with the note for Missions/Armenia.**



This Lenten Season, can we think about practicing our humility by giving our gifts to Armenia in secret, to people who will never know of your help? Doesn't it make you glad when you think that Jesus will be pleased with your efforts?

Sarah Coffey

Save the Date

Next Coffee Fellowship: Sunday, April 7

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after our 11 o'clock worship service, for our **Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, April 7**, 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. Thank you to Carol Cardwell and Susan Case for hosting us! *See you there!*



Future Host?

We have scheduled our Coffee Fellowships for the first Sunday of each month. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall to be a future Coffee Fellowship host.

Preschool Pizza Fundraiser

Our preschool has an ongoing fundraiser with Marco's Pizza. Just use the code: **HUMCPSAF** when ordering over the phone or online and the school receives a portion from each sale all year long. Participating locations include the Marco's Pizza on Sheila Lane and on Midlothian Turnpike.



THE UPPER ROOM
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Where the World Meets to Pray

Copies of the **March and April** 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.



Wednesday Night Fellowship Save the Date! April 10

Wednesday Potluck Fellowship Dinners are on the second Wednesday of each month. Bring a dish to share and fellowship with your church family and friends. Please come early / stay late if you can assist. Many hands make light work.

April 10 - Volunteer leader needed

May 8 -

June 12 - PIPS Puppets in Praise and Service performance

**Please join us on Wednesday, April 10,
at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together.

Contact Shirley Bradshaw with questions or suggestions.

Sbrads2321@gmail.com 804-240-1240

Joy of Crafts continues to donate a steady stream of handmade items to the group From the Heart, a sort of clearinghouse for comfort items to nursing homes, hospitals, dialysis centers and shelters. Recently, we donated cloth shopping bags filled with food items for the local food bank. In addition, we continue to donate fleece hats, mittens, scarves, wheelchair totes, chemo port shirts, drain bags, clothing protectors, neck pillows and dresses for needy girls around the world. We are able to buy the supplies for all these projects thanks to your support of our holiday bazaar last year. Thank you!



If you are interested in participating in this program, contact Molly Sprouse at mollysprouse@gmail.com.



Nick Anderson

Richard Byrd

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



Happy Anniversary to
Frank and Sheila Blankenship (April 4)

Happy Birthday to
Millie Wohlford (April 7)

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



Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday

7 a.m...Sunrise Service and Communion
11 a.m...Worship and Communion

Mon., April 1

Spring Break - Preschool Closed through April 5

Wed., April 3

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

Friday, April 5

9 a.m...Library Work Session (L)

Sunday, April 7 – Second Sunday of Easter

11 a.m...Worship and Communion
12 p.m...Coffee Fellowship after Worship (FH)

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



- Tues., April 9 – United Women in Faith Meeting at 10:30 a.m.
- Wed., April 10 - Fellowship Pot Luck Dinner at 6 p.m.
- Fri., April 12 – Feed the Homeless at 10 a.m.

Newsletter News

If you have an article for the next *pulse* newsletter, please email it to Elaine **by Wednesday at 10 a.m.**

Please know that submitted articles may be edited to provide clarity and increased inclusion.



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

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.

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