

March 16, 2025



## Parties

Quote without comment from Winnie the Pooh: *Let's have a party!*

Matthew 22:1-2 – Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: *The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a great king who gave a wedding party for his son.*

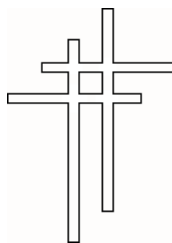
Let your heart skip to the beat of parties today. We celebrate a lot of birthdays at Huguenot. Each week HUMC lists our birthdays in the bulletin and Pulse. Maybe they'll have parties. I don't know who invented parties. Maybe it was Eve and Adam when God forgave them for eating forbidden fruit; maybe it was Moses and Miriam when they celebrated escaping the Pharaoh's army and navy. Parties are a wonderful boost to the human spirit. Parties help us forget our worries and responsibilities for a little while and slip into childhood mode, so we may sing and dance and laugh and play. Playing at parties helps rejuvenate our spirits and prolong our lives.

There is a book called God's Party and it's about worship, and how we are supposed to be in a party spirit when we come before the Lord. That's a great idea. Music to dance by; songs to sing with joy; deep pleasure in the presence of the Lord and our brothers and sisters. When you think of it, since we're resurrection people every day should be a party day. If life beyond life is like a continual party, with all the souls reveling in the presence of God and the angels, then we should catch some of the infectiousness of it now and see life in this world as a kind of prelude to that greater party to come. We ought to lose our frowns today and trade them in for a smile. Let's feel perky and upbeat. After all, God will be there; and God's the life of the party.

*Shalom,  
Jim S.*

## 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

**"That Ole Fox"**

*We hope you will join us!*

## HUMC Nursery

Our nursery caregiver, Rosalie Koch, is at church every Sunday and ready to welcome children in the nursery during worship from 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.



This Sunday, Shirley Bradshaw and Wenda Singer will be providing child care in the nursery.

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



## Update Complete!

The church website redesign has been completed! Go take a look!

[www.huguenotumc.org](http://www.huguenotumc.org)

Thank you for the input provided.

-Jim Anderson and Gerry Flinchbaugh



## Adult Bible Study / Sunday School



The title for the Spring Quarter is "Embracing Life. The writer for this quarter is Von W. Unruh. Unit 1 title is Beatitudes for Lent. This unit runs through April 20, 2025.

The title of our lesson for Sunday, March 16, the second Sunday of Lent, is "From Pride to Humility." The focal passage is Matthew 5: 5; Luke 18: 9-14. The background text is the same. The purpose statement is "to consider whether ambition or humility is the truest signpost to God."

We hope you will join us. We look forward to your participation in our class. If you have time and wish to, please read the lesson in the Student Book before our class meets on Sunday. If you have any questions, comments, feedback, or suggestions for improvements regarding our HUMC Adult Bible Study, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## HELP WANTED

Your church is looking for volunteers to help audit our business, financial and membership records. We are looking for people with a business or accounting background, or understanding thereof, to help ensure our records are in order and maintained. On Tuesday, February 11, 2025, Church Council approved the adoption of Conference Record



Retention Guidelines and an ad-hoc audit committee to implement the review and updates. Aaron and Chip will oversee the process but need volunteers, independent of the Finance Committee, to perform the audit of church related finances. The audit committee will also be reviewing our membership records to determine updates for those on our membership rolls with whom we have lost contact or have incomplete information. This will help us dispose of accumulated paper records that are no longer needed, and put us in a better position for record maintenance in the future. Please let Chip Woodall, [chipw\\_va@yahoo.com](mailto:chipw_va@yahoo.com), know if you are willing to help with these efforts.

## Geranium Sales to Support Shalom Farms

The United Methodist Urban Ministries Auxiliary is sponsoring a geranium sale to benefit Shalom Farms. The Geranium Sale is happening again this year! These plants are grown right here in the Richmond metropolitan area. The plants come in red, white, pink, purple, and salmon (limited supply) colors in 4-inch pots for \$4.50 each. For more information or to order plants please call Nancy Flinchbaugh at (804) 314-3118 or orders can be placed after Sunday worship. You may order plants now through Sunday, March 23, 2025. The plants will be available for pick-up on Saturday, April 12, 2025.



**Palm Sunday**  
April 13

**Maundy Thursday Service**  
Thursday, April 17 at 7 p.m.

**Good Friday**  
April 18

**Easter Sunday**  
April 20

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

**Sanctuary Service**  
11 a.m.



## Nursery Volunteers

There is a sign-up sheet for nursery volunteers on the church bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall.

The protocol for volunteers: Arrive around 10:45 am and let Rosalie know you are present. You may join the worship service sitting in the back of the sanctuary. If no children arrive for care, remain in the sanctuary. Rosalie will retrieve the volunteer when children are present. This follows our Child Protection Policy requiring two people caring for children.

Please support us as we strive to offer a nursery while being fiscally responsible with our resources. Please consider volunteering for an occasional Sunday if you are able.

## Please Check it Out!



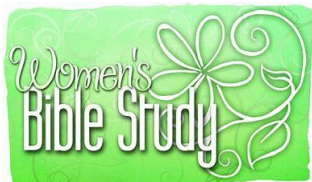
Please check the bulletin board for **Mission Connection Updates**. Updates are made frequently. The latest updates include Hams' Happenings and Henderson Settlement. Check it out, please!



Please contact Pastor Jim if you are interested in joining the Usher Team.

## Women's Bible Study

All women are welcome to join the Women's Bible Study. We meet in the Fellowship Hall of the church at **10 a.m. on Thursdays**. We are using the Adult Bible Study from Cokesbury and the emphasis in this particular series is Finding Balance. This series offers Bible



references and a study of the suggested references. The emphasis of the study will be Finding Balance through work, spiritual practices, rest, and celebration. These Adult Bible

Studies offer a lot of truth, Bible study, and direction on better ways of living. Study booklets will be provided and a DVD will be used to enhance discussion with each lesson. If this is of interest to you, please join us.

-Sarah Coffey



## A Triple Blessing!!!

- Buy Girl Scout cookies.
- Put the Girl Scout cookies in the Blessing Box or the Bainbridge Food Pantry Cabinet.

...*Get it?*



## The Blessing Box Needs our Attention!

Thank you all for the support of the Blessing Box. Your support is greatly appreciated. This is an ongoing outreach of our church including our Preschool. The needy people in our community appreciate and need our support. Please keep the Blessing Box in mind when you are shopping and consider picking up items to put in the box. Your HUMC Mission Team thanks you and the needy people in our community thank you.



## Thank You HUMC Preschool for cleaning up the church yard

Did you notice the broken limbs and debris under the big holly between the sanctuary and flagpole after the snowstorms? One of our preschool students, Ever Duke, and his father, Preston, did and on Tuesday afternoon, March 4, they cleaned up the debris and hauled it away. Ever was so excited to help his father carry the limbs and load the pickup truck. Ever was also excited to share that this was his school and that he loved being here. It was rewarding to see the father and son working together on this project to help our church in this way.



## Joy of Crafts

The chilly days of winter have been a bonus for churning out comfort items through Joy of Crafts. Since the start of 2025, a flurry of wheelchair and walker totes, dialysis mitts, drain bags, lumbar pillows, book pillows, adult bibs and girls' dresses have been donated to From the Heart, a local group that finds a home for thousands of handmade comforts for nursing homes, hospitals and shelters. The group recently passed the 600,000 donation mark!

Many thanks to all who supported the Joy of Crafts Holiday bazaar, which generates the proceeds that make these donations possible. If you have any interest in sewing, knitting or crocheting, contact Molly Sprouse at [mollysprouse@gmail.com](mailto:mollysprouse@gmail.com).



## 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.



Rosalie Koch has some **Splenda** sugar substitute that her husband no longer uses. Please contact her if you'd like to have it. (804) 484-2086



## Future Host?

We have scheduled our Coffee Fellowships for the first Sunday of each month. There is a new sign-up sheet for 2025 on the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall to be a future Coffee Fellowship host.



Pastor Jim will be forming a **Confirmation Class** to begin in early Spring. Any youth 12 years and older, please let him know of your interest!



**Happy Birthday to**  
Peggy Harris (March 17)  
Todd Lumadue (March 19)

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



**The Anderson Family**  
**Ronnie French**  
**Peggy Harris**  
**Jed Knick**  
**Bruce and Trudy Morris**  
**Jon Smith**  
**Linda Smith**  
**Judith Westerhouse**

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





### Sunday, March 16 – Second Sunday in Lent

10 a.m...Adult Bible Study (FH)

11 a.m...Worship

### Wednesday, March 19

5:30 p.m...Preschool Staff Meeting (FH)

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

### Thursday, March 20

10:30 a.m...Women's Bible Study (FH)

### Friday, March 21

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

### Sunday, March 23 – Third Sunday in Lent

10 a.m...Adult Bible Study (FH)

11 a.m...Worship

**\*\* Last day to order Geraniums in support of Shalom Farms. See Nancy Flinchbaugh\*\***

<b>CR</b> – Choir Room	<b>FH</b> – Fellowship Hall
<b>K</b> – Kitchen	<b>L</b> – Library
<b>PR</b> – Puppet Room	



- Sun., April 6 – Coffee Fellowship following worship service
- Tues., April 8 – United Women in Faith meeting at 10:30 a.m.
- Wed., April 9 – Fellowship Pot Luck Dinner at 6 p.m.
- Fri., April 11 – Feed the Homeless at 10 a.m.
- **EASTER WEEK:**
  - Sun, April 13 - Palm Sunday
  - Thurs., April 17 - Maundy Thursday (Service at 7 p.m.)
  - Fri., April 18 - Good Friday
  - Sun., April 20 - Easter Sunday (Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. & Sanctuary Service at 11 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. 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 every Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. These hours are subject to change on occasion.

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