

April 27, 2025



Pastor's Meditation

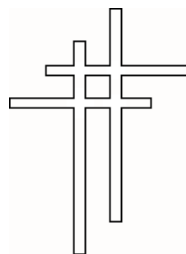
"Who are you?" said the Caterpillar to Alice. "I hardly know, sir, just at the present – at least I know who I was when I got up this morning, but I think I must have been changed several times since then." – Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland.

Say a prayer with me today – a thanksgiving for personal growth. Every Sunday I am amazed at how fast our children are growing up. Our children are terrific little persons whose personalities are already speaking to us loud and clear. And as a father of three, the youngest being 43...I can tell you our children are constantly growing and maturing. They grow in wisdom and character by the hour. Abraham Lincoln once said: "I do not think much of a man who is not smarter today than he was yesterday." Nor do we think much of ourselves if we let ourselves stagnate...and don't appear to progress as the years go by. Sometimes we don't realize how much we've changed until we actually sit down and think about it, but change is undoubtedly there. When I was a child, I burned my hand on my grandmother's woodstove...I only had to learn that lesson once. We all become wiser as we age...mostly about people and how we behave under certain circumstances. Our vocabularies grow. We come to understand our bodies better and eventually learn their limits. If we pursue a vocation, we become more adept at it as we put in our 10,000 hours. In spiritual matters, we grow more experienced. We understand more thoroughly what our capacities are for prayer and devotion, personal discipline, and feeling at one with the deity. We can be grateful for our growth in all these ways. Merely thinking about it should challenge us to want to grow more, no matter what stage in life we've attained. The thing about being in God is that growth is completely limitless.

*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

"Obey God Not Human Authority"

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. Thank you to Maria Wright for assisting in the nursery this week.



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.



Geranium Pick Up: THIS Saturday, April 26

Due to the cooler temperatures, the geranium pick up has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 26. Your geraniums will be available for pickup **THIS Saturday, April 26, at 11:15 a.m.** Geraniums not picked up on Saturday, will be available for pickup on Sunday morning, April 27.

Thanks again for your support of Shalom Farms!





Adult Bible Study / Sunday School

The title of Unit 2 in the Spring Quarter is: "Living Water." The title of our lesson for Sunday, April 27, the Second Sunday of Easter, is "Thirst-Quenching Water." The focal passage is John 4: 4-14. The background text is John 4. The purpose statement is "to develop a thirst for the water of life that Jesus gives."

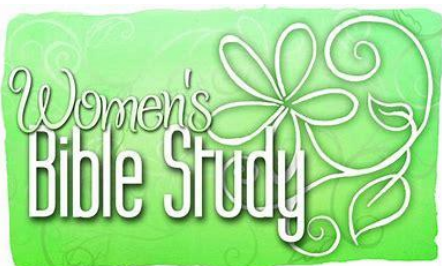
We look forward to your participation in our class. If you have any questions, comments, or feedback regarding our HUMC Adult Bible Study please do not hesitate to contact me.

Gerry Flinchbaugh 804.314.4817
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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



Coffee Fellowship: NEXT Sunday, May 4

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after our 11 o'clock worship service, for our **Coffee Fellowship next Sunday, May 4**, 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 Sheila and Frank Blankenship for hosting us in May! *See you there!*



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.



SAVE THE DATE!
Wednesday, May 14

**Wednesday Night
Fellowship**

Please plan to join us on Wednesday, May 14, as we welcome Helen Lamberta of the Red Cross for a special program.

Wednesday Pot Luck Fellowship Dinners are on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. Bring a dish to share and fellowship with your church family and friends. Please come early or stay late if you are able.

Joyfully,
Shirley Bradshaw



Outreach Opportunity

On **Monday, May 19**, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Huguenot UMC will host a Family Picnic for our preschool families in conjunction with the preschool's outdoor Art Show. Volunteers are needed. Please sign up using the link distributed in an email to the congregation or contact Gerry Flinchbaugh to sign up. This is a great opportunity for us to reach out to our preschool families. *Thank you!*

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Joy of Crafts

There has been a bumper crop of comfort items coming from Joy of Crafts this spring, with more than 200 items being donated to From the Heart for distribution to nursing homes, shelters, dialysis centers and hospitals. This has included Alzheimer's memory

mats, wheelchair totes, adult bibs, drain bag covers, dialysis mitts, scarves and hats, and dresses for needy girls.

If you have any interest in sewing, crocheting or knitting, or just helping out with the projects, contact Molly Sprouse at mollysprouse@gmail.com.

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.



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.

First Aid or CPR?



Has anyone ever had a First Aid or CPR Class? If so, kindly reach out to Rosalie Koch.

Nursery Caregiver

roetom@comcast.net

cell 804-484-2086

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.





Happy Birthday to Elaine Severson (April 30)

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
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.



Where the World Meets to Pray

Copies of the **May - June** 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.

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.



Sunday, April 27 - Second Sunday of Easter

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

11 a.m...Worship

Please pick up your pre-ordered geraniums following worship

Wednesday, April 30

10 a.m...Preschool Chapel Time with Pastor Jim

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

Thursday, May 1

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

Sunday, May 4 - Third Sunday of Easter

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

11 a.m...Worship

Coffee Fellowship following service (FH)

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



- Fri., May 9 – Feed the Homeless at 10 a.m.
- Tues., May 13 – United Women in Faith meeting at 10:30 a.m.
- Wed., May 14 – Pot Luck Fellowship Dinner at 6 p.m.
- Mon., May 19 – Family Picnic and Preschool Art Show
- **Please note: Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 11.**

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