

November 2, 2025



Memorable Days

John 1: 14-16 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" From the fulness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.

I Peter 3: 8-9 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

Think with me today about memorable days. And let's give thanks for them. Thanks to Facebook and LinkedIn and my Huguenot Family I received numbers of well-wishes for my b-day – on the day and after. Blessed with funny birthday cards, cheese puffs, a cube that glows with God sayings, and an éclair cake. Who knew the difference 24 hours could make. Birthdays can be special days.

My wife, Molly, is terrific at staging birthday and anniversary celebrations. My children and their families go with the flow and add their own creative touch to things. I am deeply thankful for their love and presence in my life. They are God's beatitudes.

Into every life come some very special days, days that mark the passing of time like brightly colored sign posts along the journey. Birthdays, anniversaries, Thanksgiving, Christmas, days when you met certain people in your life, days when you

started school, or enjoyed your first kiss, or flew in an airplane, or landed the job of a lifetime. All our days should be wonderful; all should contain a kind of transparency to the Holy in our midst. But...some days are more wonderful than others, shining, glorious, and filled with a joy that perfumes our existence as long as we live. The older we become, the more treasured such days are, exuding pleasure the way boxes made of exotic wood exude aromas.

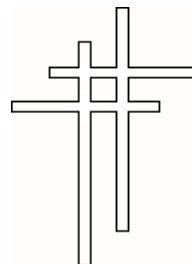
Today...replay a few of your memorable days and appreciate how much God has blessed you. Be grateful for memory itself - which recalls the happy times - as if they were yesterday...and helps transform and perhaps sweeten a bit, some of the more painful moments. Into every life, no matter how full or empty one's purse, there is tragedy. That is the one promise life always fulfills. Thus, memorable days, happiness - is a gift. The trick is not to expect it - but to delight in it when it comes, and to add to other people's store of it.

Let's remember – never forget – that there will still be happy days in your life – special times in which God is as close as the hands with which you'll tickle the keys on your computer or deftly pilot your mouse to read this devotion.

*Shalom,
Jim*

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

“Zacchaeus Up a Tree”

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. *A nursery assistant is needed this Sunday. Please consider volunteering.*



United
Women
in Faith

Adult Bible Study / Sunday School

Our Adult Bible Study / Sunday School class begins at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The title of Unit 3 is “Letters for Living.” The title of our lesson for Sunday, November 2, 2025, is “Live in Love.” The focal passage is 2 John. The background text is the same. The purpose statement is “to embody God’s command to love God and neighbor daily and resist voices that distract and deter us from this high and holy calling.”



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

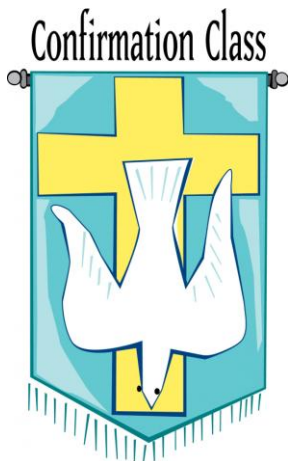
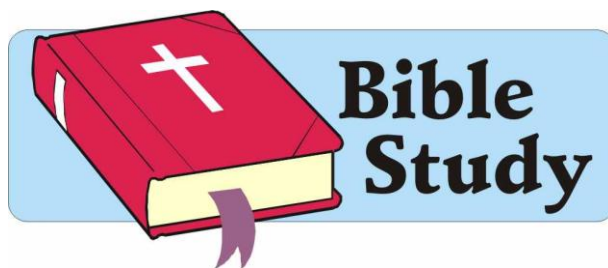
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United Women in Faith

A big thank you to Beth Woodall and Nancy Flinchbaugh for leading us at our October meeting in making care packages for patients receiving infusion treatments at the Virginia Cancer Institute.

At our next meeting, on Tuesday, Nov. 11, Jill Gaynor, a member of Reveille UMC, will share her journey as a Virginia Conference Delegate to the 2024 General Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Please plan to join us!



Confirmation Sunday

Please join us **THIS SUNDAY**, Nov. 2, in the Fellowship Hall after our worship service. We will honor our newly confirmed members with cake and lemonade.

**Congratulations to
Sam Lowery
and
Ava Smith!**

New Bible Study Opportunity

The Women’s Bible Study group has an exciting opportunity for members of our Church community and others. Pastor Jim has agreed to lead a study on the book of Luke, which began on Wed., October 1 and will continue through November 19. We will be moving our meetings to Wednesdays for this study, as that is Jim’s usual day to be in the Church office. The study will be held in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 10 a.m. Pastor Jim will join us as soon as he is done with Preschool Chapel. He will lead a presentation followed by discussion afterwards. The study will finish up by noon. Pastor Jim brings insight and knowledge to his discussions. This is an opportunity for all that are interested to come join our group to learn more of the book of Luke. We hope to see you on a future Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. ***This week we will discuss Luke 13-16.***



Pack A Shoebox

We want every child to know that “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

Your shoebox will be an expression of God’s love to a child and may be the only gift he or she receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last. Be sure to make them FUN, adding a “wow” item and new toys, personal care items, school supplies, and more that a child will love; fill with no empty space; and personalized so that each is unique and prayed over and includes a personal note and a photo to delight the heart of a child. Please be sure to read the “Do Not Include” note in the brochure.

Huguenot UMC is participating in Pack A Shoebox that began on Sunday, October 19, 2025. A brochure with full details and shoeboxes will be available after worship in front of the church office on the following Sundays. Please return filled boxes and the form from the brochure to HUMC on Sunday mornings by the Sunday, November 16, 2025, deadline. The \$10 shipping and handling cost mentioned in the brochure will be paid from the HUMC Mission Fund.

We hope you will participate in this mission outreach opportunity to bring joy to a child on Christmas. If you have any questions, please contact me.

A volunteer or two to assist with this project would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you are interested in doing so.

Gerry Flinchbaugh
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Joy of Crafts

Joy of Crafts has an active partnership with From the Heart to provide comfort items to nursing homes, hospitals and shelters. Our most recent projects: tactile quilts and crinkle toys for blind babies, wheelchair bags for children in a long-term nursing facility, and fidget mats for Alzheimer’s patients. It’s a joy to participate in this vital local ministry. If you have any interest in sewing, knitting or crocheting for this purpose, contact Molly Sprouse at Mollysprouse@gmail.com



Current Need: Please save the crinkly plastic bags from cereal boxes and snack boxes and donate them to Joy of Crafts to be made into sensory mats for blind children.

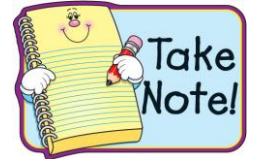
Thank you!

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 Nursery is now a PEANUT-FREE Zone! The criteria for the nursery being peanut-free, is that no products containing peanuts can be brought into the nursery. (If the item was produced in a facility that also handles peanuts, that’s okay.)



Thank you,
Rosalie Koch



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 a.m. 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.





For Your Information

United Methodist Family Services is rebranding and has chosen SHINEFORTH as their new name. Any questions may be answered at UMFS.org/Shineforth. Shineforth's mission and vision is strengthening humanity, one child at a time. Nancy Toscano is Shineforth's President & CEO. SHINEFORTH has secured a DBA designation that allows them to continue to receive monetary gifts addressed to SHINEFORTH, UMFS or United Methodist Family Services.



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

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



- John and Betty Clatterbaugh**
- John S. Currie**
- Peggy Harris**
- LaVerne Jones**
- Judy King**
- Family of Phyllis Martin**
- Amy Mateer**
- Steve Peretzman and Family**
- DeDe Ross**
- Jon Smith**
- Judith Westerhouse**

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



Thank you Huguenot Family for the cards, phone calls, kind words, and prayers on the passing of Gerry's sister, Phyllis Mary Martin. They were much appreciated.

-Nancy and Gerry Flinchbaugh



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.



Sunday, November 2 – 21st Sunday After Pentecost, Confirmation Sunday and All Saints Sunday
10 a.m...Adult Bible Study (FH)
11 a.m...Worship
12 p.m...Lemonade and Cake after Worship (FH)

Tuesday, November 4
7 p.m...Handbell Rehearsal (S)

Wednesday, November 5
10 a.m...Preschool Chapel Time with Pastor Jim (S)
10 a.m...Bible Study (FH) *All are welcome!*
7 p.m...Choir Practice (CR)

Thursday, November 6
7 p.m...Pastor/Staff/Parish Relations Committee Meeting (L)

Friday, November 7
10 a.m...Library Work Session (L)

Sunday, November 9 – 22nd Sunday After Pentecost
10 a.m...Adult Bible Study (FH)
11 a.m...Worship

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

The graphic features the word "Upcoming" in a cursive font above the word "EVENTS" in large, bold, red block letters with a white outline. The letters are set against a dark background with a subtle light effect.

- Tues., Nov. 11 – United Women in Faith meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Tues., Nov. 11 – Church Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
- Sun., Nov. 16 – Due date for the full Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas boxes.

The graphic has a dark blue background with a light blue gradient at the top. The text "Ushers Needed" is in a large, yellow, serif font. Below it, the question "Are you willing to serve?" is written in a smaller, white, cursive font.

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

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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