

November 9, 2025



Communion of Saints

Romans 1:1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God 2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, 3 the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 4 and designated Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, 5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, 6 including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; 7 To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Somewhere deep in time, or as the communion of saints professes in some Christian creeds, we discover that your goodness is not just your own, nor is your badness just your own. Contrary to our nation's rugged individual myth, we are intrinsically social animals. You and I carry the lived and un-lived (unhealed) lives of our parents, grandparents, and great grandparents with us, as far back as DNA and genomes can trace them. As has been said rightly before, it really does take a village to raise a person. We may be the first generation to know that this is literally and genetically true. Perhaps, the large number of world religions that Christians often dismiss as ancestral worship were not as naïve as we imagine. There was a genealogy attached to Jesus' birth in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. Maybe, there is healing and understanding when we honor the full cycle of life.

Living as members of the communion of saints means we can take ourselves very seriously (we are part of a Great Whole) and not take ourselves too seriously at all (we are just a part of the Great

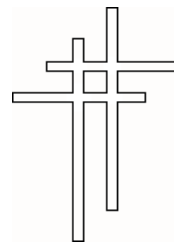
Whole) at the same time. You and I need to be free from any unnecessary individual guilt – and more importantly we need to be free to be a full partner in God's triumphant parade of saints through time and history. You and I are in on the great plan for all creation. And, that's a really big deal. We are all a very small part of a very big thing – the Kingdom of Heaven – as we live and die, making it a very present reality.

The name Horatio is an Italian baby name. In Italian the meaning of the name Horatio is: **Timekeeper**. In Hamlet, very frequently Hamlet calls out "Come Horatio, from this moment on." These same words become the marching orders for God's communion of saints. Come Horatio, from this moment on we'll endeavor to live life more fully in our time, and with what time we have, as saints in the Kingdom of Heaven.

*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

"Chutzpah"

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.***



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 9, 2025, is “Imitate What is Good.” The focal passage is 3 John. The background text is the same. The purpose statement is “to practice radical hospitality by imitating Jesus who is our truth and our life.”

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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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 this 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!

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.



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.



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.

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Poinsettias Inspire the Christmas Spirit

This Christmas it will be lovely to decorate the sanctuary with red poinsettias. There is a beautiful old Mexican legend about the poinsettia and it talks about a Mexican girl who did not have a present to give to the baby Jesus on Christmas Eve service. She was very sad as she walked to the chapel, so her cousin tried to cheer her up. He told her that he was sure that even the smallest gift given by someone who loved Him would make Jesus happy. Not knowing what to do, she gathered some weeds from the



roadside and made them into a small bouquet. She was embarrassed because she only had these few flowers to give to Jesus. As she approached the altar in the chapel, she remembered what her cousin had said. She began to feel better, knelt down and put the bouquet at the bottom of the nativity scene. Suddenly, the bouquet of weeds burst into bright red flowers and as people saw the miracle, they began to call the weeds poinsettias, also called "Flowers of the Holy Night."

Order forms will be shared with the bulletins on Sun., Nov. 30, and Dec. 7. If you would like to donate one in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form. The cost of each poinsettia is \$13 each and you can put your check made out to HUMC and order form in the offering plate or in the church office. **The cutoff date for ordering is December 7.**

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



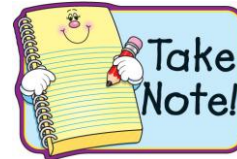
Current Need: Please save the crinkly plastic bags from cereal boxes and snack boxes and donate them to Joy of Crafts to be made into sensory mats for blind children.

Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!

Joy of Crafts Holiday Bazaar starts Sun., Nov. 23, and runs through Dec. 14, on Sundays after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

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.



SHINEFORTH

Formerly UMFS

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 Birthday to
Sheila Blankenship (Nov. 14)
Bella Beasley (Nov. 16)

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.

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.



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



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

Tuesday, November 11 – Veteran's Day
10:30 a.m...United Women in Faith Meeting (FH)
6 p.m...Church Council Meeting (Zoom)
7 p.m...Handbell Rehearsal (S)

Wednesday, November 12
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)

Friday, November 14
10 a.m...Feed the Homeless (K)
10 a.m...Library Work Session (L)

Sunday, November 16 – 23rd Sunday After Pentecost
10 a.m...Adult Bible Study (FH)
11 a.m...Worship
***** Pack a Shoebox due today! *****

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



- Sun., Nov. 16 – Due date for the full Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas boxes.
- Sun., Nov. 23 – Joy of Crafts Holiday Bazaar starts
- Sun., Dec. 7 - Poinsettia order forms due.



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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