

January 18, 2026



## Books

A room without books is like a person without a soul.  
– Cicero

Of making many books there is no end.  
– Ecclesiastes 12:12

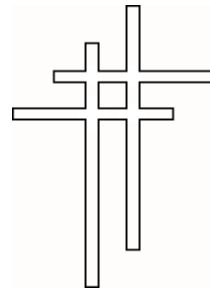
Meditate with me today on the importance of books. My life has always been filled with books and books and books: old books, new books, fat books, text books, eBooks, and books in various languages. There are books on cooking, gardening, playing cricket, snorkeling, crocheting, looking for precious stones, books on birds, and booklets on how to operate your TV remote in all those languages changing every other paragraph. The richness of libraries such as the Library of Congress, Oxford's Bodleian, and Paris' Bibliotheque Nationale is almost mind-boggling. In the days when books came from the publisher uncut, one bibliophile always cut the pages with the book upside down, lest he absorb too much of the content in the process. Hmmm? Sometimes I fall asleep at night with a book open on my lap. Maybe I should cover my eyes with it making sure the book is upside down. Of course, this doesn't work so well with my iPad. It is not surprising that ancient peoples revered the books containing the secrets of their religion. And it is no wonder that Christians revere the books of the Bible; it is an incredibly rich and inspiring book

and collection of books, filled with thousands and thousands of references to the presence of God in the world. Huguenot Lovlies, snuggle up with a good book this week. If you desire recommendations, drop me a note.

*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

**"Ubuntu and Koinonia"**

*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. Our class meets in the Fellowship Hall. We are now in Unit 2 – Paul’s First Letter to the Thessalonians. The title of our lesson for Sunday, January 18, 2026, is “Imitation Game.” The focal passage is 1 Thessalonians 1. The background text is Acts 17:1-15; 1 Thessalonians 1. The purpose statement is “to learn how to imitate God more faithfully.”



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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## Future Host?

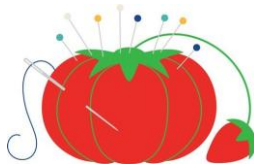
We have scheduled our Coffee Fellowships for the first Sunday of each month. There is a new sign-up sheet for 2026 on the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall to be a future Coffee Fellowship host.



## Joy of Crafts

A big thank you to all who supported this year’s Joy of Crafts Holiday Bazaar. We raised more than \$1,100 from sales, which will go a long way towards buying supplies for the comfort items we create and donate to From the Heart and Dress a Girl Around the World.

During 2025, Joy of Crafts made and donated more than 1,000 wheelchair and walker bags, dialysis mitts, memory mats and quilts, port pillows and drain bags to local hospitals, nursing homes and shelters. We also sent dresses to needy girls in the U.S and around the world. This Christmas, we provided gifts for the children and nursing staff at Children’s Hospital’s long term facility, as well as quilts and toys for blind babies. All are welcome to participate in this fulfilling ministry. For more information, contact Molly Sprouse at [mollysprouse@gmail.com](mailto:mollysprouse@gmail.com).



## BAGS NEEDED!

We are in need of plastic grocery bags for the church nursery as well as for the Blessing Box. The Blessing Box needs paper grocery bags, too. They seem to be the most in demand to handle canned goods. If you can furnish either of these items, feel free to give them to me, and I’ll disburse them.



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.



**The Clatterbaugh Family**  
**John S. Currie**  
**Peggy Harris**  
**Judy King**  
**Amy Mateer**  
**The Family of Steve Peretzman**  
**Jon 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 **January and February** 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.



Many thanks to my church family for prayers and concern during my brother-in-law Steve Peretzman's illness. Steve passed peacefully one week after his 66<sup>th</sup> birthday surrounded by his family. Please continue to keep my sister, Donna, and her family in your prayers.

Always,  
Shirley Bradshaw



### Sunday, January 18 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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

11 a.m...Worship

### Tuesday, January 20

7 p.m...Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)

### Wednesday, January 21

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

7 p.m...Choir Practice

### Thursday, January 22

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

### Friday, January 23

10 a.m...Library Work Day

3:30 p.m...Pinewood Derby set-up (FH)

### Saturday, January 24

6 a.m...Pinewood Derby (FH)

### Sunday, January 25 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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

11 a.m...Worship

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



- Sun., Feb. 1 – Coffee Fellowship after worship service
- Tues., Feb. 10 – United Women in Faith Meeting at 10:30 a.m.
- Fri., Feb. 13 – Feed the Homeless at 10 a.m.
- Fri., Feb. 20 – Preschool Parents' Night Out at 5:30-8 p.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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