

February 8, 2026



Failure

The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

– Luke 22:61-61

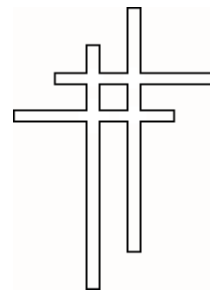
Think with me today about the failures in life you’ve known. Maybe it was a family member or a friend who botched up their lives - even so, love them in the context of being part of God’s good creation. Sometimes life can be sad. We all have friends and relatives who have made a mess of things. Sometimes people with great promise and brilliant possibilities become addicted to drugs or alcohol, maybe we have an aunt who couldn’t handle her husband’s infidelity and became bitter and withdrawn toward family and friends; or the friend who lost his temper and quit the best job he’d ever had; or the friend who had so many love companions that you never knew which relationship was being referred to. Not everyone in life is always able to be a success, or fit in, or lead a quiet, ordinary life. Life is not always easy; it is filled with pitfalls, dangerous turns in the road of life, and crashes waiting to happen. Instead of regarding others with a pharisaical attitude which asserts: “I thank God that I am not as that person is,” we need to feel more compassionate toward the ones whose life hasn’t worked out so well. At the same time, we could

also admit that there are areas in our lives that are less than perfect – and perhaps, from God’s perspective we, too, haven’t lived up to our best selves. Here’s a thought: let’s simply give thanks for life itself, and ask God to forgive us all for times when we’ve, each of us, missed the mark.

*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!



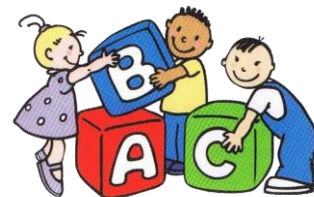
Pastor Jim Sprouse
will provide us with the
message

“Not a Wisdom of This Age”

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. The title of our lesson for Sunday, February 8, 2026, is "People Get Ready." The focal passage is 1 Thessalonians 4. The background text is Matthew 24: 25; 1 Thessalonians 4. The purpose statement is "to prepare and look forward to Jesus' return."



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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United
Women
in Faith

Join us THIS Tuesday!

The Huguenot United Women in Faith will be joined by the members of St. Luke's UWF to hear our speaker, Kathy Dictor. Kathy is the Membership Coordinator for the Three Notch'd District. Please join us on Tuesday, February 10, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Kathy's presentation.

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

The recent snow days have had a silver lining for sewists to get all those projects completed. Joy of Crafts, in league with From the Heart, has provided Valentine's Day pillowcases for Children's Hospital, scent hearts for newborns, sensory quilts for blind babies and port shirts and drain bags for chemo patients, among other comfort items.

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 care 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.



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 66th birthday surrounded by his family. Please continue to keep my sister, Donna, and her family in your prayers.

Always,
 Shirley Bradshaw



Happy Belated Birthday to
 Sue Croll (Jan. 26)
 Phil Coffey (Feb. 2)
 Elma Coper (Feb. 4)
 Nancy Flinchbaugh (Feb. 7)

Happy Birthday to
 Betty Jo Paul (Feb. 10)



Sunday, February 8 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Tuesday, February 10

10:30 a.m...United Women in Faith Meeting (FH)
 7 p.m...Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, February 11

10 a.m...Preschool Chapel Time with Pastor Jim
 7 p.m...Choir Practice

Friday, February 13

10 a.m...Library Work Day
 10 a.m...Feed the Homeless (K & FH)

Sunday, February 15 – Sixth 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



- 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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