

April 19, 2026



Perfect in Love

Do not be conformed to this world; but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.
Romans 12:2

Be perfect...as your heavenly Father is perfect.
Matthew 5:48

To be told by Jesus that we are to be perfect as God is perfect is a terrifying thing, a command so intimidating that we snatch it from our memories unless we think of it in terms of capacity, not identical quantity. A pint jar can be as perfectly full as a ten-gallon jar, even though the amount each hold is vastly different. We are not expected to have the infinite capacity for goodness and grace that characterizes God. But we can be and are expected to live up to the human capacity God has put within each of us in varying measures, just as Jesus lived up to the full capacity of deity: fully human – fully divine.

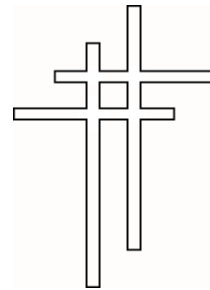
Further, the process of fulfilling the capacity given to us involves divine assistance. Sanctification is not a good work we do for God but a good work God does within our capacity, and who brings us to fulfillment when we allow it. Before this Holy One we present ourselves not as burnt offerings on an altar, but as living sacrifices in the world. Romans 12:1.

Jesus' word to us is be perfect in love.

*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

**“Where Is Your Road
to Emmaus”**

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.*



Our Adult Bible Study/Sunday School class begins at 10 a.m. Our class meets in the Fellowship Hall. The title of Unit 2 is “Psalms of New Life.” Unit 2 runs through May 10. The title of our lesson for Sunday, April 19, is “Diving Intervention.” The focal passage is Psalm 35: 1-14, 22-28. The background text is Psalm 35. The purpose statement is “to gain a broader understanding of what it means for God to defend and vindicate us.”



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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Cleaning Kits for VA UMC Annual Conference

Huguenot UMC's next Mission Outreach Project will be preparing Cleaning Kits. Cleaning kits provide supplies to help individuals and families clean up after flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes and other natural disasters. Each kit consists of a five-gallon bucket filled with designated cleaning supplies such as laundry detergent, dish soap, household cleaner, air freshener, insect repellent, scrub brush, reusable cleaning wipes, scouring pads, clothespins, clothesline, trash bags, respirator dust masks, kitchen gloves, and work gloves. Each kit costs approximately \$75. Our goal is to prepare ten kits. We are asking members and friends of the HUMC congregation to make monetary donations towards the purchase of supplies for the kits. The supplies will be purchased in bulk quantities. Please mark your donation/check as "Cleaning Kits." **The deadline for donations is THIS Sunday, April 19.** We plan to assemble the kits during the Sunday Morning Fellowship on Sunday, May 3, 2026. We hope you will participate in this very worthwhile project. YOUR DONATION DOES NOT NEED TO COVER THE FULL COST OF A CLEANING KIT. ANY AMOUNT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. If you have any questions or if you would like to provide assistance other than a monetary donation, please contact Gerry Flinchbaugh, 804.314.4817/gflinchb@gmail.com. Thank you!



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Huguenot UMC Preschool Family Picnic

The HUMC Preschool's end-of-the-school-year Art Show is Monday, May 18. The past two years our congregation has offered an end of year Preschool Family Picnic in conjunction with the Art Show. If our congregation is going to do so this year, we need a volunteer to organize the event. We are looking forward to providing this outreach activity for our preschool families. If you are interested in and are willing to organize this event, or if you have any questions, please contact Gerry Flinchbaugh at 804.314.4817 or gflinchb@gmail.com

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.



Geranium Thank You and Pick Up

Many thanks to the Huguenot UMC congregation for your great support of the United Methodist Urban Ministries of Richmond Auxiliary to benefit Shalom Farms (ShalomFarms.org). Our congregation purchased 105 plants, plus monetary donations. Through the efforts of Shalom Farms, your support will provide healthy food to needy people in the Richmond metro area.



Your geraniums will be available for pickup on Saturday, April 25, at 10:30 -11 a.m. Geraniums not picked up on Saturday, will be available for pickup on Sunday morning, April 26.

Thanks again for your support!

Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for the first quarter of 2026 have been printed and placed in the basket on the table outside the sanctuary doors. We thank you for your generosity that helps us carry out the work of your church here at Huguenot. Please pick up your statement so you'll have it for your records.



Our Blessing Box Needs Help!

Our HUMC Blessing Box has been a huge blessing to the members of our community as well as to us as individuals who stock the box for the community to use. However, recently the Blessing Box has been very low on food and other items. Please consider picking up a few extra food items for the Blessing Box when you do your shopping. It does not need to be a lot. If we each pick up a few food items, we can keep the Blessing Box stocked for the community. It seems as though the coldest of the winter weather is behind us for this year, but please be mindful of the weather forecast when choosing items for the Blessing Box. Also, it is very important that food items are unopened. Open food containers cannot be put in the Blessing Box and not put in ziplock bags as they can be compromised. Also, if you have some extra shopping bags, they are useful in the Blessing Box as well. Thank you for your continued support of the HUMC outreach mission. *Let's do it!*



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.



Happy Birthday to
Marilyn Chase (April 20)
Sue Cutler (April 20)
Wenda Singer (April 24)

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



Peggy Harris
Judy King
Anna Nabors
Jon Smith
Pastor Jim Sprouse
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
New edition available!

Copies of the **May and 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.

Many Many Thanks!



Many thanks to all my friends at Huguenot UMC for all the thoughtful and kind birthday wishes. They were very much appreciated. You folks are a great group of friends.

-Gerry Flinchbaugh



Sunday, April 19

- 10 a.m...Adult Bible Study (FH)
- 11 a.m...Worship
- 12 p.m...Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Comm. Mtg. (L)
- *Last day for donations for the Cleaning Kits for Annual Conference.*

Tuesday, April 21

- 7 p.m...Handbell Practice (S)

Wednesday, April 22

- 10 a.m...Preschool Chapel Time with Pastor Jim
- 7 p.m...Choir Practice (CR)

Friday, April 24

- 10 a.m...Library Work Day (L)

Sunday, April 26

- 10 a.m...Adult Bible Study (FH)
- 11 a.m...Worship
- *Pick up your pre-ordered Geraniums!*

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



- Sun., May 3 – Coffee Fellowship after worship
- Fri., May 8 – Feed the Homeless at 10 am
- Tues., May 12 – United Women in Faith meeting

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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