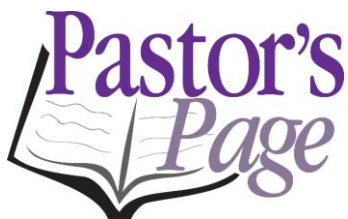


July 12, 2026

Matthew 13: 3-9

CEB translation

He said many things to them in parables: A farmer went out to scatter seed. As he was scattering seed, some fell on the path, and birds came and ate it. Other seed fell on rocky ground where the soil was shallow. They sprouted immediately because the soil wasn't deep. But when the sun came up, it scorched the plants, and they dried up because they had no roots. Other seed fell among thorny plants. The thorny plants grew and choked them. Other seed fell on good soil and bore fruit, in one case a yield of one hundred to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another case a yield of thirty to one. Everyone who has ears should pay attention.



Dear Huguenot Church family and friends,
This week's Scripture focus is on one of Jesus' parables. Jesus often taught in parables, little stories with images that teach important spiritual truths about God's Kingdom. I think that a helpful way to read and study a parable is to say, "God's Kingdom is sort of like a Farmer who went out to scatter seed." Take some time this week to read the Scripture before you come to worship on Sunday.

What is it that Jesus wants us to understand about God's Kingdom from this Parable? Why are there different responses from the different soils? And what is required in order for the soil to become good? Think on these things this week.

Many of you know that Mike and I and our family's home church is Woodlake United Methodist Church. Early in that ministry, the leaders determined that there needed to be a simple and short mission prayer for the people to pray together and to help guide the mission. One of the lay leaders wrote this prayer. This prayer became the focus of the

early mission at Woodlake and daily discipleship. Here it is:

Dear God,
Through your Holy Spirit, grant us Worship that draws us close to you.
Witness that feeds those who hunger and thirst.
Healing that offers hope to the broken.
Discipleship that makes us like Christ, and
Stewardship that invests ourselves and resources in your Kingdom.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

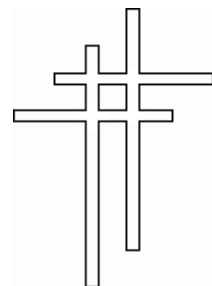
See you on Sunday,
Pastor Denise Watkins

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!

Sunday, July 12
Pastor Denise Watkins,
will provide us with the message
"The Parable of the Sower"

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. Note: The nursery is in need of plastic grocery bags. Thank you!**



FAVORITE HYMNS?



Are there some hymns you love but haven't heard in quite a while? Or some you have heard but like so much you want to hear again? If so, please list them on a slip of paper and put it in the basket on the desk at the entryway. Perhaps you will hear some of them in a few weeks!



United
Women
in Faith

In June the **United Women in Faith** celebrated our birthdays with a special luncheon. Our next meeting will be held at Dolce Vita Italian Restaurant THIS Tues., July 14, at noon. *All women of the church are invited to join us for this special time of fellowship.*

Can't Attend the HUMC Worship In-Person?



We encourage and invite you to attend the Huguenot UMC Worship Services in person every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. ET, to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to be a part of our fellowship of believers. However, if you cannot attend, you are invited to participate in the worship services by joining us at [Facebook.com/HuguenotUMC](https://www.facebook.com/HuguenotUMC).

The Order of Worship/bulletin for each Sunday can be found at [HuguenotUMC.org](https://www.HuguenotUMC.org). If you would like to receive an email containing the weekly bulletin and our weekly newsletter, The Pulse, please send your request, including your email address, to HuguenotUMC@gmail.com. We would love to have you as part of our Huguenot UMC Community.

Please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for 2026 to be a future host/hosts for the monthly **Coffee Fellowship** gatherings.



Name Tags

Please let Elaine know if you do not have a name tag on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary. *Thank you!*



Joy of Crafts

The Joy of Crafts ministry continues on in the Richmond area, providing comfort items for nursing homes, hospitals, shelters and cancer treatment centers through the From the Heart organization. Everything from neck pillows, port shirts and lap blankets to dialysis mitts, drain bags, sleep caps and fidget mats for Alzheimer's patients are hand made by an army of volunteer sewists and knitters and crocheters. If you would like to participate or support the ministry, contact Molly Sprouse at mollysprouse@gmail.com.



Our Blessing Box gets lots of use by those in need in our community. Your donation of non-perishable food items is very much appreciated by those in need. Please keep in mind the warmer temperatures as we head into summer as you make your food choices. As we work together, keeping our Blessing Box well supplied can be an easy task. If all of us can donate a few items on a regular basis, we can do our part to reduce hunger in our community.

Let's do it! Thank you!





Happy Birthday to Erin Lowery (July 14)

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



Jack Hobbs-Myers

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 **July and August** 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.



Sue Croll

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Please send word to Elaine right away if you have changes to make to your listing in the church directory.
Thank you!
HuguenotUMC@gmail.com



Sunday, July 12
11 a.m...Worship

Tuesday, July 14
12 noon...United Women in Faith – Luncheon
at Dolce Vita Italian Restaurant
6:30 p.m...Church Council Meeting (L)

Sunday, July 19
11 a.m...Worship

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

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's Office Hours: Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Hours are subject to change due to outside meetings and appointments.

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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