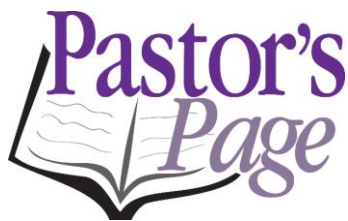


September 13, 2026



Dear Huguenot Church family and friends,

This Sunday, September 13, we will say a Blessing for the Backpacks that our children carry to school. We hope to see the children at the worship service. We also have a special backpack tag to give to each child to remind them that their church family loves them and is praying for them. And most of all, to remind them that God is with them wherever they go.

The Scripture focus for this Sunday is from Matthew 18: 21-35 where Peter asks Jesus, "How many times do I have to forgive my brother or sister who sins against me?" Many of us know this story. And Jesus answers Peter's question with a story of the Unforgiving servant.

Come and join in with us in worship to hear more about the forgiving spirit that Christ calls us to.

Every person is in need of forgiveness from Christ and from one another. We are human beings. We say the wrong thing. We do the wrong thing. And the truth is Forgiveness can be hard for some people. Adam Hamilton says that the 5 most important words that you can learn to say to a person that you are in relationship with are: Forgive me. I am sorry.

Let us consider the things that we need to be forgiven of as well as the people that we need to forgive.

In Jesus' name.

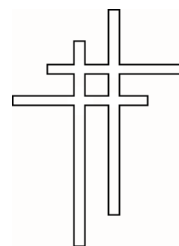
See you on Sunday,  
Pastor Denise Watkins

## 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, September 13,  
Pastor Denise Watkins,  
will provide us with the message  
**"Forgiveness"**

*We hope you will join us!*

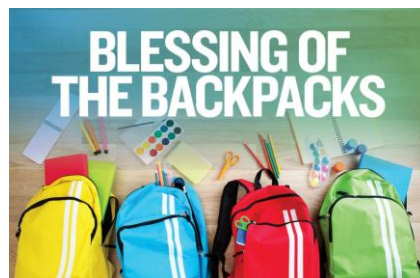


## HUMC Nursery



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.**

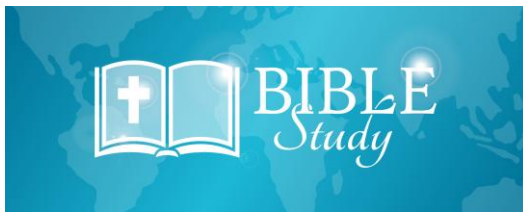
**Please consider volunteering. Note: The nursery is in need of plastic grocery bags. Thank you!**



## THIS Sunday, Sept. 13

As a new school year begins, we invite students, teachers, school staff, and families to join us for a special **Blessing of the Backpacks during worship on Sunday, September 13.** Bring your backpack or school bag, with you to worship as we pray for God's guidance, protection, wisdom, and peace throughout the year.

Come ready to begin the new season surrounded by the prayers and support of our church family!



## Adult Bible Study Resumes THIS Sunday, September 13!

Our Adult Bible Study/Sunday School class begins at 10 a.m. Our class meets in the Fellowship Hall.

The title for the Fall 2026 Quarter is "Faith and Faithfulness." The writer for this quarter is Clara Welch. Reverend Welch is a retired pastor in the North Georgia Conference.

Unit 1 title is "Faithful Living." This unit runs through November 29, 2026.

This Sunday, September 13, we will cover the lessons for September 6 and September 13. The title of the lesson for Sunday, September 6, is "So Much Greater." The focal passage is Hebrews 1:1-14. The background text is the same. The purpose statement is "to discover why Jesus, the Son of God, is greater than God's other messengers."

The title of the lesson for Sunday, September 13, is "Hold On and Draw Near." The focal passage is Hebrews 4:14 – 5:10. The background text is Hebrews 2:1 – 4:13. The purpose statement is "to understand how Jesus fulfilled for all time the work of a high priest."

We hope you will join us. We look forward to your participation in our class. If you have time and wish to, please read the lesson in the Student Book before our class meets on Sunday. If you have any questions, comments, feedback, or suggestions for improvements regarding our HUMC Adult Bible Study, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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**Thank you for your continued support for our Blessing Box.** A few items on a regular basis from all of us makes our Blessing Box an effective outreach to our HUMC community.

*Please keep up the great work!*



## Backflow Prevention Valve Update

HUMC received a formal citation from the City of Richmond in July. The citation directed the church to install a backflow prevention valve on its water supply line within 60 days. Claude Cooper & Chip Woodall met with the City of Richmond on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 to get the information we needed to comply with the citation. We learned during the meeting that the Waiver Policy for backflow prevention valves being developed by the City would only apply to residential buildings. HUMC is a Church. Churches are considered to be non-residential buildings and outside the scope of the Waiver Policy being developed by the City.

We asked for information on the size and type of valve that the City wanted us to install. Also, we asked whether the City wanted us to install the backflow prevention valve immediately behind the City's water meter or inside our Church building. The City's engineer indicated that he needed to make an onsite inspection to answer our questions. That inspection is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23rd at 11:00 AM. The City indicated during the meeting that HUMC is making sufficient progress to extend the 60-day time limit in the citation.

-Claude Cooper

## Please Consider!

There is an opportunity for a new ministry at HUMC that helps to care for the people. As you know, we are all called to be a part of the ministry here at Huguenot and to share our gifts. If you are looking for a way to serve Christ and bring a smile to someone's face, I have an opportunity for you. We are looking for 2 volunteers per quarter of the calendar year to send out birthday cards and anniversary cards to our people.



This is a great way for you to show your love for your church family. We are also collecting Birthday Cards, and Stamps so that the cost will not be a hindrance for you to serve in this way. Once we have the volunteers, we will provide you with a list of the birthdays and names for your quarter of the year. There will be a basket on the side table across from the Pastor's office to collect the birthday cards and stamps.

Please consider serving and sharing your gifts in this way and let Pastor Denise know that you are willing to serve.

## 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://Facebook.com/HuguenotUMC).

The Order of Worship/bulletin for each Sunday can be found at [HuguenotUMC.org](https://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](mailto:HuguenotUMC@gmail.com). We would love to have you as part of our Huguenot UMC Community.



## Please Save the Date Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging

On **Sunday, October 25, 2026**, immediately after worship, Huguenot UMC will host a Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event. This event is to honor Pastor Jim Sprouse and to provide food to people who are malnourished. Pastor Jim's birthday is October 28. Over the years, HUMC has packaged over 121,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger to distribute around the world for hungry children and adults. To package 10,000 meals, we need to raise \$4,100. If you would like to contribute to this very worthwhile event, please designate "Rise Against Hunger" on your donation. That is a lot of money for our congregation, but I know we can do it. Please tell your family and friends. Besides people for the packaging, we need several individuals who can assist with unloading and loading the truck. Registration information and additional details will be available in the near future, but please **Save the Date: Sunday, October 25, 2026!**

**Note:** Thus far we have raised approximately 25% of the necessary \$4,100 needed to package the minimum 10,000 meals. If you have not contributed and would like to do so, please make your check payable to Huguenot UMC and designate it for Rise Against Hunger. **Thank you!**



## Want to Host a Coffee Fellowship?

Please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for 2026 to be a future host/hosts for the monthly Coffee Fellowship gatherings. **Hosts are needed for October 4, November 1 and December 6.**

## Choir Practice has resumed!



Please join us in the Choir Room on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. We would love to have you!

-Connie Salmeri

## 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](mailto:mollysprouse@gmail.com).



**Happy Birthday to**  
Ronni Wohlford (Sept. 14)

**Happy Anniversary to**  
Jon and Kelly Smith

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

**New edition available!**

Copies of the **September and October** 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.



**Louisa Armstrong**

**Camran** (a friend of Rosalie's daughter, a 7 yr. old boy with terminal brain cancer. May God guide the medical team and family.)

**Ken Jaworski**

**Judith Westerhouse**

In an effort to keep the prayer requests current, names posted will be removed after 30 days unless requested otherwise.



**Sunday, September 13**

**\*Blessing of the Backpacks during worship\***

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

11 a.m...Worship

**Wednesday, September 16**

\*Pastor Denise will not be in the office due to clergy ethics class requirement\*

7:30 p.m...Choir Practice (CR)

**Sunday, September 20**

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

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.

**Wednesday, Sept. 16**

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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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