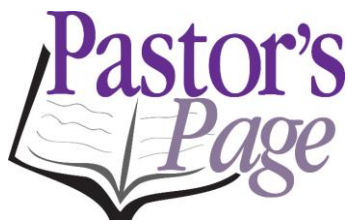


September 27, 2026



Dear Huguenot Church family and friends,

This Sunday, September 27th, we begin a Stewardship focus for a month. God has blessed each one of us with certain gifts - time, talent, and treasure. These gifts can vary depending on our circumstances or the seasons of our lives. But the truth is that every person has at least one gift to give to the ministry of Jesus Christ.

All of us have had different journeys in life but the One thing that unites us in the church is our love for God and our love for our neighbor. Over our lifetimes, we have been shaped by the grace of God through faith. And our God blesses us with certain people to care for - our families, our church family, our friends, and the community and world.

There is a beautiful word in the Old Testament called 'chesed' that describes God's stewardship of God's creation - God's loving, steadfast, and faithful care. It is the same characteristic that he calls each of us to have when he trusts us in stewardship over His Creation.

Hope you join us for Worship.

In Christ,

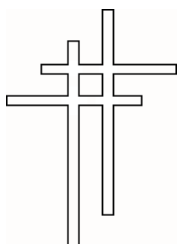
Pastor Denise Watkins

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 27,
Pastor Denise Watkins,
will provide us with the message
"Faith for the Journey"

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.

Please note: On Sunday, October 4, the nursery will not be staffed.



Join Us THIS Sunday!

Sunday, Sept. 27 – We will have a Brown Bagged lunch discussion for our families with children and youth with Pastor Denise and Coop Cooper on ideas for youth and children ministry at HUMC. (in Fellowship Hall after the worship service)



Adult Bible Study

Please note: Adult Bible Study will not meet on Sunday, Sept. 27. It will resume on Sunday, Oct. 4.

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!



UPDATE OF THE UPDATE!

Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event is Sunday, October 25, 2026, following worship. This is a time to be together to remember Pastor Jim Sprouse while performing a team building outreach. This event requires a lot of participation and there is something for everyone! If you would like to assist with the luncheon prior to packaging, please contact Claudine Pavlik, [804.272.0257](tel:804.272.0257). To register for participation in meal packaging, please contact Shirley Bradshaw, [804.240.1240](tel:804.240.1240). Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Additionally, you may sign up before and after church. *See you there!*

2027 Offering Envelopes

At this time of year, we begin our stewardship campaign for 2027 giving and order our 2027 offering envelopes. We plan on ordering 2027 offering envelopes for our members who had 2026 offering envelopes plus a few extra sets. If you do not have 2026 envelopes and would like a set for 2027 or if you have 2026 envelopes and do not need a set for 2027, please let us know by sending an email to the church treasurer, huguenotumc.treasurer@gmail.com, or calling the church office. Thank you for supporting your church.



United
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At the September meeting the UWIF group shared memories of their childhood churches. What a wonderful way to get to know each other even better! Our next meeting is on **Tues., October 13**, and we will be discussing "Serving our Neighbors" and learning about National Mission Institutions. We invite all of the women of HUMC to join us.

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 November 1 and December 6.**

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.

**NEW
MINISTRY**

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.

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



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



All are welcome!

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.

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.



Happy Birthday to
Richard Byrd (Sept. 27)
Brittany Beasley (Sept. 30)

Happy Anniversary to
David and Cheryl Reynolds (Sept. 28)

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



Louisa Armstrong
Frances Lumadue and Family
in the passing of Todd

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 27

11 a.m...Worship

12 p.m...Bagged lunch following worship (see details under HUMC Highlights)

Wednesday, September 30

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

Thursday, October 1

10 a.m...Women's Bible Study (FH)

Sunday, October 4

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

11 a.m...Worship

12 p.m...Coffee Fellowship following worship

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



- Tues., Oct. 9 – Feed the Homeless (K)
- Tues., Oct. 13 – United Women in Faith meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All invited!
- Sun., Oct. 25 – Rise Against Hunger Luncheon and Event following worship service. (See article on page 2 for details.)

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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