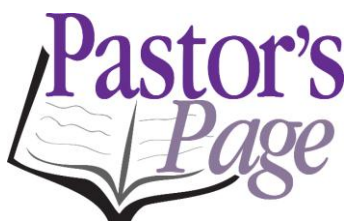


September 6, 2026



Dear Huguenot Church family and friends,

Early on in my ministry, the UMC sent us to a workshop on Conflict Transformation offered by the JUSTPEACE Center for Mediation and Conflict Transformation of The United Methodist Church. It was a class and a guide to help prepare ourselves to engage conflict well and engage others in conflict transformation.

How I have used this knowledge over my years of ministry!

This week's Scripture focus is from the gospel of Matthew 18: 15-20. It is Jesus' style of Conflict Transformation. Please take some time to read the Scripture before Worship. There is much to learn from these simple steps to Conflict Transformation. The important thing is that we need to practice these steps in our lives and in God's church.

In closing, I want to offer this short story that was a part of the JUSTPEACE guide for Conflict transformation.

"Dorotheos of Gaza, a sixth-century teacher, once preached a sermon for the monks in his monastery who were grumbling that they were unable to love God properly because they had to put up with each other's ordinary and irritating presence.

He said this: "Visualize the world as a great circle whose center is God, and upon whose circumference lie human lives. Now imagine, that there are straight lines connecting from the outside of the circle all human lives to God who is at the center.

Can't you see that there is no way to move closer to God without drawing closer to other people? And that there is no way to approach other people without coming nearer to God?"

I am grateful for this early Christian monk's teaching. As Jesus said, Let us Love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our being, and with all our mind. And Let us Love our Neighbor as we Love ourselves.

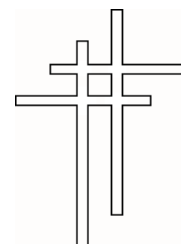
In Christ.
See you on Sunday,
Pastor Denise Watkins

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!

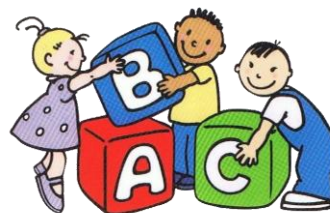
Sunday, September 6,
Pastor Denise Watkins,
will provide us with the message
**"The Rule of Christ Jesus'
Conflict Management Style"**

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!**





United
Women
in Faith

Teacher Appreciation

The Preschool Committee met to stuff goody bags to be presented to the Preschool teachers at the start of the school year. We were able to complete this project because of donations from Huguenot as well as the Preschool. The committee greatly appreciates the generosity of both the Church and the Preschool. The teachers will be happy to know they are recognized and appreciated. Thank you to Pastor Denise and the Preschool Committee members for their help with this project.

-Preschool Committee



Coffee Fellowship: THIS Sunday, Sept. 6

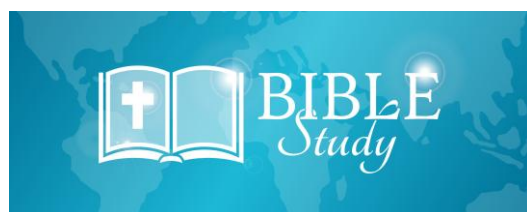
Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after our 11 o'clock worship service, for our **Coffee Fellowship THIS Sunday, September 6**, for coffee, some light snacks and great conversations. We invite our visitors to join us for coffee fellowship, so we can answer their questions about HUMC and we can get to know them better. *Thank you to Wenda Singer, Sylvia Carr and Marilyn Chase for hosting us this month!*

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



The **United Women in Faith** will kick off a new year with a Getting Acquainted activity at our meeting **THIS Tuesday, September 8**, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

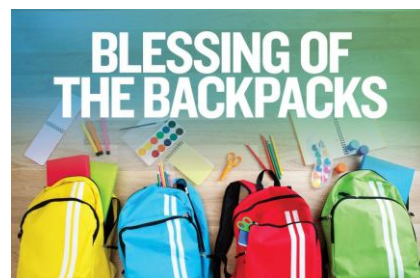
We hope all of the women at HUMC can join us for a time of prayer, fellowship and fun!



Adult Bible Study Resumes NEXT Sunday, September 13!

Our class meets in the Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings from 10 - 10:45 a.m. The theme for Adult Bible Study this fall is "Faith and Faithfulness." We hope you will join us. If you have not already done so, please let me know, as soon as possible, if you are interested in participating in our class so we can order the Student Books.

Gerry Flinchbaugh
gflinchb@gmail.com
804.314.4817



NEXT 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!



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!



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!**

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.

The Order of Worship/bulletin for each Sunday can be found at 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
Kelly Smith (Sept. 6)
Allen Ames (Sept. 9)

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

Mark N. Blanchette

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

John S. Currie

The family of Rosalie and Tom Koch on the passing of Tom's sister

Jack Hobbs-Myers

John McTaggart

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 **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.

Dear Huguenot Family,

I have been remiss in not thanking you all sooner for your many prayers, cards, notes and expressions of concern for me during my illness. I believe that I am definitely doing as well as I am because of those prayers. I am so very blessed to be part of such a caring community.

Shalom,

Judith Westerhouse



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.



Sunday, September 6

11 a.m...Worship

12 p.m...Coffee Fellowship (FH) *All invited!*

Tuesday, Sept. 8

First Day of New Preschool Year

10:30 a.m...United Women in Faith meeting (FH)

6:30 p.m...Church Council meeting (L)

Wednesday, Sept. 9

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

Friday, Sept. 11

10 a.m...Feed the Homeless (K/FH)

Sunday, September 13

Blessing of the Backpacks during worship

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

11 a.m...Worship

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



- **Tues., Sept. 8 – Blessing of the Backpacks** during worship service...Bring yours!

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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