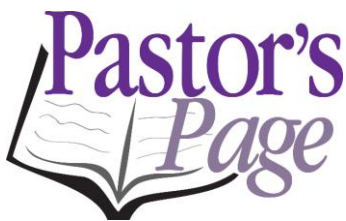


October 4, 2026

Dear Huguenot Church family and friends,

The New Testament Scripture reading this week is another one of Jesus' parables. We have looked at several of Jesus' parables in the last couple of weeks. This week's parable is in Matthew 21: 33-46. It is important to remember when reading a parable of Jesus, that the truth that Jesus is trying to teach usually comes with a surprise. So, as you read this parable in preparation for worship on Sunday, ask yourself, "What is this teaching me about life in God's Kingdom?"



Last Sunday after worship, Coop and Elma and myself had a wonderful conversation with some of our families and youth. I want to say thank you to everyone who stayed to talk with us after church and about the stewardship and future of the church. We listened to everyone and each person had an opportunity to share what they needed to say.

Again, thank you. These types of conversations will help guide us along with God's call of discipleship for the church in the coming days and year.

May the Lord renew you in this season of stewardship of God's church.

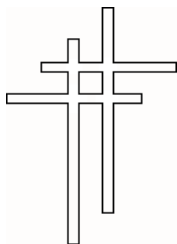
In Christ,
Pastor Denise Watkins

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. This worship service is also available at Facebook.com/HuguenotUMC. Please join us and take part in our worship and praise of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Sunday, October 4,
Pastor Denise Watkins,
will provide us with the message
"Covenant Relationship"

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.



Adult Bible Study

Our Adult Bible Study/Sunday School class begins at 10:00 a.m. Our class meets in the Fellowship Hall.

The title of Unit 2 is "Faithful Examples." The title of our lesson for Sunday, October 4, 2026, is "Their Witness Speaks to us, Part 1." The focal passage is Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8:22. The background text is Hebrews 11: 1-22.

The purpose statement is "to discuss what sustains our faith when times are tough."

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.

Gerry Flinchbaugh
804.314.4817 gflinchb@gmail.com

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!





Coffee Fellowship: THIS Sunday, October 4

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after our 11 o'clock worship service, for our **Coffee Fellowship this Sunday, October 4**, 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 Claudine and Bob Pavlik for hosting us this month!)*

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.**



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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.



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY October 25, 2026

Although Stewardship is a year-round commitment, this is the time of the year that we pledge our financial support for our church, our ministries and our outreach for next year. On or about October 16, 2026 we will mail a letter and pledge card to members of the congregation, and we will turn them in during worship on Sunday, October 25, 2026.

Stewardship is the management of all God's resources including money. We are challenged to live a life free of debt and to demonstrate generosity. We find contentment in God, who is the one source of provision in our lives. When we give to the church we are giving back to God what is already His. Our church is committed to being good stewards of our wealth with regard to missions, both internally and to the community. Stewardship is woven into the fabric of our church, through our services, our on-going projects, and ministrations to the congregation. Should you know that you are not going to be at worship on October 25, please send or drop your pledge cards at the church office as close to that date as possible. As always, your support and timely submission is greatly appreciated.

-Wayne Taney

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.





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!*

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.



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

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.





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.



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.

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, October 4

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

11 a.m...Worship

12 p.m...Coffee Fellowship following worship

Tuesday, October 6

7 p.m...Southside Cluster Charge Conference at St. Mark's UMC

Wednesday, October 7

10 a.m...Preschool Chapel Time with Pastor Denise

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

Thursday, October 8

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

Friday, October 9

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

Sunday, October 11

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

11 a.m...Worship

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



- Tues., Oct. 13 – **United Women in Faith** meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Sun., Oct. 25 – **Stewardship Sunday** (Please turn in your pledge card.)
- Sun., Oct. 25 – **Rise Against Hunger** Luncheon and Event following worship service. (See details on page 3 of this newsletter.)

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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