pulse weekly news and events at Huguenot United Methodist Church

November 15, 2026

Pastor's Page

Matthew 25: 29 - Those who have much will receive more, and they will have more than they need. But as for those who don't have much, even the little bit they have will be taken away from them.

Dear Huguenot Church Family and Friends,
This week the sermon focus is on another one of Jesus' parables. This one is the Parable of the Talents or the coins. Remember Jesus used these word-picture stories to teach us something about the Kingdom of God. And in the last couple of parables that we have looked at, they have been about how we are to live our lives faithfully, while we wait for Christ's return.

The sermon title that I used for the sermon is from a favorite Arthur Ashe quote of mine - "Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." It speaks to me that in many situations, you just have to begin to do something, to take a next step in faithful living.

Arthur Ashe knew many challenges and obstacles, having grown up in segregated Richmond. Yet he persevered and overcame many obstacles. He was blessed with a talent for tennis and practiced and kept going, eventually winning the 1975 Wimbledon Cup in men's tennis singles.

Each one of us is on a journey of faith and our life journeys can look quite different. For some, our journey of life takes us down roads we'd rather not go such as dealing with conflict or loss or mental health issues or cancer treatment. But the good news for us is that God is with us on our journeys no matter where we are. This gives us much comfort and hope.

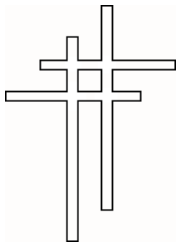
Hope that you join in with us for worship this Sunday and bring a friend with you. The world is longing for some good news.

Grace and peace,
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, November 15,
Pastor Denise Watkins
will provide us with the message
"Start Where You Are, Use What You Have, Do What You Can"
(Arthur Ashe quote)



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.

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.

Adult Bible Study

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

The title of our lesson for Sunday, November 15, 2026, is "The Holy One in Our Midst." The focal passage is Hebrews 11: 1-12. The background text is Hosea 10. The purpose statement is "to be compassionate towards others as God is compassionate toward us."

We hope you will join us next Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, comments, or feedback regarding our HUMC Adult Bible Study please do not hesitate to contact me.

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We wish to honor and thank all veterans, especially those here at HUMC and their families who served and supported them.

Be mindful that some of the veterans returned home with very serious mental and physical health issues. Kindly keep them and all veterans and their families in your prayers.

Rosalie Koch



If you would like to participate in the Thanksgiving Food Drive for people that visit our Blessing Box by providing a bag of groceries that will go along with a canned ham, note the groceries listed below. Please put your contributions in the Fellowship Hall on the table used for Coffee Socials. Please remember that our Blessing Box does not have a lot of height inside so please package accordingly. It is suggested that we loop the blessing bags with string to connect to each other or label bags: bag 1, bag 2.

1 - 40 oz can of yams
1 - 13 oz box of mashed potatoes
1 - 14 oz can of cranberry sauce
2 - 15 oz cans of corn
2–3 15 oz cans of green beans
2 - boxes of "stovetop" stuffing
2 - cans or bags of gravy—no glass
1 - box of hot chocolate
1 - large box or bag of cookies
1 - box of tea bags

Thank you for your participation!
Huguenot Missions Team

Preparing the Sanctuary for Christmas

Help is needed to decorate the church for Christmas. Volunteers will meet on Sunday, November 21 at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary to begin preparing the church for Advent and Christmas. Many hands are needed as well as people with different talents. Wreaths need to be hung in the sanctuary windows, Chrismon Tree needs to be decorated and these activities take people who can climb on ladders. The Creche Scene needs to be assembled and placed in the hall window, wreaths need to be hung at the doors and church office, candles with Christmas decorations will need to be placed in windows. Paraments need to be hung at the front of the church as well as the Advent Wreath. If you can help with decorating the church, it will be appreciated. As it is getting closer to Thanksgiving, we look at all the ways God blesses us. One of God's greatest blessings is 'the church' and decorating the church with the reminders of the BIG BLESSINGS that God has given us during Advent is a way of saying 'thank you' to God for His love.



Sarah Coffey (804) 397-9366



I would like to thank all those that have turned in their pledge cards. The response up to this point has been excellent. This is just a reminder to all that intend to pledge for next year but have not yet done so, it is not too late. We are in the process of wrapping up our campaign for next year's Stewardship pledges. I am asking, therefore, that if you intend to pledge for 2027, that you please get your pledge cards into the church office at your earliest convenience. As always, we appreciate your support and help with this Stewardship campaign.

-Wayne Taney



I want to send out a big thank you to everyone at Huguenot for the warmth and love extended to me at last Sunday's worship and Rise Against Hunger event. It was so nice to meet Pastor Denise and her family, and to see so many dear friends. The lunch you provided was delicious, and the kind words said about Jim were so comforting. Plus, the Hunger event was beautifully handled. Thank you for being such a loving and grace-filled family of God.

Love, Molly Sprouse

Rise Against Hunger Day at Huguenot UMC: Hearts Full of Gratitude

Our Rise Against Hunger event was held on Sunday, October 25, 2026, in loving memory and in honor of Pastor James C. Sprouse, who served Huguenot United Methodist Church from July 2020 to May 2026. Coming together to serve others was a heartfelt way to honor Pastor Jim's memory.

What a beautiful day of hope, service, and fellowship! My heart is full of gratitude for the 123 people from HUMC and our neighbors at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints across Duryea Drive who came together to make this event such a success. I have heard so many positive comments, and the Rise Against Hunger staff warmly praised the group's work. Seeing families, friends, and neighbors working side by side was truly special. Thank you to everyone who gave their time, resources and energy so generously.

The Rise Against Hunger Team offers heartfelt thanks for your enthusiasm, generosity, and support. Each of the 10,153 meals packed is a gift of care and hope for someone we may never meet. We hope you left feeling as encouraged and inspired as we did. Thank you for sharing your hearts and hands in this meaningful work.

I am especially grateful to Shirley Bradshaw and Claudine Pavlik for their hard work in bringing this event together. Shirley and Claudine, your time, effort, and care mean so much. Thank you both—and thank you to everyone who helped make this day a loving tribute to Pastor Jim and a blessing to others.

Gerry Flinchbaugh
Missions and Outreach Team

Joy of Crafts Update

Thanks to Huguenot's generous support for the Joy of Crafts holiday bazaars, we were able to donate more than $3,400 to From the Heart to buy fabric and supplies for comfort items in our community. They have been busily buying fabric for the handmade pillowcases that are so much in demand now at local children's hospitals. Thank you for contributing to this worthy cause that brings comfort to people of all ages. If you would like to know more about this crafts ministry, contact Molly Sprouse at mollysprouse@gmail.com.





Happy Birthday to
Bella Beasley (Nov. 16)
Carol Ames (Nov. 17)
Judge Cardwell (Nov. 22)

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



Judy Anderson
Coop Cooper
Judith Westerhouse
Development of a Children's and Youth Ministry Outreach Program at Huguenot UMC

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 **November and December** 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.



Sunday, November 15
10 a.m…Adult Bible Study (FH)
11 a.m…Worship

Tuesday, November 16
7 p.m…Hand Bell Choir Practice (S)

Wednesday, November 18
10 a.m…Preschool Chapel Time w/Pastor Denise
7:30 p.m…Choir Practice (CR)

Thursday, November 19
10 a.m…Women's Bible Study (FH)

Sunday, November 22
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.

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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