

November 3, 2024



Community

Young's Literal Translation

And Jehovah God saith, 'Not good for the man to be alone, I do make to him a helper -- as his counterpart (companion).'

Meditate with me today on how God has always been known in community, and calls us to build a community, a nation of priests: a priesthood of all believers. All too often people prefer God knowing only the individual: *alone with the Alone*. But...Christianity is highly communal and is enriched by being practiced with others. Part of the reason for this is that communities buttress our faith, support a common understanding of God and one another, of the way we see the world and it's the way God relates to it. And part of it is surely the fact we know love and joy in community. If God is love, as the Good Book claims, then we usually experience God in other people.

Think about your own experience of community – the neighborhood where you grew up, the church you attend, the friends whose fellowship you value. Think about the joyous community created and sustained by our church school, PIPS, and our Wednesday evening pot luck dinners. Remember the moments of sitting together, talking together.

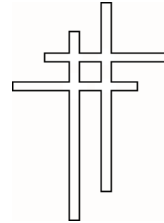
The human soul doesn't reach its fullest amplification without others. Maybe this is why heaven is always pictured as a community, a place where saints are gathered in great numbers around the throne of God. As you see crowds of people today, think of human community as a whole, and how important it is to God that God would enter it in the Incarnation. Let people remind you of the presence of the Divine – and that you're a God-created part of it. Spitting image!

Shalom,

Jim Sprouse

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!



Pastor Jim Sprouse will provide us with the message

"No More Questions"

We hope you will join us!

Audio recordings of our HUMC Sunday Morning Worship Services are available at HuguenotUMC.org under the Worship tab. We hope you will find these recordings beneficial and will share them with your family, friends and neighbors.

TUNE IN

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. Thank you to volunteer Maria Wright for assisting Rosalie this Sunday.



Adult Bible Study / Sunday School

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, Nov. 3, is "Adopted Through Christ." The focal passage is Ephesians 1: 3-14. The background text is the same. The purpose statement is "to explore the concept of adoption by God through Christ."

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

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Coffee Fellowship: THIS Sunday, November 3

Please Join US



LIBERATION VETERAN SERVICES

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after our 11 o'clock worship service, on **Sunday, November 3**, 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 Sheila and Frank Blankenship for hosting us! *See you there!*

Women's Bible Study

All women are welcome to join the Women's Bible Study. We meet in the Fellowship Hall of the church at **10 a.m. on Thursdays**. We are using the Adult Bible Study from Cokesbury and the emphasis in this particular series is Finding Balance. This series offers Bible references and a study of the suggested references. The emphasis of the study will be Finding Balance through work, spiritual practices, rest, and celebration. These Adult Bible Studies offer a lot of truth, Bible study, and direction on better ways of living. Study booklets will be provided and a DVD will be used to enhance discussion with each lesson. If this is of interest to you, please join us. -Sarah Coffey



KUDOS to HUMC Preschool

Our Huguenot United Methodist Preschool is one of only six preschools in the Richmond area to have met the qualifications for the "exceed state expectations" status in the roll-out of Virginia's new child care rating system for all child care centers in Virginia that use public funds to serve children from birth to age 5. This is simply an affirmation of what we already know: staff, administration, parents, and our congregation are joined together to provide an excellent head start for young children.



Please Check it Out!



Please check the bulletin board for **Mission Connection Updates**. Updates are made frequently. The latest updates include Hams' Happenings and Henderson Settlement. Check it out, please!

New Local Mission Opportunity

Housing - Healing - Hope: Liberation Veteran Services has been supporting homeless veterans with dignity and respect in the greater Richmond area. With a current program capacity of 38, they serve veterans ages 25 to 77, with 86% success rate of transition to permanent housing!

It is very exciting that they recently received a grant for a supportive housing facility, Veteran Village, which will consist of micro apartments.

Although they always need clothing and bedding, their greatest need right now is for the following: toilet paper, paper towels, bleach, Pine-Sol, antibacterial wipes, laundry and dish detergent, and 55-gallon trash bags. We will be collecting these items through **Sunday, November 10**, and will deliver them on or near Veterans Day.

Please leave your donations in the container opposite fellowship hall. Thank you so much in advance for your generosity.

Save the Date! November 13 - Fellowship Pot Luck

We will resume our Wednesday Fellowship on the second Wednesday of the month through the end of the year. As a reminder, this is Pot Luck and begins at 6 p.m. **All are welcome!** I intend to send an email reminder the morning of Fellowship.



- Shirley Bradshaw 804-240-1240

November 13

Join us in November for an informational program, How to Avoid Real Estate Scams, presented by Dan Salmeri. Dan has been in real estate for many years and he will enlighten us on how the elderly are unknowingly involving family and friends and exposing themselves to scams. I hope you will join me in welcoming Dan and participating in a true public service informational session.

December 11

Join us for a joyful holiday celebration! (Program to be determined)

Joy of Crafts

In the past few months, Joy of Crafts has made and donated more than 100 comfort items to local nursing homes, hospitals, dialysis center and homeless shelters. The donations go to From the Heart, a local clearinghouse for many needs in the community.

The items we've been making include activity mats and marble mazes for Alzheimer's patients, fleece mittens for dialysis patients, wheelchair totes, chemo port shirts, drain bags and neck pillows. In addition, a shipment of 30 handmade t-shirt dresses will go out this month to Dress a Girl Around the World. Special thanks to Judy Anderson, who sews so many of these treasures.

Check out the display in the hallway to see what the donated items look like. ALSO, there are many projects that knitters and crocheters can submit to From the Heart, including a recent call for white handmade blankets for newborns. For more information, contact Molly Sprouse at mollysprouse@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars for Sun., Nov. 24, when Joy of Crafts' annual Holiday Bazaar starts at Huguenot!



Preschool Pizza Fundraiser

Our preschool has an ongoing fundraiser with Marco's Pizza. Just use the code: **HUMCPSAF** when ordering over the phone or online and the school receives a portion from each sale all year long. Participating locations include the Marco's Pizza on Sheila Lane and on Midlothian Turnpike.



Pastor Jim will be forming a **Confirmation Class** to begin in early January. Any youth 12 years and older, please let him know of your interest!



Please contact Pastor Jim if you are interested in joining the Usher Team.

Three Libraries

Did you know we have **THREE** libraries at HUMC? The "Main Library" is on the left in the preschool wing. Both adult and children's books are arranged according to the Dewey Decimal system and includes numerous Bible and faith resources, and both fiction and nonfiction suitable to both children and adults. The check-out box is located on the cabinet on the non-window side/long side of the room.

The "Branch Library" is a nook in the wall directly across the aisle from the sanctuary entrance. It holds a rotating collection of adult/children titles from the Main Library and Mobile Library (see below). To borrow, legibly complete the name and date on the library card, and place the library card in the check-out box on the bottom shelf of the "nook."

The "Mobile Library," also called the "United Women in Faith (UWF) Library," resides in a supply room adjacent to the Fellowship Hall and is brought out for UWF meetings and other events, such as Wednesday Night dinners. The check-out box is located on the cart. Some books available in the "Branch Library" are those that have been moved from the "Mobile Library" and are part of the permanent "Main Library."

Peruse, **and borrow**, books from any of the three. **To borrow a book, legibly complete the name and date on the library card found at the back of the book and place it in the check-out box.** Beginning this month blurbs about some books in the Branch Library occasionally will appear in the *Pulse*. (See the following!)

-Carol Ames and Wenda Singer



HUMC Books

These books are available in the "branch library" (in the book nook across the hall from the sanctuary.) Just print your name and the date on the library card and place it in the box.

The Well Women – Crossing the Boundaries

by Ladine Housholder. Four members of a study group are reunited on a tour to the West Bank city of Nablus, the historic site of Jacob's Well, where Jesus encountered the Samaritan woman. Each group member brings personal hurt and brokenness. Thought this tour of life, healing, and history, the reader is treated to a rich tapestry of details about the people, sights, shops and foods of the Middle East, woven by an experienced and sophisticated traveler to that area.

We Are All Fast-Food Workers Now – The Global Uprising Against Poverty Wages

by Annelise Orleck is a look at globalization as seen through the eyes of small farmers, fast-food workers, hotel housekeepers, airport workers, and adjunct professors who are fighting for respect, safety, and a living wage.” It features stories of their work, as well as reflections on hope and change for the future.



Our family appreciates Huguenot United Methodist Church allowing us to host mom's (Anne Bartee) birthday event after church on Sunday, October 20.

-Jessica (Bartee) Thompson



Frank Grinnell
Cameran Henderson
Chad Jarvis
Dan Jarvis
Ellie Jarvis
Kenzie and Kylie Mateer & Family
Linda Pomfrey
Jon Smith
Wayne Taney
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

Copies of the **November-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.



Happy Anniversary

Phil and Sarah Coffey (Nov. 5)

Aaron and Erin Lowery (Nov. 5)

Happy Birthday

Cissy Hope (Nov. 9)

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



Sunday, Nov. 3 – 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

11 a.m...Worship

12 p.m...Coffee Fellowship following worship (FH)

Tuesday, Nov. 5

7 p.m...Hand Bell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, Nov. 6

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

7 p.m...Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Thursday, Nov. 7

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

Friday, Nov. 8

9 a.m...Library Work Session (L)

10 a.m...Feed the Homeless (K) *All invited!*

Saturday, Nov. 9

8 a.m. – 11 a.m...Preschool Yard Sale in HUMC parking lots

Sunday, Nov. 10 – 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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., Nov. 12 – United Women in Faith mtg. @ 10:30 a.m. and Church Council mtg. @ 6:30 p.m. on Zoom
- Wed., Nov. 13 – Pot Luck Fellowship Dinner @ 6 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 24 – Joy of Crafts Holiday Bazaar

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 Jim is in the office on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. 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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