

October 13, 2024



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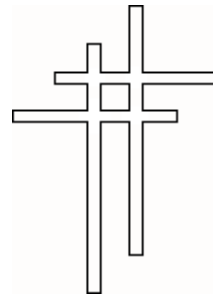
Reminisce with me a little today about the power of radio and its place in God's world. You and I take radio for granted and listen to it in our cars as we commute to work, run errands or venture out on a road trip. We don't have a radio in our cars anymore – we have an audio sound system: Bose, JBL, Sony etc. We can turn those babies up so loud people in the cars behind and beside us can listen even with the windows up and the AC on. Boom Baboom – Boom Baboom. All this bears little resemblance to the radio I remember as a child. First, there was no instant ON...the vacuum tubes took a bit of warming up. Radio was fantastic, magical. It brought the world to our doorsteps, brought a world of laughter, romance, adventure and thrills. We kids would sneak small transistor radios into elementary school in the fall to listen to the World Series – and then rush home after school, warm up the radio and catch the rest of the game. As a kid I would hear radio broadcasts like: *Lum & Abner, Gun Smoke, The Shadow, Burns and Allen, Jack Benny, The Great Gildersleeve, War of the Worlds*. You can still hear many of these shows on the Big Broadcast every Sunday night at 7 p.m. on WAMU 88.5 FM. Here's what made radio so great – the stage the actors strode upon was the creative imagination of everyone listening. People heard all the great events of history – Edward VIII's abdication, the announcement that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor, FDR's and Churchill's speeches. Every night I would go to bed and eventually find sleep while listening to some program on the radio. Because of a wonderful little quality of AM radio called *skip*, as a child growing up in Charlottesville,

I could listen to WBZ in Boston or WOWO in Fort Wayne...and imagine the exciting things going on in those far away cities. What excitement. What fun. To this day I usually fall asleep at night listening to NPR and the BBC. I put my Skullcandy earplugs in every morning at 5 a.m. and awaken to the first sounds of what's going on in the world. Sometime in the 1950s a popular pastor, Charles Wellborn, preached a sermon called *God Speaking*, in which he presented God as speaking directly to the listening audience. I wonder if God still doesn't speak to us through the music, news and joy of simply *hearing* about what's new in the world - this day the Lord has made!

*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

“Quality versus Quantity”

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

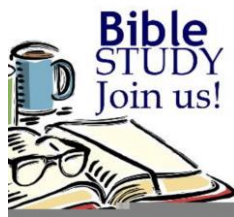


Our nursery caregiver, Rosalie Koch, is at church every Sunday and ready to welcome children in the nursery during worship from 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.

Thank you to volunteer Claudine Pavlik 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, Oct. 13, is "Identity: Family Faith/Traditions." The focal passage is 1 Samuel 1: 20-28. The background text is 1 Samuel 1: 1 - 2: 11. The purpose statement is "to respect family faith traditions."

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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Pet Blessing THIS Sunday!

Join us! We will have a Pet Blessing on **Sunday, October 13, at 2 p.m.**



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!



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

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY October 27, 2024

We all know Stewardship is a year-round commitment, and 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 18, 2024 we will mail a letter and pledge card to members of the congregation, and we will turn them in during worship on Sunday, October 27, 2024.



Stewardship Sunday This is the one month out of the year that we talk about Stewardship. We all are aware that Stewardship as we know it involves *time, talent, and treasure*. This is strongly evidenced by our congregation's involvement throughout the year in all facets of being good stewards. To all of you we say *thank you*. This coming month, however, will focus on *treasure*. It is vital to keeping our church running for the year, and goes beyond church budgets. Stewardship is woven into the fabric of our church, through our services to the community, our missions, our on-going projects, and ministrations to the congregation. I would like to remind you of the article from the chair of the finance committee. We have been operating at a budget deficit for the last couple of years. I reiterate this only so that you will prayerfully think about it before filling out your pledge cards.

Should you know that you are not going to be at worship on October 27, 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



Communion Committee

The Communion Committee has worked hard this year in preparing communion for Huguenot United Methodist Church. We all appreciate their hard work and are thankful for their service to our church family.

There are a few changes in the communion routine that the volunteers need to know. There will be a meeting right after church in the sanctuary on **October 27**. These changes will be discussed at that time. Your presence at the meeting will be greatly appreciated.

-Sarah Coffey



New Local Mission Opportunity

Housing - Healing - Hope: Liberation Veteran Services has been supporting homeless veterans with dignity and respect in the greater Richmond, Virginia 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 starting Sunday, October 13, 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.

HUMC 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 in October blurbs about some books in the Branch Library occasionally will appear in the *Pulse*. (See below!)

-Carol Ames and Wenda Singer



Library Blurbs

The Fall of Freddie the Leaf

A story of Life for All Ages by Leo Busaglia

As suggested by the title, this book is equally appropriate for both adults and children. Accompanied by photographs, the well-known author traces the journey of Freddie the leaf and his companion leaves through the passing seasons.

Blessings Abound

by Tom Walton; illustrated by Penny Muire

A Virginia author, Tom Walton taught agriculture at Powhatan High School until his retirement. This is a book of 100 original poems.

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.



The Next Wednesday Fellowship Pot Luck is on Wednesday, November 13

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

Also Save this Date!

December 11

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.



Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

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



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 **September-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.



Happy Birthday

Chris Cowan (Oct. 15)

Darlene Storer (Oct. 16)

Andrew Wright (Oct. 20)

Happy Anniversary

Frank and Jane Grinnell (Oct. 20)

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



Sunday, Oct. 13 – 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

11 a.m...Worship

2 p.m...Pet Blessing

Tuesday, Oct. 15

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

Wednesday, Oct. 16

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

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

Thursday, Oct. 17

Preschool Closed

9 a.m...Preschool Staff Meeting (FH)

10 a.m...Women’s Bible Study (L)

Friday, Oct. 18

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

Sunday, Oct. 20 – 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

11 a.m...Worship

12 p.m...Special Coffee Fellowship *All invited!*

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



- Mon., Oct. 21 – Charge Conference at St. Mark’s UMC at 7 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 27 – Stewardship Sunday and Communion Committee meeting after worship service



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!

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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