

January 5, 2025



## Radio

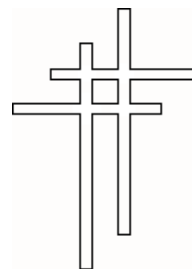
Reminisce with me a little today about the power of radio and its place in God's world. You and I take radio for granted and listen to it in our cars as we commute to work or venture out into the great roar of Short Pump and Southside traffic. We don't have a radio in our cars anymore – we have an audio 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 VPM music or WETA. I put my earbuds 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

**“The Notion of Election”**

*We hope you will join us!*

Audio recordings of our HUMC Sunday Morning Worship Services are available at [HuguenotUMC.org](http://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.



## Adult Bible Study / Sunday School

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

The title of our lesson for Sunday, January 5, is "We Have to Decide to Follow Jesus." The focal passage is Matthew 28: 16-20. The background text is Luke 3: 3-22. The Purpose Statement is "to follow Jesus into the call of discipleship."



We hope you will join us. We look forward to your participation in our class. If you have time and wish to, please read the lesson in the Student Book before our class meets on Sunday. If you have any questions, comments, feedback, or suggestions for improvements regarding our HUMC Adult Bible Study, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## Update!

We are going to update the Church web site shortly. Any comments about improvements or things you would like to add please pass them on to Jim Anderson or Gerry Flinchbaugh by Tues., Jan. 7, 2025.

## Wednesday Fellowship Pot Luck THIS Wednesday, Jan. 8



Happy New Year, Huguenot family and friends, Mark your calendars for our January Wednesday Fellowship Pot Luck on January 8 at 6 p.m. Jim and Judy Anderson have offered to assist me as I am still recovering. Please be advised that both myself and the Andersons may have last minute conflicts that will prevent us from being present.

We appreciate your patience as we attempt to continue our fellowship while also being available to our family needs.

Joyfully,  
Shirley Bradshaw



## Coffee Fellowship: THIS Sunday, January 5

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after our 11 o'clock worship service, for our **Coffee Fellowship THIS Sunday, January 5**, 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 in January! *See you there!*



## Future Host?

We have scheduled our Coffee Fellowships for the first Sunday of each month.

There is a new sign-up sheet for 2025 on the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall to be a future Coffee Fellowship host.



## 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

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for your prayers, calls, e-mails, and texts during my recent surgery and ongoing recovery. Your kindness has been a true pick me up when things got tough.



Blessings to each of you,  
Shirley Bradshaw

### Assisting Families of Inmates

A big thanks to all who contributed gifts for the children of incarcerated parents. Children should not have to suffer because of the sins of their parents. If we can help, we should and we did.

Christmas Blessings,  
Darlene Storer



Thanks to everyone who helped make the **Joy of Crafts Holiday Bazaar** a big success! The funds raised will buy supplies for all the comfort items made during the coming year. These items 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. Thanks again for supporting Joy of Crafts. For more information, contact Molly Sprouse at [mollysprouse@gmail.com](mailto:mollysprouse@gmail.com).



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

## Ushers Needed

*Are you willing to serve?*

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

### Preschool Pizza Fundraiser

Our preschool has an ongoing fundraiser with Marco's Pizza. Just use the code: **HUMCPSAF** when ordering **PIZZA!** 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.



### Blessing Box Reminders

When outside temperatures begin to freeze, please do not place items like glass bottled drinks, carbonated beverages, and any liquids in thin plastic containers into the Blessing Box, as they can freeze and potentially burst or become unusable in cold weather.

Key points to remember:

**Glass containers:** These are prone to breaking when frozen.

**Canned drinks with high carbonation:** The pressure from freezing can cause the cans to explode.

**Thin plastic containers:** These can crack or break when exposed to extreme cold.



Instead, focus on donating items such as: canned goods with pull tabs, individually packaged snacks, dry goods like pasta and rice, warm clothing items like hats and gloves, and hygiene products with sturdy packaging.

<https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-1-d&q=+when+outside+temps+begin+to+freeze%2C+what+items+should+not+be+placed+in+a+Blessing+Box%3F+>

Please place your donations of the above non-recommended items in our alternate location, the **Bainbridge Food Cabinet** at the end of the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you,  
Rosalie Koch





## 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!



### Directory Update

**Peggy Harris**

Brookdale Midlothian  
14016 Turnberry Lane  
#405-406

Midlothian, VA 23113

*\*Peggy would love a ride to church!*



## Pray For...

**The Anderson Family  
Anne Bartee and Family**

**Shirley Bradshaw**

**Peggy Harris**

**Cissy Hope**

**Jed Knick**

**Phyllis and Rodney Martin**

**Linda Smith**

**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 **January-February** 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 to

Carol Cardwell (Jan. 10)

JillMarie Hoover Bowers (Jan. 12)



### Sunday, January 5 – Second Sunday after Christmas Day

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

11 a.m...Worship

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

### Wednesday, January 8

6 p.m...Fellowship Pot Luck – *All invited!* (FH)

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

### Thursday, January 9

10:30 a.m...Women's Bible Study (FH)

### Friday, January 10

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

### Sunday, January 12 – Third Sunday after Christmas Day

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., Jan. 14 – United Women in Faith Meeting @ 10:30 a.m.
- Fri. and Sat., Jan. 24-25 – Cub Scout Pinewood Derby (FH)

### 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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