

February 9, 2025



Communion of Saints

Romans 1:1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God 2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, 3 the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 4 and designated Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, 5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, 6 including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; 7 To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Somewhere deep in time, or as the communion of saints professes in some Christian creeds, we discover that your goodness is not just your own, nor is your badness just your own. Contrary to our nation's rugged individual myth, we are intrinsically social animals. You and I carry the lived and unlived (unhealed) lives of our parents, grandparents, and great grandparents with us, as far back as DNA and genomes can trace them. As has been said rightly before, it really does take a village to raise a person. We may be the first generation to know that this is literally and genetically true. Perhaps the large number of world religions that Christians often dismiss as ancestral worship were not as naïve as we imagine. There was a genealogy attached to Jesus' birth in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. Maybe there is healing and understanding when we honor the full cycle of life.

Living as members of the communion of saints means we can take ourselves very seriously (we are part of a Great Whole) and not take ourselves too seriously at all (we are just a part of the Great Whole) at the same time. You and I need to be free from any unnecessary individual guilt – and more importantly we need to be free

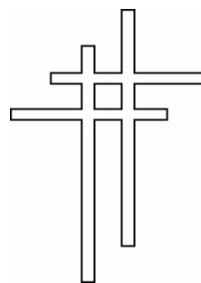
to be a full partner in God's triumphant parade of saints through time and history. You are I are in on the great plan for all creation. And that's a really big deal. We are all a very small part of a very big thing – the Kingdom of Heaven – as we live and die making it a very present reality.

The name Horatio is an Italian baby name. In Italian the meaning of the name Horatio is: **Timekeeper**. In Hamlet, very frequently Hamlet calls out "Come Horatio, from this moment on." These same words become the marching orders for God's communion of saints. Come Horatio, from this moment on we'll endeavor to live life more fully in our time, and with what time we have, as saints in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Shalom, Jim S.

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

"A Call from God"

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. Thank you to Beth Woodall for assisting in the nursery this week.





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.



United Women in Faith

Update Complete!

The church website redesign has been completed! Go take a look! www.huguenotumc.org

Thank you for the input provided.

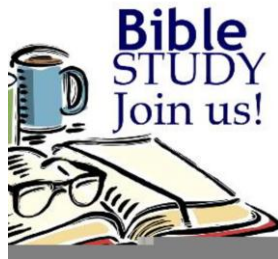
-Jim Anderson and Gerry Flinchbaugh



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, February 9, is "Upside-Down Kingdom." The focal passage is Matthew 18: 1-5, 10-14. The background text is Revelation 11: 15-19. The Purpose Statement is "to see the world through God's eyes."



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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Nursery Volunteers

There is a sign-up sheet for nursery volunteers on the church bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall. Please help with this important church function.



*Jesus loved the little children,
Shirley Bradshaw*

United Women in Faith Meeting

Please join us **THIS Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!** This month we will have as our guest, Linda Porter, the President of the Three Notch'd District United Women in Faith. She will share information about the Southeastern Jurisdiction UWF, its organization and recent Quadrennial 2024 Meeting.

We hope to see you there!

Peace,
Brenda NeSmith
Vice President, UWF



**Join us!
THIS Wednesday,
February 12
Wednesday Night
Fellowship**

Wednesday Pot Luck Fellowship Dinners are on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. Bring a dish to share and fellowship with your church family and friends. Please come early or stay late if you can, as I may have last minute conflicts that prevent me from being present. I appreciate your patience as I attempt to continue our fellowship while also being available to family needs.

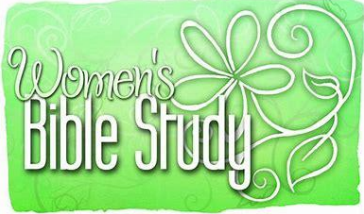
Joyfully,
Shirley Bradshaw



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!

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



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.



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.



Many, many thanks for restocking our Blessing Box. After talking about the need for restocking last Sunday morning, by Sunday afternoon the Blessing Box was well stocked. Please keep up the great work! This time of year, it is very important to keep the possibility of freezing temperatures in mind if purchasing item(s) that may freeze and burst. Our community appreciates this mission outreach.

Thank you!

Gerry Flinchbaugh

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

Ushers Needed
Are you willing to serve?

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



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, lease!

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.



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Happy Birthday to
Bette Jo Paul (Feb. 10)

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

THE UPPER ROOM
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Where the World Meets to Pray

Copies of the **March - April** 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.



The Anderson Family
Anne Bartee and Family
John and Pat Brauer
Ronnie French
Peggy Harris
The Family of 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.



Sunday, February 9 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Tuesday, February 11

10:30 a.m...United Women in Faith Meeting (FH)
6:30 p.m...Church Council Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, February 12

2 p.m...Celebration of Life – Cissy Hope
6 p.m...Fellowship Pot Luck Dinner (FH)
7 p.m...Choir Practice (CR)

Thursday, February 13

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

Friday, February 14 - *Happy Valentine's Day!*

10 a.m...Library Work Session (L)
10 a.m...Feed the Homeless (K)

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



- Sun., March 2 – Coffee Fellowship following worship service
- Tues., March 11 – United Women in Faith Meeting at 10:30 a.m.
- Wed., March 12 – Fellowship Pot Luck Dinner at 6 p.m.
- Fri., March 14 – Feed the Homeless at 10 a.m.

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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