

March 30, 2025



## Gleaming

The universe is so full of beauty that it is impossible for one limited human being to take it all in.... The Quest for God.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and stars, which you set in place, what is humankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care of them? Psalm 8:3-4.

Notice the gleaming quality of everything about you today. It flames out like shining from shook foil. When we are truly in the Spirit of the divine, living in God's holy presence, there is a brightness to everything, an incandescence that doesn't die but gathers in an overwhelming mystery that is God. Look at the violets in the dell, lavender stretching across the fields, pine trees on the knoll, geese flying in V formation and honking to us from overhead, the sun caught in the etched glass or in a drop of dew or a spider's web, the frost on blades of grass – it's beautiful and overwhelming. When we become aware that it's all the garments of the deity, it blows the fuses in our sensorium, propels us to ecstasy, and moves us toward being swallowed up by God.

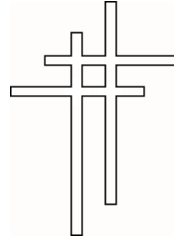
I love the colors of the rising or setting sun mirrored on a lake's face, the face of an ancient pilgrim wrinkled by a thousand smiles, the stretch of a highway racing toward a distant horizon, the velvety surface of a rose petal or a woman's face, the honeyed circles of life in a

sawed off log, the patches of moss and lichen mottling a boulder at the base of a mountain. We begin to see God everywhere, in everything there is, and know that matter is in the process of becoming spirit, may indeed actually be spirit, in the grand economy of God.

*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

**"Two Brothers and a Hobbit"**

*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 Wenda Singer for assisting in the nursery this week.



**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.



## Adult Bible Study / Sunday School

The title of our lesson for Sunday, March 30, the fourth Sunday of Lent, is "From Empty Worship to Pure Hearts." The focal passage is Matthew 5: 8; Mark 7: 5-15. The background text is the same. The purpose statement is "to affirm that motives matter when determining right conduct."



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.

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# Please Join Us

### Coffee Fellowship: Next Sunday, April 6

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after our 11 o'clock worship service, for our **Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, April 6**, 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 Carol and Judge Cardwell for hosting us in April! *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.



**Save the Date!**  
**Wednesday, April 9**

### 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 are able

Joyfully,  
Shirley Bradshaw



**Palm Sunday**  
April 13

**Maundy Thursday Service**  
Thursday, April 17 at 7 p.m.

**Good Friday**  
April 18

**Easter Sunday**  
April 20

**Sunrise Service**  
at 7 a.m.

**Sanctuary Service**  
11 a.m.

## Missions and Outreach Meeting

On **Tues., April 15, at 6:30 p.m.** there will be a Zoom meeting to discuss Huguenot UMC's Missions and Outreach opportunities. Please plan to attend to share your ideas, thoughts, and dreams in these important areas of our church life. You can join the gathering by going to the HuguenotUMC.org website and clicking on "Zoom" in the upper right corner.

*We look forward to your participation.*

-Gerry Flinchbaugh



## Museum of the Bible Bus Trip

Last week, Reveille UMC dropped off a brochure, inviting us to join them on April 30, for a bus trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington. At that time, they indicated they had 60 seats left. The brochure provides instructions on how to sign up for those interested. (Brochure is posted on the bulletin boards.)



## Nursery Volunteers

There is a sign-up sheet for nursery volunteers on the church bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall.

The protocol for volunteers: Arrive around 10:45 am and let Rosalie know you are present. You may join the worship service sitting in the back of the sanctuary. If no children arrive for care, remain in the sanctuary. Rosalie will retrieve the volunteer when children are present. This follows our Child Protection Policy requiring two people caring for children.

Please support us as we strive to offer a nursery while being fiscally responsible with our resources. Please consider volunteering for an occasional Sunday if you are able.

## 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



## A Triple Blessing!!!

- Buy Girl Scout cookies.
- Put the Girl Scout cookies in the Blessing Box or the Bainbridge Food Pantry Cabinet.

...Get it?



## The Blessing Box Needs our Attention!

Thank you all for the support of the Blessing Box. Your support is greatly appreciated. This is an ongoing outreach of our church including our Preschool. The needy people in our community appreciate and need our support. Please keep the Blessing Box in mind when you are shopping and consider picking up items to put in the box. Your HUMC Mission Team thanks you and the needy people in our community thank you.

## Joy of Crafts

The chilly days of winter have been a bonus for churning out comfort items through Joy of Crafts. Since the start of 2025, a flurry of wheelchair and walker totes, dialysis mitts, drain bags, lumbar pillows, book pillows, adult bibs and girls' dresses have been donated to From the Heart, a local group that finds a home for thousands of handmade comforts for nursing homes, hospitals and shelters. The group recently passed the 600,000 donation mark!

Many thanks to all who supported the Joy of Crafts Holiday bazaar, which generates the proceeds that make these donations possible. If you have any interest in sewing, knitting or crocheting, contact Molly Sprouse at [mollysprouse@gmail.com](mailto:mollysprouse@gmail.com).



## 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!

## 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 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 Spring. Any youth 12 years and older, please let him know of your interest!



**Happy Anniversary to**  
Frank and Sheila Blankenship (April 4)

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



**The Anderson Family**  
**Ronnie French**  
**Peggy Harris**  
**Jed Knick**  
**Trudy Morris**  
**Jon Smith**  
**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, March 30 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

11 a.m...Worship

### Wednesday, April 2

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

### Thursday, April 3

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

### Friday, April 4

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

### Sunday, April 6 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

11 a.m...Worship

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

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



- Tues., April 8 – United Women in Faith meeting at 10:30 a.m.
- Wed., April 9 – Fellowship Pot Luck Dinner at 6 p.m.
- Fri., April 11 – Feed the Homeless at 10 a.m.
- **EASTER WEEK:**
  - Sun, April 13 - Palm Sunday
  - Thurs., April 17 - Maundy Thursday (Service at 7 p.m.)
  - Fri., April 18 - Good Friday
  - Sun., April 20 - Easter Sunday (Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. & Sanctuary Service at 11 a.m.)
- Tues., April 15 – Missions & Outreach Meeting on Zoom at 6:30 p.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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