

# HUGUENOTES

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## WELCOME CASEY!

**O**ur new youth education director Casey Ridlon brings spirit, perspective, and plenty of puppet shows and silly songs to our Sunday School and youth programs. A fifth-grade teacher at Marrington Elementary with an undergraduate degree in English and

a master's degree in education, Casey offers significant experience and knowledge to complement her contagious enthusiasm.

Casey is excited about strengthening the youth programs already in place and building on those programs while increasing the number of youth involved. "I just want kids to enjoy it," she says. "There's more interest level when it's fun. Kids *want* to go." She remembers the positive role church played in her childhood growing up in Virginia Beach, especially a youth group in high school where she says she benefitted from having a group of people that she could trust and have fun with. "It probably helped keep me from getting into trouble," she says, laughing.

For the younger children she envisions continued lessons, arts and crafts, Christmas programs, and lots and lots of singing. "I love to sing! And I've taught kindergarten and second grade, so I love getting to do things like puppet shows and songs with the younger children." For the older youth she eventually hopes to develop a bible study group and community outreach activities. "I hope to get kids to learn but



also be involved. I'd like for kids to see how their faith is applicable every day through their actions and how they treat each other."

Casey is already involved in the current Sunday School classes and is developing her plans for additional activities and programs. She welcomes input from families with children who

might be interested in participating. Contact Casey at [caseyridlon@gmail.com](mailto:caseyridlon@gmail.com) to share your thoughts or to send a note of welcome. Thank you, Casey, for leading the most precious lambs of our flock!



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Since decluttering is beginning to be a necessary activity for most of us, a fundraiser for the Women of the Church offered help by having a yard sale in the courtyard of 44 Queen. This fundraiser was opened to the public. Although we could not have picked a hotter time during the summer, the wonderful women of our church showed up to help. All of us survived the heat thanks to Phil's giant fan and the loan of Stuhr's Funeral Home's tents. Many thanks to all those who "glistened" through it all.

Pictured: Pat Hiott-Mason, Chris Iseman and Linda Iseman

## HAND BELL TRIBUTE TO THE AME CHURCH

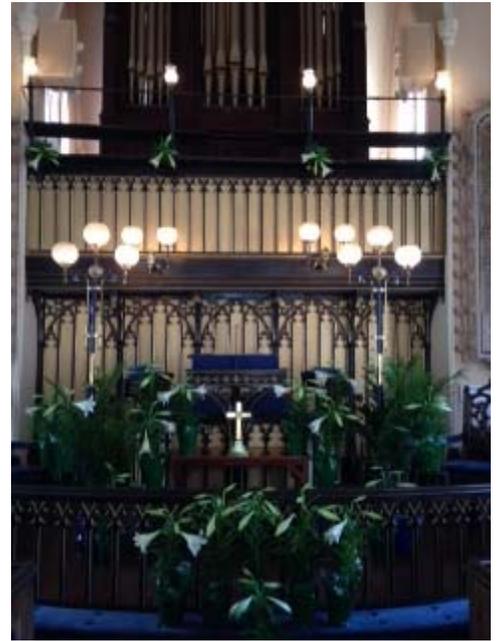
Report by Pat Hiott-Mason



Sunday morning, June 21, 2015, the churches of Charleston joined together ringing bells in unison to show a united support to the tragedy which happened in our city on the night of June 17, 2015 at Emanuel AME Church. Since the Huguenot Church does not have a bell tower to ring, many of the congregation who came a little early that Sunday morning were given a hand bell to ring at the appointed time. Most had never held a hand bell but after a quick lesson on the shake of the wrist, the ringing at The Huguenot Church joined in.

# EASTER 2015

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## CHRISTENINGS

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**Robert Meyer Hollings IV**, son of Stacey & Robbie Hollings and  
**Brooks Christopher Holtgreven**, son of Caroline & Tyler Holtgreven were baptized, June 21, 2015.

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**Evrett Davis Yon**, son of Lawton & Eric Yon and grandson of Martha Ginn, was baptized May 31, 2015.  
**Charles William Kenyon**, son of Gordon & Frances Kenyon was baptized, August 30, 2015.

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The christening of **Josephine Leigh Thompson** was held April 26, 2015. She is the daughter of Jill and Lee Thompson.



Anne Caldwell, local singer and entertainer, sings, "Jesus Loves The Little Children" before a double Christening held June 21, 2015.

# WELCOME CASEY RIDLON!

## OUR NEW YOUTH EDUCATION DIRECTOR

**O**n September 17, 2015 a Meet and Greet for our new Youth Education Director, Casey Ridlon, was held at 44 Queen Street. Casey described her vision for the program and answered all questions.



**Casey Ridlon**



Completing Contact Cards

## CHRISMON TREE

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**B**e sure to look at the Chrismon tree again this year at 44 Queen! Chris Mansfield has loaned the church the use of a beautiful Chrismon tree skirt that she stitched, and in addition to the tree skirt, Chris has given us some additional patterns for Chrismons that we did not have last year. Cathy Bonner is stitching the new ornaments for us!

Thank you Chris and thank you Cathy for sharing your talent with our church!

The women of the church will be selling Huguenot cross ornaments at the fall tours this year. The photograph was professionally done by Andrea Maksimowitz, and was printed on canvas by artist, Paul Silva. They are framed in an oval, gold frame and will sell for \$15.00 per ornament. They are available for church members to purchase as well.



## SERMONS

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**O**ur sermons are now online at: <http://www.huguenot-church.org/sermons.html>

## WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE RAMP AT 44 QUEEN

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**A**fter investigating our problem of wheelchair accessibility for 44 Queen, Eva Ravenel stepped forward and solved our problem. After being tested by Suzi Durant, Eva and Pat Hiott-Mason decided that a portable light-weight ramp was the solution. It was purchased by the Women of the Church and is stored in the basement of 44 Queen. It is available for anyone who needs it. The entrance to our kitchen is where it should be used. A key to the basement is available from most of the Elders and Board members, and Chris Iseman.

# THE FRENCH PROTESTANT HUGUENOT CHURCH TOURGUIDES

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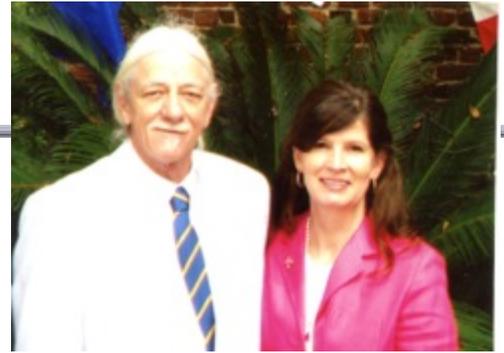
**Collation**

## RENOVATION TEAM CREATE AGAIN

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**T**he 44 Queen first floor “Water Closet” has been renovated in grand style. It is probably the most visited room at 44 Queen and needed much attention.

Our very own Chris Iseman and Christy Cabaniss put their talents together and transformed this tiny space into a room no one will regret visiting.



Bill Thornton also helped with the bathroom by building and installing the chair rail. It was a true team effort!

## SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HELD

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**O**ur semi-annual congregational meeting was held May 31, 2015.

## ANNUAL FRENCH SERVICE HELD APRIL 12, 2015

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**O**ur annual French Service was held Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 am. Janice Stultz Roddenbery was our guest liturgist. Dr. Roddenbery is a native of Washington DC and a descendant of Samuel Duchemin, whose Huguenot family lived in the Norman village of Tinchebray.

Dr. Roddenbery began to study French at the age of 10. She majored in French at Tufts University, received a Master of Arts in French from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and earned a PhD in Romance Languages from Princeton University. She taught French at the high school and college levels in the US, and taught American language and civilization at Lycée Romain Rolland in Argenteuil, France. She presently resides in Lawrenceville, New Jersey with her husband Thomas Roddenbery.

## ANNUAL FALL SERVICE HELD OCTOBER 11, 2015

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**T**he Huguenot Society of South Carolina's Annual Fall Service was held in our church, October 11, 2015. The service is in memory of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes on October 22, 1685. It was followed by a collation at 44 Queen Street.

Our liturgist for the Fall Service this year was Suzi DuRant, a member and Elder of our church. She was born in Bossier City, Louisiana, and has lived all over the world, including France for three years. She earned a B.A. degree in international relations with a minor in communications at The American University in Washington, D.C. She is a monthly columnist for Southern Boating Magazine, writes for several other magazines, and serves as the executive director of the SC Marine Association.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

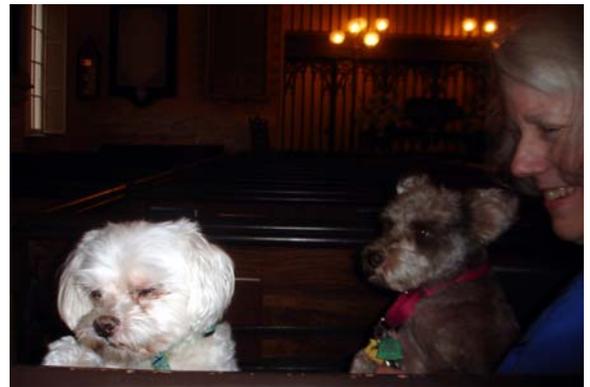
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*T*he annual Blessing of the Animals service was held in the church Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 4:00 PM.



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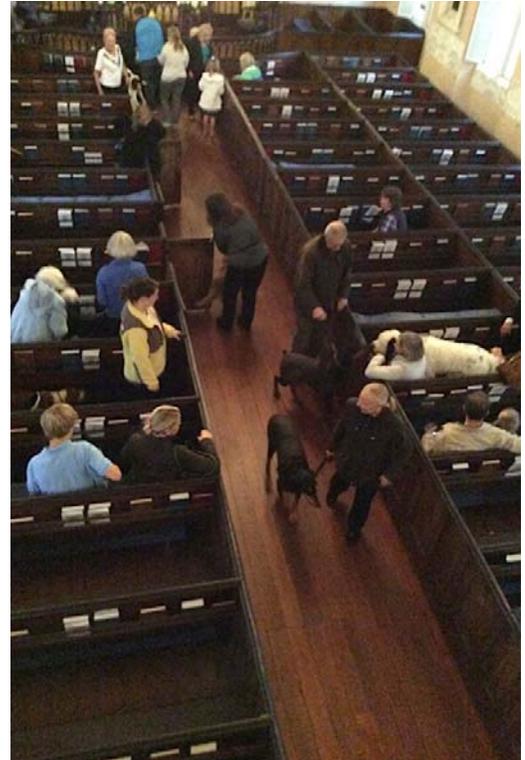
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## NEW HUGUENOT CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

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**T**om and Vicki Guerry teamed up to create a new Huguenot ornament. The design was taken from a small china dish found in the 44 Queen living room. The image of the Huguenot cross was printed on canvas and framed to a size that just fits on everyone's Christmas tree. These ornaments are sold by the docents who give the church tours in the fall.



## TIME-TESTED HUGUENOT RECIPES AVAILABLE

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**C**hris and Ravenel Mansfield and June Iseman have created a Huguenot cook book that includes the famous recipe for our Huguenot Punch, as well as family recipes from the best cooks. It is the size of a greeting card and has an envelop that makes it perfect for mailing. Our beautiful church is on the cover. This item is also sold by the docents at the church tours.



## HUGUENOT CLASSIFIEDS

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- 1) Crisis Ministries service days: Contact: William Applegate [william@yarboroughapplegate.com](mailto:william@yarboroughapplegate.com) 972-0150.
- 2) Fellowship/Social Events Committee: Interested? Join a committee to look into having a new quarterly congregational social supper. Contact: [french@huguenotchurch.comcastbiz.com](mailto:french@huguenotchurch.comcastbiz.com) 722-4385.
- 3) Worship/Altar Guild: Communion Silver Polish four times per year. Communion Linens as needed. Contact: [french@huguenotchurch.comcastbiz.com](mailto:french@huguenotchurch.comcastbiz.com) 722-4385.
- 4) Newsletter: Contact: Beth Dixon [beth.dixon@gmail.com](mailto:beth.dixon@gmail.com) or Mackall Horres [mackallhorres@gmail.com](mailto:mackallhorres@gmail.com).
- 5) Collation (Ongoing): Pick a Sunday soon. Just sign up to bring a dish. Contact: [french@huguenotchurch.comcastbiz.com](mailto:french@huguenotchurch.comcastbiz.com) 722-4385.
- 6) Ushers: Contact Bill Thornton [sandwthornton@comcast.net](mailto:sandwthornton@comcast.net) 722-7630.
- 7) Lay Reader: Contact Bill Thornton [sandwthornton@comcast.net](mailto:sandwthornton@comcast.net) 722-7630.
- 8) Interested in the history of the church? Volunteer to lead a tour for visitors after normal Sunday worship. Contact: Gloria Hedden 881-8831.
- 9) Louise Carraway is available to teach beginner - intermediate piano lessons to children and adults. Anyone interested should contact her at 803-236-7249 or [louisecarraway@gmail.com](mailto:louisecarraway@gmail.com).



### ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Glenn and Mackall Horres on the birth of their son, *Ernest "Ernie" Glenn Horres III*, born October 17, 2015.

