



**FIRST UNITED**  
METHODIST CHURCH  
HIGH SPRINGS

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Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm

### Weekly Schedule for First United Methodist Church of High Springs

#### Sundays

Sunday School 9:30 AM  
Worship Service 10:30 AM  
Youth 5:00 - 7:00 PM

#### Mondays

ZOOM Bible Study - 6:00 PM

##### First Mondays

Friendship Circle 1:30 PM  
New Joy Circle 7:00 PM

##### Second and Fourth Mondays

Girl Scout Troop #2177 5:30 PM

#### Tuesdays

ZOOM Bible Study - 10:30 AM

Kid's Club 2:00 - 6:00 PM

"Off Our Rockers" Game Group 2 PM

"The Way Out" AA - 6:30 PM

#### Wednesdays

Dinner 5 - 6:30 PM

(Dine-In or Take-Out, RSVP still needed)

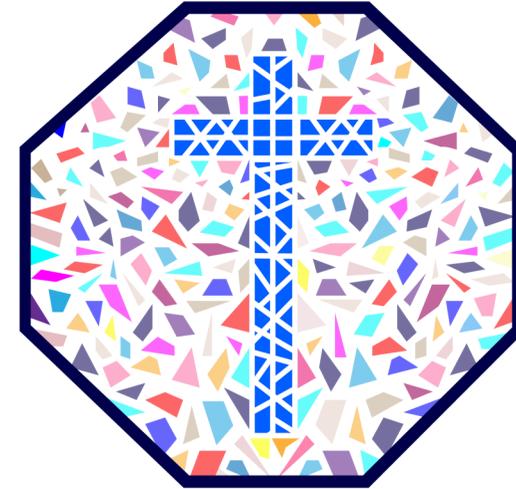
#### Thursdays

Kid's Club 2:00 - 6:00 PM

#### Fridays

Nothing Scheduled

# Newsletter



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### Events for May

- 9th - Happy Mother's Day!  
No Youth  
Life South Blood Drive 8:30 am - 1 pm
- 12th - Mother's Day Dinner 5 - 6:30 pm
- 18th - YAM 6:30 pm at the Woodard's home  
(All 18-25 yr. old, high school grads are welcome!)
- 19th - Mission Team Dinner 5 - 6:30 pm
- 23rd - Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday
- 25th - Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 26th - Dinner by Girl Scout Troop #2177
- 30th - Fifth Sunday  
(supporting the United Methodist Children's Home)  
No Youth
- 31st - Memorial Day - church office closed

**Sundays**  
Worship 10:30 am  
(online and in-person)  
Youth 5 pm - 7 pm

**Tuesdays**  
ZOOM Bible Study 10:30 am  
Kids Club 2pm-6pm  
"Off Our Rockers" 2:00 pm

**Wednesdays**  
Dinner 5 - 6:30 pm  
(dine-in or take-out)  
Bible Study 6:15 pm

**Thursdays**  
Kids Club 2pm-6pm

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HIGH SPRINGS  
FINANCIAL SUMMARY  
MARCH 2021

OPERATING ACCOUNTS		INCOME		Amt.
General Fund Checking (+ CU Share account)		Budgeted		\$47,683
	12/31/2020	3/31/2021		\$198
	12,124	2,841		\$664
Savings-UM Foundation		Misc.		\$681
	12/31/2020	3/31/2021	Total:	\$49,226
	7,008	7,042		
<b>RESERVES</b>		<b>BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>		Amt. % Budget YTD
	12/31/2020	3/31/2021	Worship	\$2,587 26.53%
	38,129	39,294	Christian Ed and Discipleship	\$762 15.09%
			Missions	\$664 8.30%
			Support Systems	\$41,770 25.99%
<b>OTHER INV. (Scholarship)</b>			Congregational Vitality	\$115 15.13%
	12/31/2020	3/31/2021	Facilities	\$8,837 27.19%
	238,411	242,188	Apportionments	\$3,940 18.01%
			Total	\$58,675 24.59%
<b>LIABILITIES (Short Term)</b>			Net Income (Deficit)	(\$9,449)
	12/31/2020	3/31/2021		
	0	200		

### MILESTONES

#### BIRTHDAYS

- |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Richard Felmey - 1st   | Austin Tucker - 20th   |
| Joyce Marcotte - 5th   | Diann Alvin - 21st     |
| Benjamin Watson - 5th  | Meagan Wisener - 23rd  |
| Cleone Chastain - 6th  | Kaihani Camargo - 24th |
| Norma Fisher - 6th     | Lexi Swartz - 24th     |
| Louise Krause - 9th    | Bob Alvin - 25th       |
| Yvonne Fleming - 10th  | Max Daugherty - 26th   |
| Linda Hendricks - 12th | Nancy Bowland - 27th   |
| John Salg III - 13th   | Mary Reeves - 27th     |
| Maddie Wisener - 15th  | Tim Rogers - 29th      |
| Kathryn Lehtola - 18th |                        |
| Michael Lembo - 20th   |                        |



#### ANNIVERSARIES

- |                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Rhonda and Tim Rogers - 2nd     | Diann and Bob Alvin - 12th                |
| Kay and Mitch Thomas Sr. - 3rd  | Carole Fernandez and Chuck Stewart - 14th |
| Starla and Slade Williams - 6th | Patricia and Joe Carr - 28th              |
| Margot and Don Alexander - 8th  | Sylvia and Kevin Odom - 28th              |
| Lisa and Eric Cameron - 12th    | Sam and Nelson Cowan - 31st               |



### UPCOMING DINNERS

- MOTHER'S DAY DINNER (CHARLENE POLK) - MAY 12TH
- MISSION TEAM - MAY 19TH
- GIRL SCOUT TROOP #2177 - MAY 26TH & JUNE 2ND
- FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE - JUNE 9TH
- FATHER'S DAY DINNER - JUNE 16TH
- NO PLANNED DINNERS JUNE 23RD - AUGUST 16TH

Please RSVP by 3pm on Monday for that week's dinner.

RSVP here >> <https://hsfumc.breezechms.com/form/Dinner>

# Sloppy Sunday Continued.....



**Grad Photo Request**

Do you have a high school or college graduate you'd like to have recognized?  
Send us a photo by May 30th!

Email your photo to [hsfumc@windstream.net](mailto:hsfumc@windstream.net).

Dear HSFUMC Family,

On Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, I shared the difficult news that I will be concluding my pastoral ministry here at First UMC High Springs at the end of June. Bishop Carter and his cabinet have reappointed me to Christ United Methodist Church in Neptune Beach, FL, which is in the Jacksonville metro area.

I have been so honored to serve as the pastor here for the last two years. Together, we have brought in new people and families; we are stronger financially; we have become more missional and visible in our local community; we have wrestled with difficult topics and studies; and we have weathered a pandemic, managing to keep most of our congregation safe---even though we weren't always happy about some of the guidelines.

Please keep my family in your prayers as we prepare for this transition ahead. One other thing I'd like to ask you to do is this: mark your calendars for our church picnic, which is on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at Poe Springs Park. This will be our church picnic, where we'll take a church photo, and it will be an opportunity to say our goodbyes.

I will miss you very much and think of you often. However, I also know that you'll be in great hands with my successor, Pastor Steve Langford.

In Christ,

Pastor Nelson

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**I BELIEVE**

**A WORSHIP SERIES**

**MAY 9TH – JUNE 20TH**

# THE WELCOME TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP

If you can smile and greet people, you're qualified!  
We need at least two volunteers per Sunday, one at 9 am for Sunday school check-in and one at 10 am for the service.  
If you are willing to help, even occasionally, please call April in the church office. Thank you!



Visit the **Donor Portal** to find a drive or make an appointment at [lifesouth.org](https://lifesouth.org)

## Give local. Save local.

### First United Methodist Church Blood Drive

### Sunday, May 9 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

\*Donors will receive a \$10 E-Gift Card!

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All donors will receive a recognition item and a free cholesterol screening. Donors must be 16 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and show photo I.D. 16-year-olds require written parental permission.

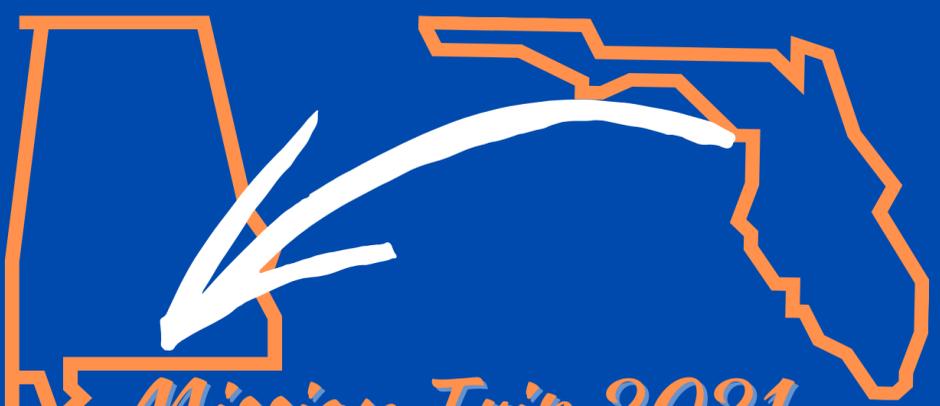


**LIFESOUTH**  
Community Blood Centers

# Sloppy Sunday - April 25, 2021

Thanks to everyone who came to help, we were able to pick up garbage, spruce up parts of High Springs Community School, and put together 49 Blessing Bags! After the work was done, we came together at the church to share a time of fellowship and lunch.





**Mission Trip 2021**  
*Back to the Bayou*  
 July 4th-July 9th

6th-12th Graders are invited to join us for a week of serving, fellowship, and fun in Bayou LaBatre this Summer. Parents who are looking for more information can contact Kali via email at [kali.grenus@gmail.com](mailto:kali.grenus@gmail.com).

Ways you can help:  
 donate work gloves, gas station gift cards, bottled water, monetary donations, and prayers!

## THRIVE STUDENT MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 2nd, 6th, and 16th** Joint Youth Venture with Alachua UMC  
**May 9th** No SNL *Mother's Day*  
**May 23rd** Confirmation Sunday at 10:30 Worship  
 Confirmation Party at SNL  
**May 30th** No SNL (Memorial Day Holiday)

**June 6th** SNL/Summer Planning Meeting  
**June 13th** School's (Almost) out Blow Out  
**June 20th** No SNL *Father's Day*  
**June 27th** No SNL Church Picnic

**July 4th- 9th** Mission Trip to Bayou LaBatre

SNL= Sunday Night Live (Same youth, different name)  
 All events are 5 - 7 pm unless otherwise noted.



**Vacation Bible School**  
 June 21-25th  
 6pm-9pm  
 3 Years Old-5th Grade

Let's fly away to a far off place, and explore the universe that God created.

**Registration is open!**

Let's kick off the summer right!

REGISTER HERE>>> [HTTPS://HSFUMC.BREEZECHMS.COM/FORM/VBS](https://hsfumc.breezechms.com/form/vbs)

## Tearing down walls by Margaret Hogue

This month, we're talking about **oppression**. In order to best describe this concept, I borrowed largely from the website of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture, from the article "[Social Identities and Systems of Oppression](https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race/topics/social-identities-and-systems-oppression)" (https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race/topics/social-identities-and-systems-oppression).

Whether we are aware of it or not, we are all assigned multiple social identities. Within each category, there is a hierarchy - a social status with dominant and non-dominant groups. As with race, dominant members can bestow benefits to members they deem "normal," or limit opportunities to members that fall into "other" categories.

A person of the non-dominant group can experience oppression in the form of limitations, disadvantages, or disapproval. They may even suffer abuse from individuals, institutions, or cultural practices. "Oppression" refers to a combination of prejudice and institutional power that creates a system that **regularly** and **severely** discriminates against some groups and benefits other groups.

The term "systems of oppression" helps us better identify inequity by calling attention to the historical and organized patterns of mistreatment. In the United States, systems of oppression (like systemic racism) are woven into the very foundation of American culture, society, and laws. Other examples of systems of oppression are sexism, heterosexism, ableism, classism, ageism, and anti-Semitism. Society's institutions, such as government, education, and culture, all contribute or reinforce the oppression of marginalized social groups while elevating dominant social groups.

How are people oppressed today? Through unequal educational and job opportunities; restrictive voting laws that make it difficult to vote; unequal treatment by police; prejudicial treatment by banks, realtors, apartment owners, etc.; treatment of women as property; lack of religious freedom; migrant oppression; abusive relationships; and so on.

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## Tearing down walls (continued)

Of course, the type of oppression I'm discussing at the moment is racial injustice. When I participated in civil right demonstrations (peaceful ones) in the 1960s, I had no idea that 50 some years later, we would have progressed so little in the cause of equality. It is important that we recognize and acknowledge oppressions that still go on today so that progress can be made toward dismantling them. According to Debby Irving in *Waking up White: and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*, "oppression can be held in place by good, but ignorant (please substitute unknowing) people." If you want to promote change, or just want more information on racial injustice, I highly recommend the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History & Culture website: [Talking About Race](https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race) (https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race). It has articles of interest for many audiences, including teachers, students, professionals, the general public, and people committed to making a difference.

# 2021 CHURCH PICNIC

**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, Potato Salad, Chips, and Beverages**

**June 27th • 10:30 am • Poe Springs Park Lodge**

A limited number of parking passes will be available. If you do not get a parking pass, the entrance fee is \$5\* per vehicle, cash only. Remember to bring your chair! **RSVP by 3 pm, June 17th.**



\*subject to change - it is beyond our control

RSVP here >>> <https://hsfumc.breezechms.com/form/Picnic>