



FIRST UNITED
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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

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

"Off Our Rockers" Game Group 2 PM
Kid's Club 2 - 6 PM
(Resumes August 17th)
"The Way Out" AA - 6:30 PM

Wednesdays

Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 PM
(Resumes August 18th)
Bible Study 6:15 pm

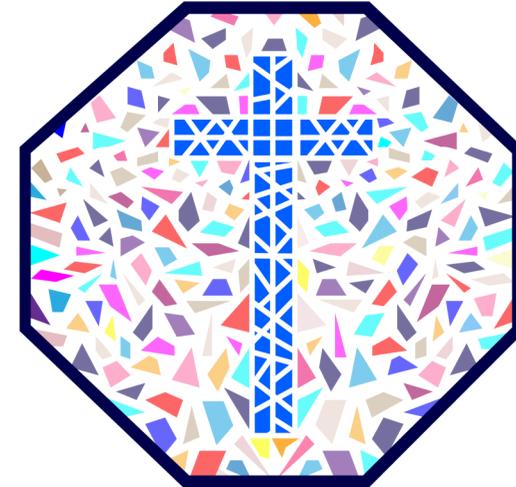
Thursdays

Kid's Club 2 - 6 PM

Fridays

Nothing Scheduled

Newsletter



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Events for July and August

July

- 4th- Happy Independence Day!
- 11th - Reception for Pastor Steve and Pat Following Service
- 14th - Board Meeting at 6:30 pm

August

- 10th - First Day of School for Alachua County
- 11th - First Day of School for Columbia County
- 17th - First Day of Kid's Club!
- 18th - Wednesday Night Dinners Resume

Sundays
Worship 10:30 am
Youth 5 pm - 7 pm

Tuesdays
Kids Club 2 pm-6 pm
(Resumes 8/17)
"Off Our Rockers" 2:00 pm

wednesdays
Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 pm
(Next dinner 8/18)

Thursdays
Kids Club 2pm-6pm

MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| July | 29th - Judy Futch | 8th - Andrew Daugherty |
| 7th - Carole Fernandez | 29th - Dee Dee Ritch | 8th - Jim Lewis |
| 8th - Macy Ring | 30th - Sharon Fielding | 9th - Zayne Felder |
| 11th - Julie Macklin | 31st - Kip Haddix | 10th - Rhonda Rogers |
| 12th - Dolores Barnett | August | 17th - Eric Macklin |
| 13th - Jim Collar | 1st - Morgan DaRoza | 20th - Danny Mueller |
| 14th - Lila Salg | 1st - Raynee Hurd | 20th - Jan Wilson |
| 17th - Wayne Crawley | 3rd - Jeff Buffington | 23rd - Jaxson Mueller |
| 20th - Dustin O'Neal | 6th - Starla Williams | 23rd - Orrin Woodard |
| 23rd - Nadine Pasquot | 7th - Margot Alexander | 27th - Donnie Rou |
| 26th - Marie Harper | 7th - Ernie Pasquot | 29th - Doug Fleming |
| 28th - Barbara Baris | 7th - Charlene Polk | 31st - Clara Bembry |



ANNIVERSARIES

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| July | August |
| 2nd - Sue and Don Douglas | 3rd - Nancy and Greg Gillman |
| 3rd - Louise and Darrell Krause | 9th - Sharon and Joe Fielding |
| 9th - Margaret and Chester Patterson | 16th - Becky and Gerry Hoover |
| 9th - Alice and John Martin | 22nd - Sue and Ernie Schuenaman |
| 10th - Kim and Ben Johnson | 23rd - Von Perez and Danny Mueller |
| 12th - Leigh and Leslie Odum | 24th - Connie and Mike Casey |
| 16th - Laura and Ronnie Wisener | |
| 29th - Beverly and Richard Felme | |



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HIGH SPRINGS
FINANCIAL SUMMARY
MAY 2021**

OPERATING ACCOUNTS		INCOME		Amt.
General Fund Checking (+ CU Share account)		Budgeted		\$80,145
	12/31/2020	5/31/2021		
	12,124	4,072		\$198
Savings-UM Foundation				\$1,490
	12/31/2020	5/31/2021		
	7,008	7,042		<u>\$1,988</u>
			<i>Total:</i>	<u>\$83,821</u>
RESERVES		BUDGETED EXPENSES		Amt. % Budget YTD
	12/31/2020	5/31/2021		
	38,129	43,871		\$3,903 40.03%
				\$1,819 36.02%
				\$1,740 21.75%
				\$67,311 41.88%
				\$548 72.11%
				\$12,778 39.32%
				<u>\$3,940 18.01%</u>
			<i>Total</i>	<u>\$92,039 38.56%</u>
LIABILITIES (Short Term)				
	12/31/2020	5/31/2021		
	0	200		Net Income (Deficit) <u>(\$8,218)</u>

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HIGH SPRINGS
FINANCIAL SUMMARY
JUNE 2021**

OPERATING ACCOUNTS		INCOME		Amt.
General Fund Checking (+ CU Share account)		Budgeted		\$96,231
	12/31/2020	6/30/2021		
	12,124	12,190		\$598
Savings-UM Foundation				\$1,840
	12/31/2020	6/30/2021		<u>\$2,847</u>
	7,008	2,070		<i>Total:</i> <u>\$101,516</u>
RESERVES		BUDGETED EXPENSES		Amt. % Budget YTD
	12/31/2020	6/30/2021		
	38,129	41,886		\$5,004 51.32%
				\$2,699 53.45%
				\$2,290 28.63%
				\$76,718 47.73%
				\$575 75.66%
				\$15,212 46.81%
				<u>\$3,940 18.01%</u>
			<i>Total</i>	<u>\$106,438 44.60%</u>
LIABILITIES (Short Term)				
	12/31/2020	6/30/2021		
	0	2,252		Net Income (Deficit) <u>(\$4,922)</u>

to Bayou La Batre, AL

Youth Mission Trip



“Love Authentically
Serve Respectfully”

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Ephesians 4:16 NIV

God is so good and I am so blessed to be your pastor. I look forward to being joined in love as we work together to build God’s Kingdom in High Springs. Over the next few months, I want to learn as much as I can about our church and surrounding community. To with that I would love the opportunity to speak with you to learn how you feel about our church and community. More importantly, I look forward to hearing about your personal relationship with Jesus and how the Holy Spirit has gifted you to do your part in building 1st UMC of High Springs. Please contact me to set up a time for us to meet and have a casual conversation. My contact information is below. Beware that if I don’t hear from you, I might just reach out to you. Thanks again for the great welcome and support. May God richly bless you and 1st UMC of High Springs.

In His Service,

Steve Langford
Pastor
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Before the Dawn by Carol Daugherty

You would think that in the wee hours of the day everything would be quiet. The noise of traffic is gone; people, asleep. The dogs have succumbed to slumber. With everything at rest, should there be noise...sound? The birds may hush their singing in the garden, but the crickets, cicadas, and other creatures continue to make their songs. The rustle of an armadillo family as they trundle on by, foraging for food; the movement in the bushes from a raccoon family as they venture down from their perch to frolic and play a little; the sound of one tree scraping slowly against another as the wind gently blows around them. Life, it seems, continues on. Most of us know of this world, but seldom visit. The night time songs do not play as pleasantly on the ears as the melodious sounds of birds singing. Birds seem to sing tunes that gently wake up the world...night sounds play a repeated melody that seem to say, "relax...all is well. We will clean up the crumbs from the day. You get some rest". There is a moment, though, when the world becomes still; a time of silence. It is only a moment, but it happens every where, not just in our own little time and place. The in-between...the subtle, small sliver of change. That fraction of time when dark shrinks away from light. Almost day but not quite. One tiny little alteration in the sky, so small that you will miss it if you do not listen. Listen. Close your eyes. There it is...silence. And now it is gone. The pause in space and time, day and night - gone. The sky has changed from dark to peach, reds, yellows, blues...the dark only existing in deepest shadows. The birds have awakened.

It is not every day you get a chance to experience the miracle of life; the world as it awakens from its depth of dreams. When you do, when you see that pale blue haze that welcomes in the dawn, close your eyes and listen.

{I was on the beach for a sunrise. The dark was complete. Slowly, people gathered. Flashlights were seen as they made their way to the water's edge and found a dry place to sit and wait. I turned around to see couples sitting on sand dunes with their eyes glued to the horizon, talking quietly to themselves; families quieting the children. All watching and waiting. Then, as the sun burst forth, there was applause.}

Selah

God bless you,

-Carol



Church Picnic at Poe Springs Park

June 27, 2021



Mission Trip Departure July 4, 2021



Back Row Left to Right:
J.W., Dakota, Evy, Amity, Kaleb

Front Row: Kylie, Danniell, Morgan, Caroline, Aubri

Thrive Student Ministries

YOUTH WEEK 2021

Join us this week for an a different adventure each day before school starts back! Come for one, two, or more activities.



August 2nd Busch Gardens

Meet at the church at 7:15am Monday morning.

Cost:
\$65 (includes admission & 1 meal)
\$85 (includes admission and all day dining)

August 3rd Messy Game Night

Join us at the church, from 5-7:30 for messy games, snacks, and fun. Be prepared to get messy!

Cost: Free

August 4th Tubing down the river

Meet at the church at 12:30pm for tubing down the springs.

Cost: \$15

August 5th "Drive-in" movie night

Come to the church at 7pm, bring your car or a chair, and watch a movie and under the stars!

Families invited to join us!



August 6th Rec Around the Clock

Meet at 7pm at the church for an all-night adventure around Alachua County. Students picked up on Saturday, 8am at the church.

Cost: \$35

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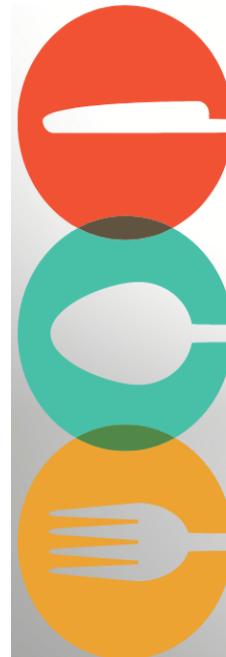
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Bridal Shower

In honor of Cassi Swartz

Sunday, July 11, 2021 | 2 PM | HSFUMC Fellowship Hall

Hosted by the Friendship Circle
Wedding Gift Registry at Target



Wednesday Night Dinners

Wednesday Night Dinners will resume on August 18th!

This dinner will be a fundraiser to help purchase seating for the Children's Room.

There are several dates available if you/your group would like to choose a Wednesday to serve your church family!

The sign-up sheet is located in Connection Central.

tearing down walls by Margaret Hogue

I believe that in discussions of racial justice and other social issues, the concepts of equity and equality are often confused. It is important to see the difference between the two. Even if you take the time to search the words *equity* and *equality* in the dictionary, you might walk away thinking they mean the same thing. Merriam-Webster defines *equitable* as “dealing fairly and equally with all concerned,” and *equal* as “of the same measure, quantity, amount, or number as another.” However, the two words (and their derivatives) can’t be used interchangeably.

Equality has to do with giving everyone the exact same resources, whereas *equity* involves distributing resources based on the needs of the recipients.

To summarize, equality is about dividing resources in matching amounts, and equity focuses more on dividing resources proportionally to achieve a fair outcome for those involved.



The image above was borrowed from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. It makes very clear that equality is not necessarily the best answer.

FIRST UMC ALACHUA/HIGH SPRINGS

VBS 2021

JULY 26TH-30TH
9AM-1PM

9-1PM
***(WITH AFTER-CARE AVAILABLE 1-5:30PM)**

DISCOVERY ON Adventure ISLAND
QUEST FOR GOD'S GREAT LIGHT

Register for VBS here>>> [VBS | First United Methodi \(fumcalachua.org\)](https://www.fumcalachua.org)

Register for Kid's Club here>>> https://hsfumc.breezechms.com/form/KidsClub21_22