



**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

"The Way Out" AA 7:30 AM  
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  
"The Way Out" AA 6:30 PM

#### Wednesdays

Dinner 6:00 PM

Coffee Chat (Youth) 6:30 PM

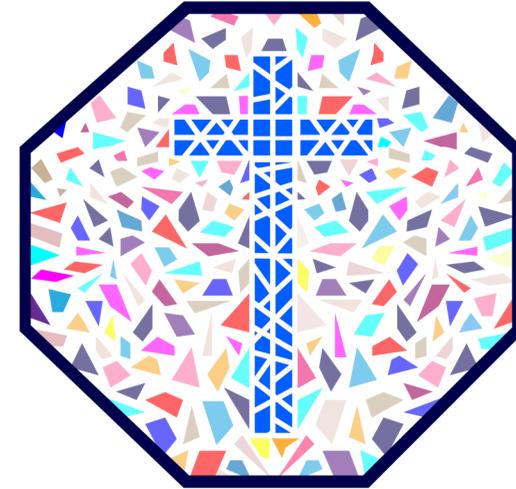
#### Thursdays

Kid's Club 2 - 6 PM

#### Fridays

"The Way Out" AA 6:30 PM

# Newsletter



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**Events for January and February**

**January**  
 23rd - Deadline for Women's Bible Study sign-ups  
 28th - 30th - Rock the Universe Trip (H.S. Youth)

**February**  
 2nd - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (pg. 7)  
 3rd - Women's Bible Study begins (10am - Noon)  
 9th - Dinner at 5:30 pm, Town Hall Meeting at 6pm  
 13th - VBS Volunteer Interest Meeting (following worship)  
 20th - Youth All Nighter (pg. 8)  
 27th - Child and Youth Protection Policy Class (following worship)

*Sundays*  
 Sunday school 9:30 am  
 Worship 10:30 am  
 Youth 5 pm - 7 pm

*Tuesdays*  
 Kids Club 2 pm-6 pm  
 "Off Our Rockers" 2:00 pm

*wednesdays*  
 Dinner 6 pm  
 Coffee Chat (Youth) 6:30 pm

*Thursdays*  
 Kids Club 2pm-6pm

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES\***

January Birthdays  
 Karen Lewis - 4th  
 Sue Schuenaman - 5th  
 Sage Clarich - 9th  
 Carolyn Black - 10th  
 Eric Cameron - 12th  
 Larry Hepp - 14th  
 Chester Patterson - 14th  
 Cassi Boone - 14th  
 Malcolm Ernst - 20th  
 David Hilman - 21st  
 Donna Tucker - 21st  
 Jessica O'Neal -  
 Kim Skerczak - 23rd  
 Mary Jane Wight - 24th  
 Carla Haddix - 29th



February Birthdays  
 Griffin Troup - 3rd  
 Cara Davis - 5th  
 Carissa Davis - 5th  
 Becky Hoover - 6th  
 Dakota Woodard - 8th  
 Dennis Hogue - 8th  
 Michelle Boone - 11th  
 John Hill - 12th  
 Bud Keys - 12th  
 Carolyn Rackley - 13th  
 Naomi Buehler - 13th  
 Colby Blake - 16th  
 Chris Davis - 19th  
 Linda Hartsfield - 20th  
 Sarah Watson - 20th  
 Aubri Deckard - 24th  
 Donald Bussey - 25th



Anniversary  
 Jessica and Dustin O'Neal - 14th

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**Volunteer Schedule**

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Usher/Greeter** - Art and Mary Reeves,  
 Gerald and Mary Jane Wight  
**Lock-Up** - Morgan Jones  
**Flowers** - None  
**Scripture Reader** - Margaret Hogue  
**30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Usher/Greeter** - Art and Mary Reeves,  
 Gerald and Mary Jane Wight  
**Lock-Up** - Morgan Jones  
**Flowers** - None  
**Scripture Reader** - Nadine Pasquot  
**February 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Usher/Greeter** - Art and Mary Reeves,  
**Lock-Up** - TBD  
**Flowers** - Tammy Davis  
**Scripture Reader** - Sharon Fielding

**February 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Usher/Greeter** - Art and Mary Reeves,  
**Lock-Up** - TBD  
**Flowers** - Angie Hargrove  
**Scripture Reader** - Nadine Pasquot  
**20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Usher/Greeter** - Art and Mary Reeves,  
**Lock-Up** - TBD  
**Flowers** - None  
**Scripture Reader** - TBD  
**27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Usher/Greeter** - Art and Mary Reeves,  
**Lock-Up** - TBD  
**Flowers** - None  
**Scripture Reader** - Nadine Pasquot

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HIGH SPRINGS  
 FINANCIAL SUMMARY  
 DECEMBER 2021

			Amt.	
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNTS</b>				
General Fund Checking (+ CU Share account)			\$203,563	
	12/31/2020	12/31/2021		
	12,124	12,564		
Savings-UM Foundation				
	12/31/2020	12/31/2021		
	7,008	4,094		
<b>RESERVES</b>				
	12/31/2020	12/31/2021		
	38,129	54,038		
<b>OTHER INV. (Scholarship)</b>				
	12/31/2020	12/31/2021		
	238,411	252,837		
<b>LIABILITIES (Short Term)</b>				
	12/31/2020	12/31/2021		
	0			
<b>INCOME</b>				
Budgeted			\$203,563	
Local Missions			\$1,977	
Unbudgeted Giving			\$3,622	
Misc.			\$4,765	
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$213,927</b>	
<b>BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>				
			Amt.	% Budget YTD
Worship			\$8,229	84.40%
Christian Ed and Discipleship			\$5,412	107.17%
Missions			\$4,472	55.90%
Support Systems			\$145,525	90.54%
Congregational Vitality			\$628	82.63%
Facilities			\$35,585	109.49%
Apportionments			\$16,440	75.14%
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$216,291</b>	<b>90.63%</b>
Net Income (Deficit)			<b>(\$2,364)</b>	

High Springs UMC Youth

# 2022 Calendar

**WINTER ALL-NIGHTER:  
FEB 20TH**  
5pm-7am  
Cost: \$15



## January

9th- Youth 5-7pm  
16th- No YOUTH MLK Holiday  
23rd- Youth 5-7pm  
30th- Youth 5-7pm

## February

6th- Youth 5-7pm  
13th- Youth 5-7pm  
20th/21st- 5pm-7am  
**All-Nighter**  
27th- Youth 5-7pm

**Questions or need prayer?**  
Mary Allen 757-287-1109  
fumchighspringsyouth@gmail.com

# Rock-the- Universe



Jan 28th-30th, 2022

**JANUARY 28TH, 2022**  
**DEPART: 4:00PM FROM THE**  
**CHURCH**

**JANUARY 30TH, 2022**  
**RETURN: 7:30PM**

## ***FUMC of High Springs – Town Hall Meeting & Dinner*** ***February 9, 2022***

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> for a special FUMC High Springs Town Hall meeting. This will be an opportunity for a church-wide discussion on plans for FUMC High Springs this year and beyond. We'll begin our Wednesday Night dinner a little earlier than usual starting at **5:30 PM**. My wife, Pat, is planning to serve her world-famous Sausage and Peppers Brooklyn Style (that means we all need to speak with a Brooklyn accent). The Town Hall portion will start promptly at **6:00pm**. I am preparing a survey for everyone to complete. Please be sure to return your completed survey by January 30, 2022 so that results can be tabulated in time for presentation at the Town Hall. The meeting will start with a brief devotional and I'll offer my thoughts on moving our church into the future. Next, we'll spend a few moments reviewing the survey results. To accommodate as much discussion as possible, each speaker will be allotted a maximum of three minutes. You can email me your concerns or requests and I will be sure to include all emailed information as part of the discussion. This Town Hall is an opportunity for each of us to have a voice in the worship, ministry, and mission of FUMC of High Springs. The findings of our discussion and the survey will be presented to our church governance board. I look forward to seeing you at the dinner and Town Hall meeting. God bless you!

Pastor Steve

## Spiral Memories & Salt Spray

He walked up to the door, unlocked it, and went inside. The warmth hit him first; the familiarity of the place, second. He knew every nook and space of the vertical building. Built with solid, weatherproof brick, the beautiful structure gleamed in the sunlight; the sun shimmering off the water's surface. A storm was coming and he had a lot to do to prepare for it. Waves gently slapped against the little island the building had been erected on. Built in the early 1800's this rock-solid watchtower had seen many shipwrecks, with more ships saved than wrecked. He began walking, going up in a spiral. Small little alcoves had been carved into the sides of the stairwell to hold the various items he would need. As he walked up the twisted stair, he went through the routine in his head...clean off the glass, look at the electrical box, check the bulb, grease anything that squeaks or squeals, and check the nautical instrumentation to make sure the radar device was still in working order. With the storm coming, cloud coverage could cause delays in ship's tracking devices; delays cost money and sometimes lives. His job, such as it was, prevented catastrophes. A position he had known all his life was soon to be completely automated, making his work and his unique skillset unnecessary. He pondered all these thoughts as he slowly climbed the worn brick steps; each one a memory of bygone days with his father and grandfather. Back then, the duty of care for this facility was transferred from father to son. Many stories were passed down through the generations while climbing these heavy, solid steps; memories that would die with him, he thought. He had not been blessed with children and his wife of many years had passed away a long time ago. He had a retirement fund from the state but he had dreamed of passing on this lifetime job to a child, to no avail. He and his wife had worked, laughed, and loved on these stairs of memory. He came back to the present as he reached the top...lifting the hatch that allowed him to step up into the beacon's housing area. He walked around the lantern room and out the large, hinged window to the balcony. He knew he was privileged; no other person was allowed onto this platform. He basked in the sunlight, and breathed in the salt air, ducking as a wave tried hard to reach him only to spray him enough to dampen his hair. He took one last look around; clouds will form soon in the distance, he thought. He crawled back through the small opening to begin his life's work.

Selah

God bless you,

-Carol



# February 20th-21st

## Drop off: 5pm Pick-up: 7am

Join us for dinner, followed by games and fun all night at church!

**Cost: \$15\* (This will cover dinner and activities for the night.)**

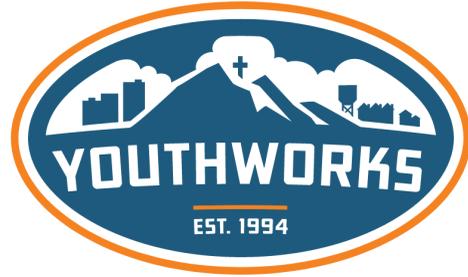
**Register here>>> <https://hsfumc.breezechms.com/form/f821b8>**



## VBS 2022 Volunteer Interest Meeting

### February 13th

### Following Church Service



**Savannah, Georgia**  
**Middle & High School Students**  
**Date: July 3rd-July 8th, 2022**  
**Cost: \$50**

**-Registration due: February 23rd, 2022**  
Contact Mary Allen for more information

# HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY!

Join us on February 2nd at 6pm to celebrate all of our volunteers, especially our Kid's Club team!

**Menu: baked chicken, hash brown casserole, rolls, and dessert.**



## The church has been re-keyed!

If you need access to the church building, please contact April in the church office to receive a door code, which will be used at the office door. Depending on your need, access may be temporary or permanent. A background check is also performed for anyone with access to the building.



## Daily Devotionals

Inspired to begin using a daily devotional? There are a bunch of annual devotionals on the small table under the window in the Church Library. Please take one!



# Kid's Club and Children's Church

Can you believe we are already half way through the school year? I know I can't!

Here are just a few pictures from both Kid's Club and Children's Church. We have a lot of fun while we have Bible lessons, play games, and just hang out together!

Kid's Club offers free after-school care on Tuesdays and Thursdays to 20 children in our community, between the ages of 5 and 14 yrs. We can always use more volunteers who can drive a van for after-school pick-up, lead a lesson/series, read a book to the kids, or just come and hang out with us.

If you would like to serve the church while also getting to know our some of our littles., please call the church office and speak to April. A background check and Child/Youth Protection Policy training is required.

