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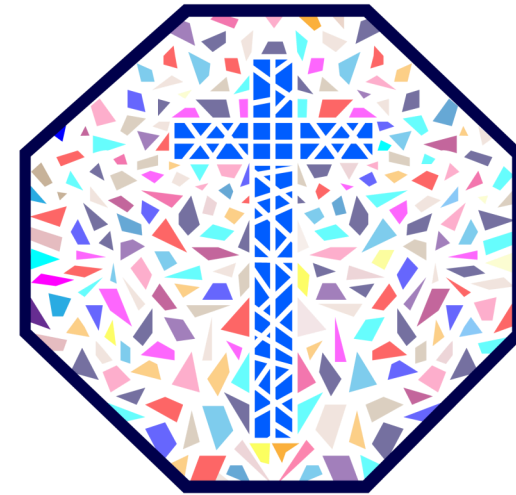
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Weekly Schedule for First United Methodist Church of High Springs

Sundays "The Way Out" AA 7:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Youth 5:00 – 7:00 PM	Mondays Middle Grades Afterschool 2 – 6 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 (K – 5th) 2 – 6 PM "TheWay Out" AA 6:30 PM
Wednesdays Middle Grades Afterschool 2 – 6 PM Dinner 6:00 PM Coffee Chat (Youth) 6:30 PM	Thursdays Women's Bible Study 10-11:30AM Kid's Club (K-5th) 2 – 6 PM	Fridays "The Way Out" AA 6:30 PM

Newsletter



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
HIGH SPRINGS

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October Events

2nd-Communion
3rd-Friendship Circle 1:30pm
3rd-New Joy Circle 7pm
5th-Annual Charge Conference 6pm
11th-Circle of Faith 6:30pm
13th-Women's Bible Study Begins
17th-W.A.C.O.S. 6:30pm
18th-Newsletter Deadline
18th-Board Meeting 6:30pm
26th-Annual Fish Fry & Pie-Cake Auction 6pm
28th-Family Movie Night 7pm
29th-Fall Flea Market and Trunk-or-Treat 8am-1pm

Sundays

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

Mondays

Middle School After School 1-6pm

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

Dinner 6:00 pm
 Coffee Chat (Youth) 6:30 pm
 Middle School After School 1-6pm

Thursdays

Women's Bible Study 10-11:30am
 Kids Club 2-6 pm

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES*

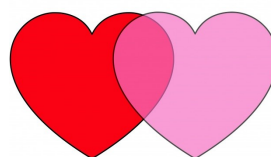
October Birthdays

Greyson Brackett -1st
 Nanette Dougherty -4th
 Evan Jones -4th
 Marilyn Harder -6th
 Heather Clarich -6th
 Becky Doris -6th
 Mike Casey -8th
 Melvin Meece -8th
 Gerry Hoover -9th
 Jason Hoenisch -11th
 J.W. Woodard -11th
 Mary Coleman -13th
 Amber Bussey -14th
 Ben Johnson -15th
 Von Mueller -16th
 Jean Buffington -17th
 Evelyn Hoenisch -18th
 Caron Roder -20th
 Laura Wisner -22nd



Anniversaries

John & Cara Salg -10th
 Eric & Julie Macklin -29th



Ron Harder -24th
 Margarette Patterson -25th
 Marilyn Johnson -29th
 Mimi Macklin -30th
 Joe Fielding -31st
 Ted Northway -31st

*Sunday Volunteer schedule pg. 10

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HIGH SPRINGS FINANCIAL SUMMARY AUGUST 2022

OPERATING ACCOUNTS			INCOME		Amt.
General Fund Checking (+ CU Share account)			Budgeted		\$143,532
	12/31/2021	8/31/2022	Local Missions		-\$39
	12,564	10,311	Unbudgeted Giving		\$4,318
Savings-UM Foundation			Misc.		\$2,285
	12/31/2021	8/31/2022	Total:		\$150,096
	4,094	4,129			
RESERVES			BUDGETED EXPENSES		Amt. % Budget YTD
	12/31/2021	8/31/2022	Worship		\$2,763 28.05%
	54,038	49,537	Christian Ed and Discipleship		\$4,378 74.84%
OTHER INV. (Scholarship)			Missions		\$4,318 86.36%
	12/31/2021	8/31/2022	Support Systems		\$102,060 66.02%
	252,837	221,868	Congregational Vitality		\$2,219 100.86%
LIABILITIES (Short Term)			Facilities		\$29,630 79.78%
	12/31/2021	8/31/2022	Apportionments		\$7,486 38.47%
	0	400	Total		\$152,854 65.30%
			Net Income (Deficit)		(\$2,758)

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

October

2nd

Usher/Greeter - TBD
 Lock-Up - TBD
 Flowers - none
 Scripture Reader - TBD

16th

Usher/Greeter - TBD
 Lock-Up - TBD
 Flowers - one
 Scripture Reader - Sharon Fielding

30th

Usher/Greeter -
 Lock-Up -
 Flowers - none
 Scripture Reader - Margaret Hogue

9th

Usher/Greeter - TBD
 Lock-up - TBD
 Flowers - none
 Scripture Reader - Jennifer Jones

23th

Usher/Greeter - TBD
 Lock-Up - TBD
 Flowers - none
 Scripture Reader -

If you would like to fill any spots for the
 Sunday volunteers, Please visit Connec-
 tion Central and sign-up on the
 provided clipboard

HSFUMC Food Pantry Needs



- Canned Fruit
- Fruit Juice
- Loaves of Bread
- Frozen Chicken Nuggets

A BIG Thank You to all who have donated thus far! We are doing great with stocking our shelves!

A complete list of items can be found at Connection Central

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

Look up at the portico & see the progress!
Keep up the good work and gracious giving!



The Pastor's Page

Celebrating New Members

During the month of October, we will install ten new members to First United Methodist Church High Springs. That is in addition to the 5 new members installed earlier this year. At least six more FUMCHS attendees are considering becoming members of our church. This is a tremendous blessing for us! New members bring a new excitement to the congregation and add so much to our Body of Believers.

Many of our new members have expressed how welcomed they have felt here. On Sunday, September 18, 2022, one person wrote on our Facebook page how blessed she was by this loving congregation. A couple stopped me after church recently to say that they felt so at home here and that they wanted to become members.

- For almost two years, every church struggled with COVID. Over the last fifteen months, I have been blessed by this congregation's loving spirit as we continue to come back together. Our most recent focus has been strengthening the Body of Believers. I see the strength of this body in Romans 12: 5 (NIV) which says, *"So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."* We are each strengthened by belonging to one another. Not only are we blessed and strengthened by being one, but others are drawn to be a part of our Body of Believers. I am so thankful for this loving church and to all our new members. May we continue to grow in God's Grace. God bless First United Methodist Church High Springs!

God bless you!

Pastor Steve

"So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." -Romans 12:5 (NIV)

Calling Volunteers!

We need volunteer painters for small jobs at the church. Please email office coordinator Ann (hsfumc@windstream-net) or call the office 386-454-1255.

A list will be given to the Trustees to determine dates & times.



You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

-2 Corinthians 9:11



breeze

Make sure your directory listing is current!

We are a caring and connected church. Members reach out to one another via the telephone prayer chain, greeting cards, newsletters, and timely announcements. To do these things, we use Breeze, our online directory. Please make sure your personal contact info on Breeze is up to date. It's easy to edit your information on your Breeze account. If you don't have a Breeze account, or if you have any questions, call Ann at the church office and she'll be happy to help. You can choose to share as much or as little personal information as you wish, and you don't have to use a computer yourself to be on Breeze. Thanks!



After-School Programs

K - 5th grade Tuesdays and Thursdays

6 - 8th grade Mondays and Wednesdays

We have a new opportunity for middle school students of High Springs Community School! Sixth, seventh, and eighth graders now have their own afterschool program on Mondays and Wednesdays, where they will have the opportunity to engage in meaningful Bible lessons, learn life skills, and have fun in an environment made just for them.

Tuesdays and Thursdays will remain Kid's Club days, where elementary age kids will have Bible lessons, homework, reading, and play time, and games just right for their ages.

With afterschool programs four days a week, we are in need of volunteers. If you have a skill you'd like to share with the middle schoolers, or would like to come read to the little ones, we'd love to have you visit!

Interested? Call April at (352) 262-4244 or email hsfumcfamily@gmail.com.

A Message From Our Church Librarian



The Elephant in the Room: New Library Books on a Controversial Issue by Margaret Hogue

As our church's librarian, I felt that we needed to have some books on the topic of Christianity and homosexuality. I looked at many books available and selected some that represented the issue from different viewpoints and were reviewed well. The following items have now been added to the Library and can be found in the "Social Issues" category. If you know of others that would be useful for increasing knowledge on the topic, please let me know.

Living Faithfully: Human Sexuality and the United Methodist Church

a Four Week Small Group Study; by Jill Johnson & others, c. 2019.

Living Faithfully is designed to help understand the shape of the current debate and what it means for the present and the future. Each chapter includes background on the Bible, Christian theology, history, stories from diverse viewpoints, and United Methodist structure and practice to guide reflection and conversation. This study contains a chapter that describes the outcome of the 2019 General Conference and the ongoing debates and responses to it.

Christianity and Homosexuality Reconciled: New Thinking for a New Millennium

by Rev. Joseph Pearson, c. 2021.

This book presents biological, historical, and scriptural aspects for understanding the reconciliation of Christianity and homosexuality from a Christian evangelical perspective.

Two Views on Homosexuality, the Bible and the Church

ed. By Preston Sprinkle, c. 2016.

This book brings a fresh perspective to a well-worn debate. It seeks to give much-needed attention to the rich history of Christian tradition, bringing the Bible into conversation with historical and systematic theology. Scholars articulate and defend each of the opposing views. There are also responses to the essays.

Holy Love: A Biblical Theology for Human Sexuality

by Steve Harper, c. 2019.

The author strives to articulate the truth about the teachings of the Bible and Wesleyan tradition on human sexuality. The book will help church leaders and small groups make the constructive case that biblical, Christian teaching is compatible with faithful, covenantal love and intimacy amidst all sexual orientations.

God and the Gay Christian: The Biblical Case in Support of Same-Sex Relationships

by Matthew Vines, c. 2014.

This is a landmark book that explores what the Bible actually says—and doesn't say—about same-sex relationships. Feeling the tension between his understanding of the Bible and the reality of his same-sex orientation, the author devoted years of intensive research into what the Bible says about homosexuality.



OCTOBER 26TH, 6PM

Fish Fry Menu: *Fried Fish

***Cole slaw *Baked Beans**

***Grits *Hush Puppies**

**Ticket can be purchased from the
Friendship Circle:**

Adults \$10; 10 & under \$5;

3 & under Free!

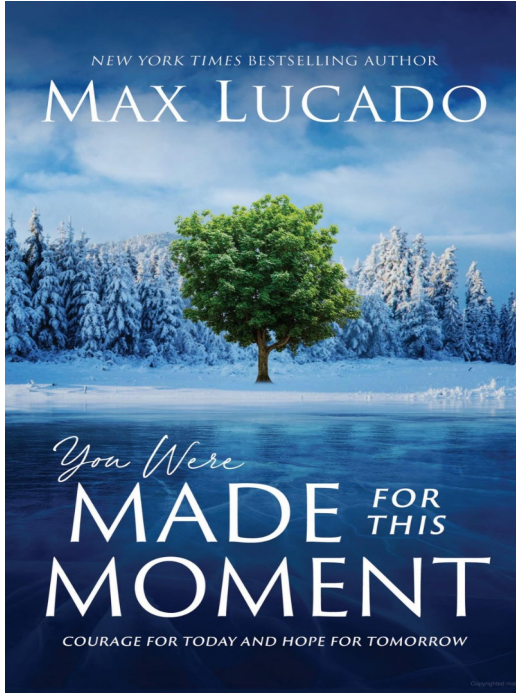
**FALL FLEA MARKET
AND
TRUNK-OR-TREAT** Oct 29th

8:00 am - flea market and breakfast concessions open
11:00 am - Children's Corner and lunch concessions open
11:30 am - Trunk-or-Treat begins (FREE, Costumes welcome!)
Bake sale items will be available all day!

For more information or to reserve a vendor space, scan the QR Code!

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Women's Bible Study
Thursdays 10-11:30am
Oct. 13th-Nov. 10th, \$15
"You Were Made For This Moment"
by Max Lucado
Sign up on Breeze, or
Connection Central, or call
Sharon Fielding 352-278-0111
Louise Krause 352-316-3696



HIGH SPRINGS FIRST UMC YOUTH

Coffee Chat

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Join us for church dinner at 6pm, then head up to the loft for coffee (or soda & snacks). Students can play games, chat or work on homework. This is a time for students to decompress and enjoy the company and fellowship of one another. Students can come and go during this time.

Youth Calendar

August	September	October
7TH BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH	4TH NO YOUTH (DAVE & BUSTER'S 9/7 6:30 PM)	2ND YOUTH 5-7PM
14TH YOUTH/PARENT MEETING 5-7	11TH YOUTH 5-7PM	9TH FAMILY* GAME NIGHT 5 - 7 PM
21ST YOUTH 5-7PM	18TH YOUTH 5-7PM	16TH YOUTH 5-7PM
28TH YOUTH 5-7PM	25TH YOUTH 5-7PM	23TH YOUTH 5-7PM
Coffee* Chat Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30 in the youth room This time is available for homework and fellowship. *Coffee Optional	Family movie night every month! 8/26 9/16 10/28 11/18 12/16 1/20 2/17 3/17 4/14 5/19 6/9 7 PM Showtime Titles are in the calendar found on our website or Breeze.	30TH COSTUME PARTY! 5 - 7PM *PARENTS/GAURDIANS INCLUDED Keep an eye out for fundraising opportunities. Suggestions appreciated!