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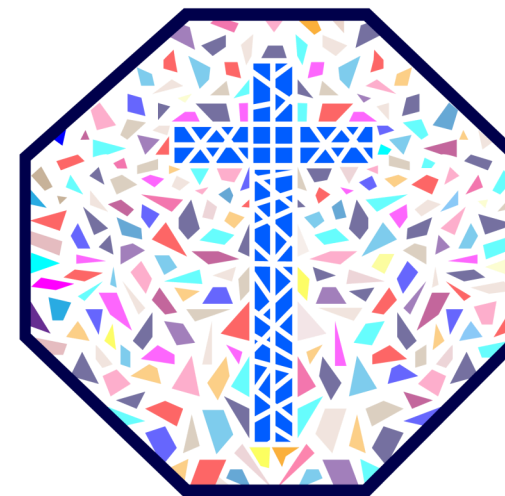
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Newsletter



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
HIGH SPRINGS

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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 6:30 PM

Second and Fourth Mondays

Girl Scout Troop #2177 5:30 PM

Third Mondays

W.A.C.O.S. 6:30 PM

Tuesdays

"Off Our Rockers" Game Group 2 PM

Kid's Club (K - 5th) 2 - 6 PM

"The Way Out" AA 6:30 PM

First Tuesdays

Circle of Faith 6:30 PM

Wednesdays

Middle Grades Afterschool 2 - 6 PM

Dinner 6:00 PM

Coffee Chat (Youth) 6:30 PM

Thursdays

Kid's Club (K-5th) 2 - 6 PM

Fridays

"The Way Out" AA 6:30 PM

January Events

Sun.8th- Holy Communion
 Mon.2nd-Friendship Circle 1:30pm
 Mon.2nd-New Joy Circle 6:30pm
 Tue. 3rd-Circle of Faith 6:30pm
 Mon. 16th-W.A.C.O.S. 6:30pm
 Tue. 17th-Board Meeting 6:45pm
 Thu 19th-Newsletter Deadline
 Fri 20th-Family Movie Night 7pm
 Wed. 25th-District Superintendent Meeting 6:45pm



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

January Birthdays

Karen Lewis-4th
 Sage Clarich-19th
 Carolyn Black-10th
 Jennifer Kietzman-10th
 Eric Cameron-12th
 Cassidy Boone-14th
 Larry Hepp-14th
 Chester Patterson-14th
 Malcolm Ernst-20th
 David Hilman-21st
 Jessica O'Neal-22nd
 Mary Jane Wight-24th
 Martha Barnes-27th
 Glenda Johnson-28th
 Eleanor Komdeur-28th
 Carla Haddix-29th
 Bob Piper-29th
 Carson Davis-31st



Anniversaries

Steve & Pat Langford-16th
 Russ & Debbie Irish-18th



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HIGH SPRINGS FINANCIAL SUMMARY NOVEMBER 2022

OPERATING ACCOUNTS		INCOME		Amt.
General Fund Checking (+ CU Share account)		Budgeted		\$206,258
	12/31/2021	11/30/2022	Local Missions	\$763
	12,564	14,146	Unbudgeted Giving	\$10,563
Savings-UM Foundation		Misc.		<u>\$3,308</u>
	12/31/2021	11/30/2022	Total:	<u>\$220,892</u>
	4,094	4,148		
RESERVES		BUDGETED EXPENSES		Amt. % Budget YTD
	12/31/2021	11/30/2022	Worship	\$3,815 38.73%
	54,038	66,735	Christian Ed and Discipleship	\$4,799 82.03%
OTHER INV. (Scholarship)			Missions	\$10,563 211.26%
	12/31/2021	11/30/2022	Support Systems	\$142,411 92.12%
	252,837	207,068	Congregational Vitality	\$1,662 75.55%
			Facilities	\$40,108 107.99%
			Apportionments	<u>\$16,214 83.33%</u>
			Total	<u>\$219,572 93.80%</u>
LIABILITIES (Short Term)		Net Income (Deficit)		<u>\$1,320</u>
	12/31/2021	11/30/2022		
	0	200		

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

January

1st

Usher/Greeter - TBD
 Lock-Up - TBD
 Flowers - none
 Scripture Reader - Margaret Hogue
 Communion-Dennis & Margaret Hogue

15th

Usher/Greeter -Dana Lynch, Nanette Dougherty
 Lock-Up - TBD
 Flowers -
 Scripture Reader - Sharon Fielding

29th

Usher/Greeter-Dana Lynch
 Lock-Up
 Flowers
 Scripture Reader

8th

Usher/Greeter-TBD
 Lock-up-TBD
 Flowers-none
 Scripture Reader-Dana Lynch

22th

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

If you would like to fill any spots
 for the Sunday volunteers, please
 visit Connection Central and sign

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

2023

Friday, Jan 20th - Soul (2020)

Feb 17th - The Greatest Showman (2017)

Mar 17th - Darby O'Gill and the Little People (1959)

Apr 14th - Lilo and Stitch (2002)

May 19th - Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken (1991)

June 9th - Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (2001)

COUNTING TEAM INVITATION

The counting team wants to add new members. The job requirements are money and math skills and absolute discretion. It helps to be familiar with calculators with printers. You must also be a church member. Time required is minimal – only two to three hours a month after the initial training period. We schedule two counters per week. The counters are responsible for collecting money on Sunday and putting it into the safe. The counting and deposit of all money that has come into the church during the previous week actually happens on Monday. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Margaret Hogue.

Thanks!



HSFUMC Food Pantry Needs



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

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

The Pastor's Page

Welcome to 2023! I am so excited about the plans God has in store for this upcoming year.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
(Jer. 29:11 NIV)

God has been preparing us for His plans for FUMC High Springs in 2023. Through the recent Spiritual Gifts Workshops, God provided us with fourteen Spiritual Gifts Teams that will begin to share their Spiritual Gifts throughout our church and community. The teams are:

- Greeting
- Connection Central
- Prayer Ministry
- Worship
- Missions
- UMC Children's Home
- UMC Connection
- Food Pantry
- Member Care
- New Member Care
- Family Life
- Hospitality
- Stewardship
- Sunday School

Teams will begin meeting in January to develop and implement objectives for each Team's respective goals. What a blessing it will be for all to see our Body of Believers working together to share their spiritual gifts.

Youth Calendar

January

February

March

1ST
NO YOUTH - HAPPY
NEW YEAR

8TH
YOUTH 5-7PM

15TH
YOUTH 5-7PM

22ND
YOUTH 5-7PM

29TH
YOUTH 5-7PM

5TH
YOUTH 5-7PM

8TH
DAVE AND BUSTERS
OUTING 6:30 PM

12TH
\$5 PROM

19TH
YOUTH 5-7PM

26TH
YOUTH 5-7PM

5TH
YOUTH 5-7PM

12TH
NO YOUTH

SPRING BREAK
13TH - 17TH

19TH
YOUTH 5-7PM

26TH
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!

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.



Beginning January
4th, we will be
collecting aluminum
cans as a passive
income source. There
will be a station set
up outside the door at
the end of the
education wing at
church.



Good night Papa, Wuv Ooo

His little voice drifted down the hall like musical notes from a talented orchestra. The words rising and falling, some loud and some soft. Papa was smart. He could understand anything... and so his little grandson continued the conversation. Listening down the hall, his Granny lay in her bed knowing these little conversations would not go on forever. Soon her little grandson would be able to articulate words and have conversations with others; and Papa would no longer be considered a captive audience. Until then, though, they would have their night-time ritual of grandson discussing topics that he was sure only his Papa completely understood. Too many thoughts ran around his little grandson's head which needed to come out and be brought to light; information his Papa needed to know. Slowly the yawning would start. Slowly the eyes would blink. The words would continue to tumble out, but at a slower pace now, as the little boy drifted off to sleep. He knew his Papa would keep the bad dreams away and he would be free to dream of new ideas and new adventures. "Don't cwoze da door all da way Papa." "Is that good?" "Yes." "Keep da white on Papa." "Is the bathroom light ok?" "Yes." With the door slightly ajar, and the bathroom light on, He knew he was safe. He also knew, as he drifted off to dream-land, that his Papa would be there in the morning...ready to hear all about the places his dreams took him.

I love you.

Wuv ooo too.

Selah

God bless you,

-Carol



Secondly, the Board of Directors just completed a Strategic Plan for the upcoming year. Working cooperatively with the Spiritual Gifts Teams, the Board will implement four six-month goals and a one-year goal. Work will begin in January.

The one-year goal:

- *Increase the number of church family/intergenerational events

The four six-month goals:

- *Start a men's small group

- *Serve our homebound and elderly

- *Bring back inactive members

- *Serve those in our community dealing with food insecurities

We are blessed to have so many members involved in serving our church and community. I am looking forward to working together to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and strengthening our Body of Believers.

Finally, for those interested in finding out more about our denominational split, on Wednesday, January 25th at 6:45pm, District Superintendent Dr. Wayne Wiatt, is coming to FUMC High Springs to present the latest information on the Florida Conference's plans for the future and the Book of Discipline (2553) requirements for churches to disaffiliate. I will have further information as we get closer to the date.

God bless you and First United Methodist Church of High Springs as we move into 2023.

Pastor Steve



A note of thanks from Ann

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Pastor Steve, April, the Board members, & all the church members who have welcomed me and helped me with my office coordinator duties. It is a real pleasure working for this church with its loving and fun environment! Happy New Year! Ann Almond

We love because he first loved us. 1John 4:19



YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2023

JUNE 25 - 30 | BIRMINGHAM, AL

Upcoming fundraiser dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 21st

The cost is \$500 per person*.

All fundraiser profits will be split among participating youth.

More participation equals more funds toward your trip cost!

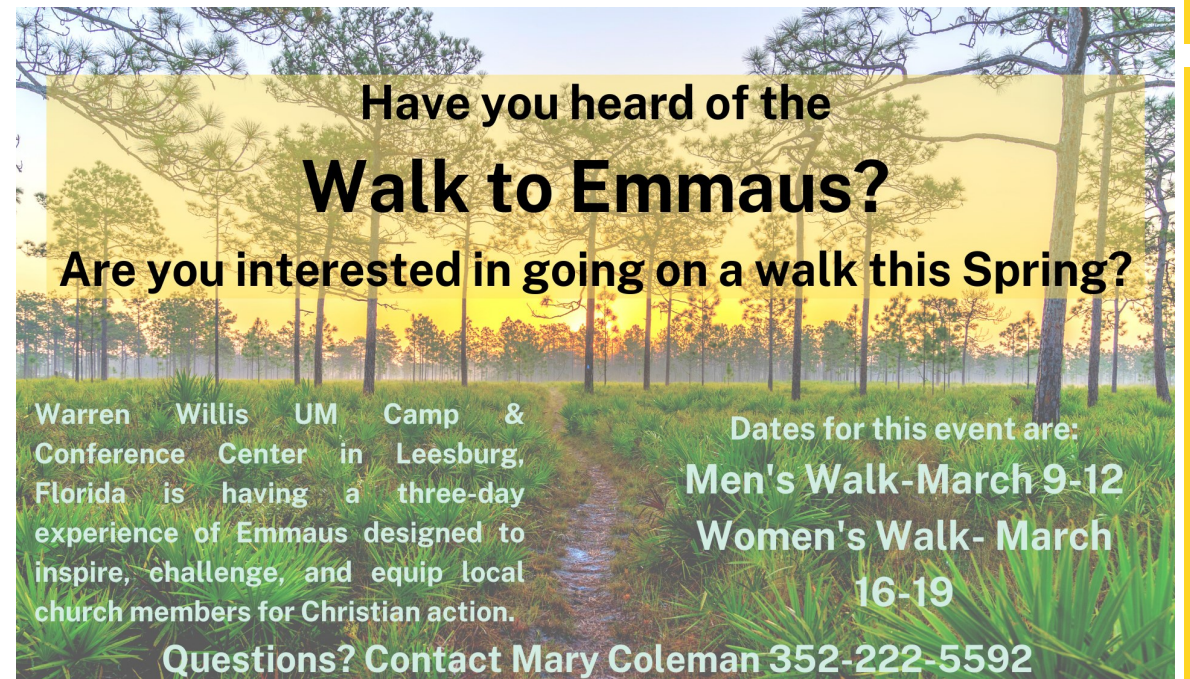
I have registered ten spaces, which includes two adults and eight youth. We can add up to four more youth pending Youth Works space allowance.

*Rising eighth graders through high school

New Year's Resolution Suggestion: Bible Reading Challenge!

Read through the Bible in a year, from Genesis to Revelation. All it takes is 10-15 minutes a day, reading 3-4 chapters a day.

"Sanctify them in truth, Your word is truth"-John 17:17



Have you heard of the Walk to Emmaus?

Are you interested in going on a walk this Spring?

Warren Willis UM Camp & Conference Center in Leesburg, Florida is having a three-day experience of Emmaus designed to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action.

Dates for this event are:
Men's Walk-March 9-12
Women's Walk- March 16-19

Questions? Contact Mary Coleman 352-222-5592