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Weekly Schedule for First United Methodist Church of High Springs

Sundays

"The Way Out" A.A. 7:30 am
Choir Practice 9:30 am
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Youth Group 4-6 pm

Mondays

"The Way Out"-Women's AA 12 pm
First Mondays
Friendship Circle 12:30 pm
New Joy Circle 6:30 pm
Third Mondays
W.A.C.O.S. 6:30 pm

Tuesdays

"Off Our Rockers" Games 2 pm
"The Way Out" A.A. 6:30 pm

Wednesdays

Prayer Team Meeting 10:30 am

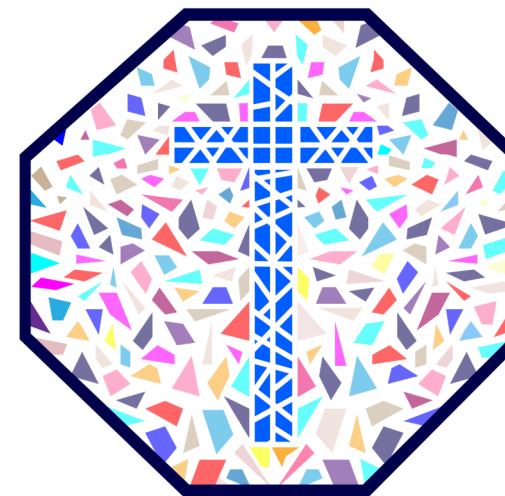
Thursdays

"The Way Out" A.A. 6:30 pm
Third Thursdays
Family Life Team 6:00 pm

Fridays

"The Way Out" -A.A. 6:30 pm
-N.A. 6:30 pm

Newsletter



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
HIGH SPRINGS

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JULY EVENTS

Fri. 4th- Happy Independence Day!
Sun. 6th- VBS Sunday & Charcuterie Luncheon (pg. 7)
Mon. 7th - New Joy Circle 6:30 pm
Mon. 14th- Friendship Circle pool party 12 pm (pg. 4)
Tue. 15th- Board Meeting 6:15 pm
Thu. 17th- Family Life Meeting 6 pm
Mon. 21st- W.A.C.O.S. 6:30 pm
Wed. 23rd- Ice Cream Social 6:30 pm (pg. 5)
Mon. 28th- Newsletter deadline

JULY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Carole Fernandez-7th
Rack Bingham-14th
Lila Salg-14th
Wayne Crawley-17th
Mason Hahn-17th
Nadine Pasquot-23rd

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Rachel Smith-25th
Marie Harper-26th
Wyatt MacNeill-28th
Judy Futch-29th
Dee Dee Ritch-29th
Sharon Fielding-30th
Kip Haddix-31st

ANNIVERSARIES

Darrell & Louise Krause-3rd
John & Alice Martin-9th
Chester & Margaret Patterson-9th
Ben & Kim Johnson-10th
Leslie & Leigh Odom-12th
Donald & Louanne Bussey-26th
Tim & Patti Gagnier-28th
Ron & Marilyn Harder-31st

Happy
Anniversary!

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HIGH SPRINGS FINANCIAL SUMMARY AS OF MAY 2025

OPERATING ACCOUNTS		OPERATING RECEIPTS		Amt.
General Fund Checking		Budgeted		\$112,685
	12/31/2024	5/31/2025		
	43,079	32,923	Local Missions	\$512
Savings-UM Foundation			Unbudgeted Giving	\$965
	12/31/2024	5/31/2025	Misc.	<u>\$2,495</u>
	16,797	37,338	Total	<u>\$116,657</u>
RESERVES		OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS		Amt. % Budget YTD
	12/31/2024	5/31/2025	Worship	\$764 18.19%
	54,752	58,507	Christian Ed and Discipleship	\$461 7.88%
			Missions	\$965 10.16%
			Support Systems	\$77,757 44.15%
OTHER INV. (Scholarship)			Congregational Vitality	\$459 18.73%
	12/31/2024	5/31/2025	Facilities	\$18,524 33.13%
	255,797	244,862	Apportionments	<u>\$7,343 33.85%</u>
			Total	<u>\$106,273 38.54%</u>
LIABILITIES (Short Term)				
	12/31/2024	5/31/2025	Net Change in Cash Balances	<u>\$10,384</u>
	0	0		

JULY WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

6 th Usher/Greeter - Nanette Dougherty, Dana Lynch, Russ & Susan Walker Lock-up - Dennis Hogue Flowers - The Pattersons & Krauses Scripture Reader -Margaret Hogue	20 th Usher/Greeter - Nanette Dougherty, Dana Lynch Lock-Up - VOLUNTEER NEEDED! Flowers- none Scripture Reader-Carla Haddix
13 th Usher/Greeter -Nanette Dougherty, Dana Lynch Lock-Up - Dennis Hogue Flowers - Susan Walker Scripture Reader-Sharon Fielding	27 th Usher/Greeter -Nanette Dougherty, Dana Lynch, Noreen Sirera Lock-Up - Volunteer needed! Flowers- none Scripture Reader -Jennifer Jones

Interested in volunteering?
Please sign-up at
Connection Central!

“Christian Friends?”
by Carol Daugherty

The life she had had these past twenty years was not exactly what she had hoped for. The people in her hometown still treated her like an outsider and only when she approached them did they speak kindly to her. But stories arose about her without her knowledge. Stories about how she was lying about how much money her husband made and, "what do you think she is doing with all that money?"..."is she planning on leaving him?" "I wonder if she is considering herself single now that he is gone?" These were questions people were saying when they thought she was not listening. She loved the quant little town and the beautiful old Methodist church...if she left would she find another? Is a town only made up of buildings? Or can a town be made up of good, caring people? Just like Ernest Hemingway, she and her children packed up all they had and within a week's time left that quant little town to find some answers.

Her brother and sister-in-law begged her to come to Florida to live where she and her children could be closer to her side of the family. Two weeks after she moved in she started looking for a church to attend. She drove through the town and saw a building she, at first, mistook for the town seat. The building turned out to be a First United Methodist Church. So, on the third Sunday after her move, she headed out to attend the service. She sat in her car watching the people going in and was not sure why they were not going in the front door. So with her children in tow, she followed the crowd into the small side door and up the stairs. She emerged from the staircase into something out of a story book. High carved ceilings painted in a pale blue; a large, stained glass window of a dove with an olive branch sitting in between polished pipes that stood majestically behind the choir loft; beautifully carved wood chairs for the Minister and Choir Director to sit in. One of her sons tapped her on the shoulder. She turned to him and he pointed up to a balcony with a beautifully carved wooded railing! It did not take much to talk her into sitting up there for the service. The service was wonderful, the choir was amazing, and the building was magnificent: everything a church should be except for one thing...how would the people treat her and her family?

To be continued...

Meet your Pastor
TODD HURLEY



ABOUT ME

Hello! I am excited, grateful, and humbled to be your next pastor. I am married to Debbie and we have 1 daughter, Lindsey. Originally from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, I come to you as an Ordained Elder from the West Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church. I will be going into my 15th year of full time ministry.



RANDOM THINGS TO KNOW

- I enjoy reading, running, Pro Wrestling, and various types of gaming
- My gifts for pastoral leadership include: preaching, teaching, interpersonal relationships, and discernment
- I played music professionally at one time (Bass guitar/vocals)
- Our dog's name is Cocoa Puff;
- a 10 year old purebred Lhasa Apso
- Nature is where I best connect with God (especially the beach)

MY FAVORITE THINGS

Food - Anything that fits on a Charcuterie board
Christian Song - "My Jesus" by Todd Agnew
Bible Verse - Micah 6:8
Fiction Author - Stephen King
Theologian - J. I. Packer
Board Game - Scrabble
Video Game - PGA 2K25 (Currently)
Vehicle - 1985 Ford Crown Victoria LTD Station Wagon (No wood panel)
Movie - Napoleon Dynamite
Music genre - Rock & Classic Country (Tie)

CONTACT

Feel free to reach out to me anytime to say hi, share your thoughts, ask questions, or anything else.

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Facebook: Todd Hurley (Currently reside in Morgantown, WV)

Lay Leader Message

“Thoughts on Transition”

Pastor Steve has retired. We have a new pastor. What does that mean for us? It's a way of life in the United Methodist Church to transition from one pastor to another regularly. Thank goodness it does not happen as frequently as in the past! Steve was with us for four great years, and he truly blessed this church. But he has moved on to retirement, and we need to welcome Pastor Todd and accept him into our spiritual lives with no prejudices or pre-conceived ideas. I encourage everyone to be open to new ways of doing things, new songs, new styles of worship.

It's known that churches can lose up to 10% of membership because of a pastor change. There are many reasons for that, probably chief among them a simple one of not “liking” the new pastor. Personality differences and leadership style changes do affect how people feel at church. But I want to point out that the church belongs to Jesus – not the pastor. And the church family, the congregation, is at least as important in people's perceptions about a church as the pastor. We are the same loving church family in July and going forward as we were last month. We don't want to lose anyone because of a pastor change.

Let's do all we can to make Pastor Todd and Debbie feel comfortable in their new home in Florida. And remember that they are learning about all of us as we learn about two of them. Remember also to wear your name tags and be forgiving when a name is forgotten. Thank you, church family, for your warmth and generosity. It's a pleasure to serve with you.

Colossians 3:12-14: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

God bless you!
Margaret Hogue

July Youth Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Sunday School 9:30 am No Youth	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Sunday School 9:30 am Leaving for Mission Trip following service!	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Sunday School 9:30 am No Youth	21	22	23 Church Ice Cream Social 6:30 PM	24	25	26
27 Sunday School 9:30 am	28	29	30	31		

Miss April is on Vacation

Youth Mission Trip!

Youth Week!

HELL Summer **YOUTH WEEK**
JULY 27TH – AUGUST 2ND

Sunday - Youth Week Kick-Off Party 5:30 - 8:30pm | \$5/pp
 Monday - Messy Games and Dinner @ church | 6 - 8pm
 Tuesday - Wild Adventures | \$90/pp
 (includes admission, dining pass, and reserved lounge chairs @ Splash Island)
 Wednesday - Pizza and Movie @ Church | 6pm - 9pm | \$5/pp
 Thursday - KP Hole Rainbow River Tubing | 7:30 am - 3pm | \$25/pp | Pack a lunch!
 Friday 6pm - Saturday 7am - Rec' Around the Clock
 Activities are Surprises! | \$40

SCAN ME!




VBS Sunday Charcuterie Luncheon

Please help us create a charcuterie spread for
Sunday, July 6th following service.

Requested items are printed on tags and are available
 in Connection Central.

This is VBS Sunday, as well as Pastor Todd's first Sunday.

Please make sure your items are
 ready to serve on Sunday morning. Thank you!



Future plans **Budget**

BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY
July 15th
6:15 pm

Ideas

BUILDING FUND DONATIONS NEEDED!

We currently need funds
 for roof repairs.



You may drop off a donation
 in the collection box at
 Connection Central, or you
 may give as part of your
 worship service offering.



Friendship Circle's



*Monday, July 14th 12:00 noon at Carolyn Black's
 place. Lunch will be provided.*

FUMC High Springs Family Life Team presents an
**ICE CREAM
SOCIAL**

Indulge in a delightful experience of flavors, toppings, fun, frozen treats, and games at our Ice Cream Social!

Wednesday | July 23, 2025 | 6:30PM



**Happy Independence Day!
Friday, July 4th!**

Ways you can give:

- *Offering plate during Worship Service
- *Online giving via church website:
www.fumchighsprings.com
- *Mail to our address:
17405 NW US Highway 441
High Springs, FL 32643
- *Office Wall Mailbox
- *Scan the QR Code here

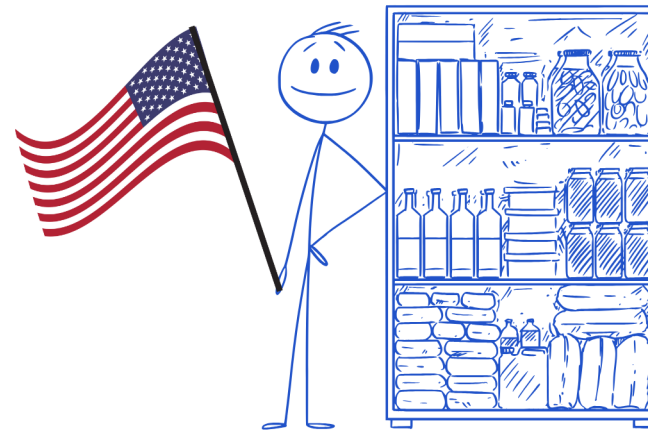
Thank you!



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Are you on **Breeze**?
We use **Breeze** as our church's management software system to stay in contact with our members. Please contact Ann at the office to be added to our **Breeze** account, hsfumc@windstream.net.



**HSFUMC
FOOD
PANTRY**

**Our Food Pantry is open
Wednesday by appointment only via email:
hsfumcfood@gmail.com**

Please check our weekly bulletin and Monday email blast for a list of current needs.
Contact Amity Hoenisch for more information and how you can help!