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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 9:45 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
Kids' Club (K-5) 2:30-6 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

Kids' Club (K-5) 2:30-6 pm
"Off Our Rockers" Games 2 pm
"The Way Out" A.A. 6:30 pm

Wednesdays

Kids' Club (K-5) 1:00-6 pm
Prayer Team Meeting 10:30 am
Wednesday Night Dinners 6 pm
Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Second & Fourth Wednesdays

Girl Scout Troop #2177 6:30 pm

Thursdays

Kids' Club (K-5) 2:30-6 pm
"The Way Out" A.A. 6:30 pm

Third Thursdays

Family Life Team 6:00 pm

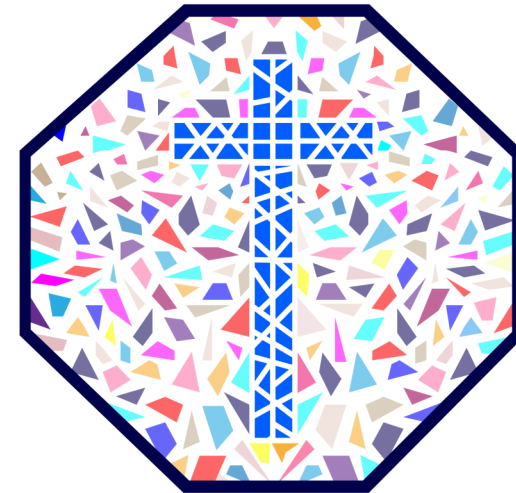
Fridays

Kids' Club (K-5) 2:30-6 pm
"The Way Out" -A.A. 6:30 pm
-N.A. 6:30 pm

First Fridays

Buncos Games 11 :30 am-2 pm

Newsletter



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
HIGH SPRINGS

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- Mon. 1st- Labor Day-office closed
- Sat. 6th- Coffee with the Pastor 10-11:30 am (pg. 5)
- Mon. 8th - New Joy Circle 6:30 pm
Friendship Circle 11:30 am
- Mon. 15th- W.A.C.O.S. 6:30 pm
- Tue. 16th- Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- Thu. 18th- Family Life Meeting 6 pm
- Sat. 20th- Lady’s Tea 1 pm (pg. 9)
- Mon. 25th- Newsletter deadline

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

- Mike DaRoza-3rd
- Bob Kuitert-5th
- Cindy Kuitert-5th
- Susan Walker-7th
- Kaleb Hoenisch-8th
- John Martin-8th
- Lori Hilman-10th
- Shirley Baad-12th
- Bret Bultemeier-21st
- Lin Schroder-14th
- Mitch Thomas, Sr.-14th
- Frosty Baad-15th
- Megan Bultemeier-21st
- Paul Dougherty-22nd
- Bo Davidson-25th
- Peg Timberman-25th
- Greg Gillman-30th
- Suzanne Crosby-30th



ANNIVERSARIES

- J.W. & April Woodard-9th
- Ray & Jeanette Smith-10th
- Bill & Clara Bembry-12th
- Paul & Nanette Dougherty-14th
- David & Lori Hilman-16th
- Ernie & Nadine Pasquot-25th
- John & Eleanor Komdeur-25th
- Ray & Glenda Johnson-29th



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

OPERATING ACCOUNTS		OPERATING RECEIPTS		Amt.	
General Fund Checking		Budgeted		\$180,195	
	12/31/2024	7/31/2025			
	43,079	42,696	Local Missions	\$562	
Savings-UM Foundation			Unbudgeted Giving	\$1,347	
	12/31/2024	7/31/2025	Misc.	\$3,426	
	16,797	37,734	Total	\$185,530	
RESERVES		OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS		Amt.	% Budget YTD
	12/31/2024	7/31/2025	Worship	\$1,043	24.83%
	54,752	56,361	Christian Ed and Discipleship	\$1,996	34.12%
			Missions	\$1,347	14.18%
			Support Systems	\$120,556	68.45%
OTHER INV. (Scholarship)			Congregational Vitality	\$613	25.02%
	12/31/2024	7/31/2025	Facilities	\$32,079	57.38%
	255,797	261,922	Appportionments	\$7,343	33.85%
			Total	\$164,977	59.83%
LIABILITIES (Short Term)					
	12/31/2024	7/31/2025	Net Change in Cash Balances	\$20,553	
	0	0			

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

- 7th
Usher/Greeter - Nanette Dougherty, Dana Lynch, Noreen Sirera

Flowers - none

Scripture Reader -Margaret Hogue

Communion- Sharon Fielding, Brian Hontz, Leslie Haefner
- 21st
Usher/Greeter - Nanette Dougherty, Dana Lynch, Chester & Margaret Patterson

Flowers- Carolyn Black

Scripture Reader-Dana Lynch
- 14th
Usher/Greeter -Nanette Dougherty, Dana Lynch, Noreen Sirera

Flowers- Judy Northway

Scripture Reader- Sharon Fielding
- 28th
Usher/Greeter -Nanette Dougherty, Dana Lynch, Noreen Sirera

Flowers- Rhonda Rogers & Kay Thomas

Scripture Reader -Judy Northway

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



Women's Tea and Tea Cup Exchange*



Hosted by the Family Life Team
Saturday, September 20th | 1pm
All women are invited to attend a tea party!
Tea will be held in FUMC High Springs' Fellowship Hall.
Tea and finger foods will be provided

If you'd like to participate in the exchange, please bring a gently used, clean, & ready to use tea cup.
Looking for one to bring? Head to your local thrift shop!



***not required to attend the tea party!**



HSFUMC FOOD PANTRY

Open by appointment on
the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
of the month.

Starting in September our Food Pantry will be open for appointments twice per month, on second and fourth Wednesdays, this month dates will be **10th and 24th** by appointment only via email: hsfumcfood@gmail.com . As you all know our Food Pantry is 100% church and donation funded; this new schedule will help us best keep up with the needs of all who visit the pantry.

If you would like to donate, volunteer, or have any suggestions or questions, please contact Amity Hoenisch.

Pastor's Page

"The Armadillo"

(Please note this is not intended to be a political statement on immigration, rather a theological musing on the foreigner/other)

One early morning I was walking my dog before twilight. We happened upon a cute little armadillo who was minding its own business foraging for a snack. As I am not a native to Florida, I was not acquainted with these armored little creatures. Therefore, I made sure we scurried by on the other side of the road as it made little snorting sounds in my rear-view auditory perspective. I have asked around about these banded bandits and have discovered that they are not as loved or admired by others as they are by me.

I did some research on the delightful Dillo and found out that they are considered a naturalized species to Florida and were introduced to the states in the 1920's. If they were to answer questions on a doctor's form, they could say they're nationality is American. Period. No test. No proof of residency. Yet, most people would probably rather not have this nosy neighbor rooting around in their yards...literally. At first sight, the armadillo seems like it doesn't belong here. The fact that the species was introduced to the states and didn't naturally migrate here bolsters its local "nuisance" status. Or does it? Is the Dillo a local or a not-so-welcome visitor?

This begs the question: who do we consider to be a foreigner (or the other)? From a theological standpoint, we are all foreigners in this world. Ephesians 2:19-20 (NIV) states: "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone." The earth is our temporary dwelling place with our permanent home is to be in heaven with the Lord. In essence, we do not belong here, but this is where God has us for the moment to do God's will.

Which leads us to the next theological question: how are we to treat the foreigner? If we all are foreigners, and we are called to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, then we are to treat all humans equally as fellow sojourners on this spinning globe. Really we are to consider the theological implications of how God calls us to treat "the other", read for yourself Jesus' teaching in Matthew 25:31-46.

Whether the foreigner we live among is the nocturnal and obnoxiously cute armadillo or someone whose language and/or customs might be different than our own, we must remember that we are all foraging through life on the same soil and we are to help each other out when we are in need to the best of the abilities and resources to which God has provided.

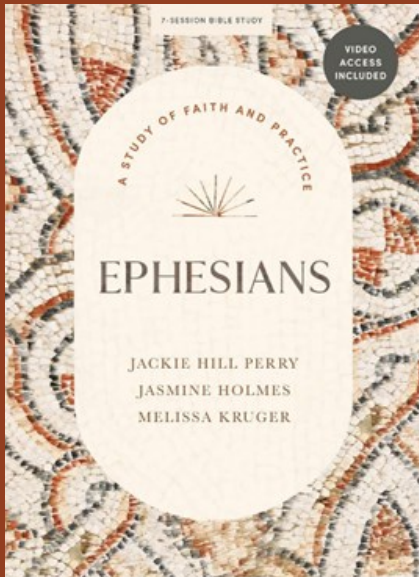
God bless! Pastor Todd

Lay Leader Message

“Women’s Bible Study for Fall 2025: Ephesians”

It’s that time again! Nadine Pasquot and I are excited to announce that we will be leading a study of Ephesians this fall. We are using a book titled “Ephesians: a Study of Faith and Practice” by Jackie Hill Perry, Jasmine Holmes and Melissa Kruger. It is a seven session Lifeway Bible study with videos. Each week has five days of personal study that will walk us verse by verse through Ephesians. This study will be a bit different from most of our past studies. While there is a video for each meeting, it is discussion-based (the three authors) rather than a lecture. In the introductory material, the authors emphasize the importance of each of us digging into the material and having meaningful discussions together to discover the meaning of Ephesians for our lives. We hope to have two groups: one group on Thursday mornings at 10 AM, and one group on Sundays, sometime after church. The time for the Sunday meeting will be set when we know who is interested and the preferred meeting time. Cost of the study is \$25, to cover the book and supplies.

The fall Bible study will meet in the Fellowship Hall:
 Thursdays 9/18-10/30 at 10:00 AM
 OR Sundays 9/21-11/2 (time to be determined)



Please join us! Call or email Margaret or Nadine, or sign up on the clipboard in Connection Central. If you’re interested in the Sunday session, tell us what time you would like to meet.

Margaret(352-514-7993) maggiehogue@gmail.com
 Nadine (504-909-9214) nadinepasquot68@gmail.com

God bless you all!
Margaret Hogue



Youth Calendar

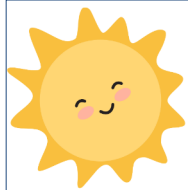
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 DINNER 6:00 PM	4	5	6
7 Sunday School 9:30 am	8	9	10 Dinner 6:00 PM	11	12	13
14 Sunday School 9:30 am	15	16	17 DINNER 06:00	18	19	20
21 Sunday School 9:30 am	22	23	24 Dinner 6 PM	25	26	27
28 Sunday School 9:30 am	29	30				Dinner QR Code



Church Directory!



A new directory page will be added this fall.
If you are not in our current directory, we need you!
Please come prepared for pictures on
Sunday, Sept. 14th, & Sept. 21st
(after worship service) to be represented in our directory!



HELLO
September



BUILDING FUND DONATIONS NEEDED!

GOAL-\$75,000

Current funding needed
for a new roof.
**The estimated cost for a
new roof is \$75k.**
We currently have
\$25,600 in our fund.
Please help us reach our
goal to get our new roof!



\$25,600



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Calling Volunteers for our worship service

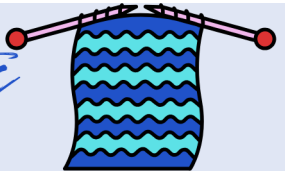
- *Welcome Team Ushers/Greeters
- *Flowers
- *Scripture Reading
- *Lock-up
- *Monthly Communion

**Please sign-up at
Connection Central.**

*"For we are God's fellow workers;
you are God's field, God's building"
-1 Corinthians 3:9*



From the Knit Wits



The Knit Wits, our HSFUMC prayer shawl team, will be meeting on
Wednesday, September 17th from 9:30-10:30 a.m. We knit or crochet during this
social time, and bless any new shawls or lap robes that have been completed.
Anyone who would like to join us is always welcome. We have many shawls
ready to give, so if you know someone who could use a warm embrace, please
contact Jennifer Jones (607-423-8947 or jenbjones76@yahoo.com) or any
member of the team.



Coffee with the Pastor



FIRST UNITED
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Saturday, September 6th, 10-11:30 am at the church.

Do you have questions for Pastor Todd?

Or about being a Methodist, or our church?

Would you like to join our church?

Please come to "Coffee with the Pastor"!

**To sign up call Sharon Fielding, 352-278-0111,
or the church office, 386-454-1255.**

Attention Men!

If you are interested in the Men's Ministry Team please
come to September's Coffee with the Pastor!



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!**



SPECIAL REQUEST

**The Pattersons and Frosty Baad
are in need of egg cartons.
If you have any clean egg cartons to
recycle, please bring them in for them.
Thank you!**



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

*Through Breeze or

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.



A Note from the Prayer Team



The Prayer Team meets each Wednesday at 10:30 AM in the Journey classroom. We pray each week for requested prayer concerns submitted to us, for those on Sunday morning as well as the needs of our world, nation and local community.

Our members include :

Helen Hepp, Brian Hontz, Eleanor Komdeur, Louise Krause, Ted & Judy Northway, and Margaret Patterson. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please call Judy Northway (618-977-8658) or any other member of the team.

Other sections of our team include the prayer chain phone calls through Mary Reeves, and the Prayer Shawl Ministry through Jennifer Jones.

Lifting you all up in prayer is our mission.