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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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NOVEMBER EVENTS

Mon. 3rd - Friendship Circle 12:30 pm
New Joy Circle 6:30 pm
Fri. 7th- Buncos Game Day 11:30-2 pm
Sat. 8th- Holiday Market & Not New Sale 8 8 am-2 pm (pg. 7)
Tue. 11th-Veterans Day-office closed
Mon. 17th- W.A.C.O.S. 6:30 pm
Tue. 18th- Board Meeting 6:30 pm
Wed. 19th- Thanksgiving Dinner 6 pm
Thu. 20th- Family Life Meeting 6 pm
Sun. 23rd- Hanging of the Greens following service (pg. 7)
Thu. 27th- Thanksgiving Day! Office closed

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Patty Crawley-6th
Travis Jackson-6th
Russ Walker-11th
Caylee Miksa-12th
Robert Baad-13th
Varro Smith-14th
Julie Butterfield-17th
Pat Carr-17th



John Sirera-17th
Thomas Tankersley-17th
Beth Fischer-23rd
Jerry Carris-24th
Helen Hepp-29th
Vicki Tyson-29th
Cooper Troup-30th

ANNIVERSARIES

Jason & Amity Hoenisch-1st
Todd & Debbie Hurley-1st
David Pinner & Rachel Smith-7th
Andrew & Carol Daugherty-14th
Gerald & Mary Jane Wight-26th
Hank & Lin Schroder-28th



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

OPERATING ACCOUNTS		OPERATING RECEIPTS		Amt.
General Fund Checking		Budgeted		\$203,723
	12/31/2024		8/31/2025	
	43,079		42,670	\$582
Savings-UM Foundation		Local Missions		\$1,774
	12/31/2024	Unbudgeted Giving		\$3,636
	16,797	Misc.		\$209,715
		Total		
RESERVES		OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS		Amt. % Budget YTD
	12/31/2024		8/31/2025	
	54,752	Worship		\$1,089 25.93%
		Christian Ed and Discipleship		\$2,741 46.85%
		Missions		\$1,774 18.67%
		Support Systems		\$138,149 78.43%
OTHER INV. (Scholarship)		Congregational Vitality		\$207 8.45%
	12/31/2024	Facilities		\$36,049 64.48%
	255,797	Apportionments		\$9,179 42.32%
		Total		\$189,188 68.61%
LIABILITIES (Short Term)				
	12/31/2024		8/31/2025	
	0		0	
		Net Change in Cash Balances		\$20,527

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

2nd
Usher/Greeter -Dana Lynch,
Flowers - none
Scripture Reader -Margaret Hogue
Communion- Margaret Hogue, Dee Dee Ritch
Leslie Haefner

9th
Usher/Greeter -Nanette Dougherty, Dana Lynch
Flowers - none
Scripture Reader- Dana Lynch

16th
Usher/Greeter - Nanette Dougherty, Dana Lynch,
Noreen Sirera
Flowers- Jennifer Jones
Scripture Reader- Judy Northway

23rd
Usher/Greeter -Nanette Dougherty, Dana Lynch,
Noreen Sirera
Flowers- Mary Reeves
Scripture Reader -Jimmy Haefner

30th
Usher/Greeter- Nanette Dougherty, Dana Lynch,
Noreen Sirera
Flowers- none
Scripture Reader -Margaret Patterson

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

Food Pantry News

by Amity Hoenisch
“More Than a Meal”

Did you know that HSFUMC opens its community food pantry twice a month—every other Wednesday? Maybe you did! But did you also know that just last month we served more than 20 unique families—nearly 100 individuals—all thanks to the generous support of this church family?

We certainly help put food on the table for many in need, but what happens at the pantry is so much more than a meal. A few times a year, I’d like to share some of the stories that show how your generosity is touching lives right here in our local community.

(Note: Every story is shared with the permission of those involved, and names are changed when requested.)

Let me tell you about Susan.

Susan lives with significant medical challenges that make it difficult for her to work or drive. When she first began visiting our pantry nearly a year ago, she was brought by a home health aide who helped her a few hours each week following the loss of her husband. At first, Susan barely made eye contact and often apologized for needing our help.

Over time, she began to talk more while choosing her groceries. Eventually, she’d sit and share stories, and eventually, laughter. One day she told me that coming to the pantry had become the best part of her week.

A few months ago, Susan asked me to pray that her son and daughter-in-law might move closer—or even move in—to help her. Last month, she came in beaming with joy to tell me that her prayer had been answered! Her family had moved in, and she felt hopeful again.

Then, with a bittersweet smile, she added that she might not need to visit the pantry as often anymore. I told her that whether she needs food or not, she’ll always have a place with us—and that HSFUMC’s doors will always be open to her.

If you feel called to be the hands and feet of Christ by serving with our food pantry team, please reach out to me personally at church or email HSFUMCfood@gmail.com.
Thank you for your continued generosity—
and may God bless you for helping make this ministry so much more than a meal!

Pastor’s Page

Be Strong and Courageous



The title words might ring familiar with you today: be strong and courageous. But have you paid attention to whom it was spoken to and how many times? And whether you have or not, what is the significance for you today? Let me give you the details of the story of Moses and Joshua, and how God is speaking into your life today.

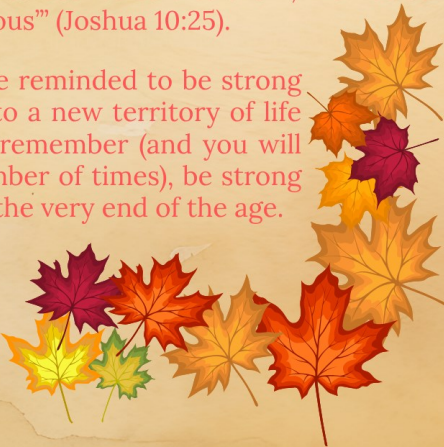
We first find Moses speaking to the Israelites at the end of his life. In Deuteronomy 31:6, Moses says that he would no longer be able to lead them and encourages them with these words: “Be strong and courageous...for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” Then in the next verse, Moses summons forth Joshua and repeats the same mantra: “Be strong and courageous...” (Deut. 31:7). The next time we see this phrase, the Lord speaks directly to Joshua: “Be strong and courageous...” (Deut. 31:23).

After Moses is laid to rest, Joshua takes on the leadership role of guiding the Israelites into their new land inheritance, the Lord reminds him, “Be strong and courageous...” (Joshua 1:6). A breath later, the Lord emphasizes, “Be strong and very courageous” (Joshua 1:7). As if Joshua forgot, the Lord reiterated, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9). Finally, Joshua rallies the fighting men to prepare to conquer the lands. Then the Israelite army tells Joshua what the Lord and he have told everyone else! “Only be strong and courageous!” (Joshua 1:18).

God always knows what he is doing, especially in how we are created. Guess how many times it takes to internalize, or remember, a word or phrase. Three times is the minimum. And in good, Godlike fashion, our story of Moses and Joshua repeats our phrase today...(go back and read how many)...(I’m waiting)...if you said six, you are correct only because I held off sharing the seventh one: “Joshua said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Be strong and courageous’” (Joshua 10:25).

The perfect number of times in this story, we are reminded to be strong and courageous. Whether you are about to enter into a new territory of life or are in the midst of a daily “battle” of some sort, remember (and you will because I’ve repeated it more than the needed 7 number of times), be strong and very courageous. The Lord God is with you until the very end of the age.

God bless,
Pastor Todd



Lay Leader Message

In my reading, I just came across a sixteenth century poem attributed to Teresa of Avila (1515–1582). We often say that we should be (or are) the hands and feet of Jesus in this world, ministering to our brothers and sisters. I think that this poem is a beautiful expression of that sentiment, so I want to share it with you this month. Please print it (or cut it out of the print version) and put it somewhere you can see it every day. Let's put a little effort into remembering who we are and whose we are, and why we are here.

*Christ Has No Body
Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world,
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

God bless you all!
Margaret Hogue



Something New for a healthier you!
Each Tuesday we will have Chair Yoga at 9:30 am.
For more info, please contact Sharon Fielding at (352) 278-0111.

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
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- *Office Wall Mailbox
- *Through Breeze or
Scan the QR Code here



Thank you!



*From the
Knit Wits*

The Knit Wits, our HSFUMC prayer shawl team, will be meeting on
Wednesday, November 19th 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, contact
Jennifer Jones: 607-423-8947
jenbjones76@yahoo.com

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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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:00 AM

TUESDAYS
AT BEV'S CAFE'
HIGH SPRINGS



Join us For the Hanging of the Greens*

Sunday, November 23rd following worship service.
Causal attire recommended. Refreshments will be provided.

*This is when we decorate the church for the Christmas season.



HOLIDAY MARKET AND INDOOR NOT NEW SALE

NOVEMBER 8, 2025 | SATURDAY | 8AM - 2PM

FUMC HIGH SPRINGS | 17405 NW US HWY 441 HIGH SPRINGS

Join us for a Holiday Market and indoor Not New Sale!
Proceeds from the sale of spaces, concessions,
and bake sale will benefit the Youth/Young Adult weekend retreat in January.
Proceeds from the Not New Sale will go to the Mission Team.

Booths 15' x 15' for \$15!



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NOT NEW SALE DONATIONS

If you have items* to donate for our
Not New Sale on November 8th, please bring
them to the Fellowship Hall

October 26th - November 7th.

Please make sure items are clean and in good
condition. Large items and furniture can be
placed in Connection Central.



All proceeds from the Not New
Sale will benefit the Mission
Team's projects. Thank you for
your support!

*No clothing please

We ♥ our Volunteers

**Calling Volunteers
for our worship service**

- *Welcome Team Ushers/Greeters
- *Flowers
- *Scripture Reading
- *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*



**Thank you to
everyone!**

**Our Annual Residing Hope
Dinner with Pie & Cake Auction
was a huge success-
the biggest, yet!
\$4,355 raised!**

"It's For the Children"

Holiday "Stock the Shelves"

Food pantries all over our area see increased need over the holidays as families spread their income even further to meet the demands of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Help us restock not only our HSFUMC pantry, but also St. Madeleine Community Outreach; donations brought in during this drive will be split between the two locations to help us best meet the needs of our community.

We will be collecting donations in Connection Central for 6 weeks in November and December. Items being collected each week are listed below. We have divided the needs by the two sides of the sanctuary: the left side (larger side in front of Welcome sign) and right side (smaller side with audio-visual booth), but please feel free to bring whatever is most convenient for you.

November 9th

RIGHT: Canned vegetables
(ANY- green beans, pumpkin pie filling, corn, carrots, etc.)

LEFT: Canned fruit
(ANY- pears, mandarin oranges, mixed fruit, cranberry sauce, etc.)

November 16th

RIGHT: Cooking oil (vegetable, canola, olive)
LEFT: Shelf-stable milk (ANY- 2%, whole, oat milk, almond milk, etc.)

November 30th

RIGHT: Rice (instant or regular)
LEFT: Dehydrated potatoes (any variety)

December 7th

RIGHT: Pancake Mix
LEFT: Breakfast cereals

December 14th

RIGHT: Peanut Butter
LEFT: Jelly/Jam (ANY)

Annual Church Thanksgiving Dinner Wednesday, November 19th 6 pm

Family life will be providing the turkeys
(and some mashed potatoes & gravy).

Church members please bring
a covered dish to share.

We need volunteers to cook the turkeys!

Please sign up at Connection Central.

Happy Thanksgiving!



WE SALUTE OUR CHURCH VETERANS Thank you for your service!

Bob Alvin	Norm Tankersley	Colt Dull
Ted Northway	Russ Irish	Sebastian Hoenisch
Chester Patterson	Bob Piper	Martin Buttram, Jr.
Ernie Pasquot	David Pinner	Jacob Divine
Brian Hontz	Darrell Krause	Doug Fleming
Helen Hepp	Lucas Wyskowski	John Martin
Kip Haddix	Luis Perez	Klenton Krause
Dennis Hogue	Chris Peres	Abram Hince
Julie Butterfield	Malcolm Ernst	
Stephanie Hornbuckle	Brad Gaff	
Carl Salg	Wayne Crawley	
Gerry Hoover		



THE PRAYER TEAM