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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
Men's Breakfast 7 am
"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

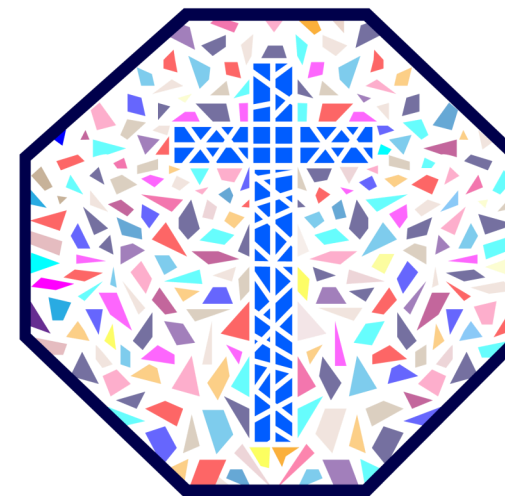
Fridays

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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Sunday, January 25th

11:30a - 12:30p

Following Church Service

Church Social Hour

CATCH UP WITH YOUR CHURCH
FAMILY

WHILE LEARNING ABOUT THE
CHURCH VITALITY TEAMS

LITE LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

**Everyone who attends has a
chance to win a Movie Night
Basket or a Kid's Fun Basket.**

Drawing to be held at 12:15p

Pastor's Page

"New Year's Terminations"

If you find yourself in the camp of setting lofty goals for the new year only to find yourself falling off the wagon just months (or weeks) later, rest assured that you're not alone. In fact, failing at New Year's resolutions is so common that there's even a slew of (unofficial) dates commemorating such failures—some sources cite "Ditch New Year's Resolutions Day" as January 17 while others denote the second Friday in January as "Quitter's Day." The Forbes Health/One Poll survey found that the average resolution lasts just 3.74 months.

I propose that we quit before we even make a resolution so that we won't feel like failures. Instead, I recommend that we do a spiritual thing: we make New Year's Terminations. Instead of starting something new, we will stop doing something old. Here is the scripture that can guide us in our Terminations: "You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness" Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV).

What could you stop doing that is part of your old self? Allow me to make a few suggestions:

•**Terminate bad language** – C'mon. It slips occasionally. Maybe more frequently than others. Either way, let our tongues be clean of foul language so that there is room to praise the Lord.

•**Terminate negative thoughts** – "I'm not good enough." "I can't do it." "I'm too old/young." Etc. Etc. You have been created in the Creator's image; you can't mess with perfection.

•**Terminate bad habits** – This is not the same as starting resolutions. This is letting go of a something that inhibits you from being the best you can be for the Lord. I'll let the Spirit lead on this generalization of what constitutes your bad habit.

This year, you'll find it easier to have a New Year's Termination because you have the inner working of the Helper, the Holy Spirit, the love of God to cheer you on to victory, and your friend, Jesus, walking along side of you to lift you up when you want to pick that bad habit back up. Here's to your New Year's Terminations and may you never pick them back up again!

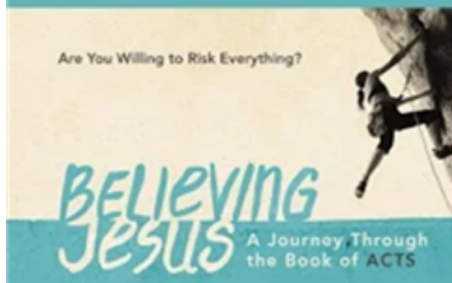
Have a blessed New Year! Pastor Todd

Lay Leader Message- Bible Study for Spring 2026 for Women AND Men

Our church traditionally has women's Bible studies in the spring and fall of the year. There are no pre-requisites, and we don't expect anyone to be a scholar. We meet to learn about the Bible, each other, and have fun. This spring we are planning to do a study called "Believing Jesus: A Journey Through the Book of Acts." The authors are Lisa Harper & Annie Downs. The video sessions are about 20 minutes long and are done by Lisa Harper. Please note that this study is not directed particularly to women; men will get just as much out of it. So, we are opening this Spring study to any men interested!

Lisa Harper, a seminary-trained scholar & hilarious storyteller. "Believing Jesus" highlights both these strengths as she expounds on the book of Acts and shows how the first believers were willing to risk everything to follow Christ. Lisa keeps it real with humorous stories, but more importantly, she points readers back to the perfect love and sufficiency of Jesus Christ.

Our tentative schedule will be Thursdays 10 AM til noon, from Feb. 5 – March 26, a total of 8 sessions. If there is enough interest, we can also do a Thursday evening or Sunday afternoon session. There are about two hours of homework per week, if you choose to do it. The cost of the study is \$25 (make checks out to Margaret Hogue), which covers the cost of the workbook & supplies. Nadine Pasquot and I will again lead the study. Please plan to join us! The deadline for signing up (so we know how many workbooks to order) will be January 25, 2026. There will be a clipboard in Connection Central, or you may email Nadine or me.



God bless you!
Margaret Hogue

January Youth calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 NO SCHOOL	2	3
4 Sunday School 9:30 am Youth 4-6 pm	5 NO SCHOOL	6	7 Dinner 06:00	8	9	10
11 Sunday School 9:30 am Youth 4-6 pm	12	13	14 Dinner (clock icon)	15	16 NO SCHOOL Youth/ YA Retreat	17
18 Youth/ YA Retreat	19 NO SCHOOL	20	21 Dinner 06:00	22	23	24
25 Sunday School 9:30 am Youth 4-6 pm	26	27	28 Dinner (clock icon)	29	30	31 Dinner (clock icon) QR code

Men's Luncheon

Saturday, January 10th
at 12 noon

Fellowship Hall

All men are encouraged to come
enjoy BBQ and great fellowship!

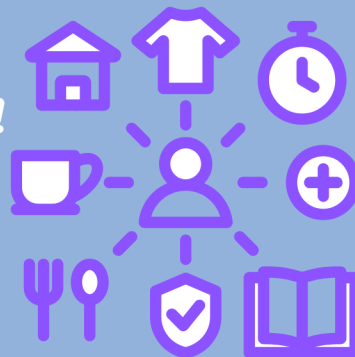
Happy New Year! From your office coordinator, Ann!



Calling Volunteers!

We need worship service
volunteers for the new year!

Please sign up at
Connection Central!
Thank you & God bless!



For the month of January, the Mission Team is
collecting socks! All colors and styles of men's
and women's socks are needed for
another round of Blessing Bags.

Please drop off new, unused socks at the
Donation Station in the hallway.
Thank you!



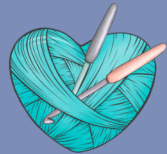
BUILDING FUND DONATIONS NEEDED!

GOAL-\$75,000

Current funding needed
for a new roof.
**The estimated cost for a
new roof is \$75k.**
We currently have
\$34,166 in our fund.
Please help us reach our
goal to get our new roof!

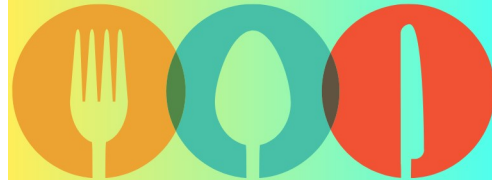


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*From the
Knit Wits*

The Knit Wits, our HSFUMC
prayer shawl team, will be meeting on
Wednesday, January 21st 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



Wednesday Night Dinner Cooks needed!

Looking to cook up
some fun in 2026?
The calendar is open,
so sign up at **Connection Central!**

Thank you to all our volunteers who
signed up for our dinners!

Ways you can give:

- *Offering plate during Worship Service
- *Online giving via church website:
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- *Mail to our address:
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- *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,
hsfumc441@yahoo.com

HSFUMC Food Pantry



Our pantry is open
Wednesdays 10am-5pm
by appointment only.
hsfumcfamily@gmail.com
Please check our weekly
Sunday bulletin for a list
of items needed.

Thank you to all who volunteer and donate!

