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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
N.A. 7 pm

Mondays

"The Way Out"-Women's AA 12 pm
Kids' Club (K-5) 2:30-6 pm
First Mondays
New Joy Circle 6:30 pm
Second Mondays
Friendship Circle 12:30 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) 2:30-6 pm
Prayer Team Meeting 10:30 am
Wednesday Night Dinners 6 pm
Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Second & Fourth Wednesdays

Girl Scout Troop #2177 5:30 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

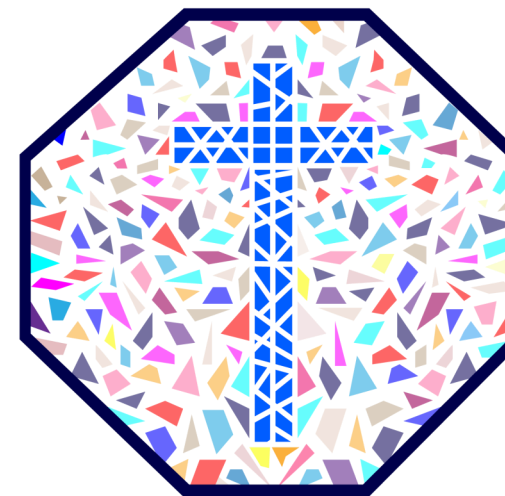
Fridays

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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APRIL EVENTS

Thu. 2nd- Maundy Thursday 7 pm (pg. 5)
Fri. 3rd- Buncos Game Day 11:30-2:30 pm
Sat. 4th-Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 am (pg. 7)
Sun. 5th- Easter Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Mon. 6th- New Joy Circle 6:30 pm
Mon. 13th-Friendship Circle 12:30 pm
Wed. 15th- Knit Wits 9:30 am-10:30 am
Thu. 16th- Family Life Meeting 6 pm
Tue. 21st- Board Meeting 6:30 pm
Mon. 27th- Newsletter deadline

APRIL BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Lynette “Mary” Carris-3rd
 Don Alexander-6th
 Cathy Steen-7th
 Louanne Bussey-12th
 Margaret Hogue-13th

Darrell Krause-15th
 Sylvia Odom-19th
 Garin Davidson-20th
 Sandy Parker-20th
 Kevin Smith-29th



ANNIVERSARIES

Douglas & Marilyn Johnson-12th
 Bruce & Nancy Bowland-17th



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HIGH SPRINGS FINANCIAL SUMMARY AS OF FEBRUARY 2026

OPERATING ACCOUNTS		OPERATING RECEIPTS		Amt.
General Fund Checking		Budgeted		\$55,753
	12/31/2025	2/28/2026	Local Missions	
	22,633	39,716	Unbudgeted Giving	\$547
Savings-UM Foundation			Misc.	<u>\$4,619</u>
	12/31/2025	2/28/2026	Total	<u>\$60,919</u>
	38,138	38,522		
RESERVES		OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS		Amt. % Budget YTD
	12/31/2025	2/28/2026	Worship	\$2,103 77.89%
	88,294	97,774	Christian Ed and Discipleship	\$711 12.70%
			Missions	\$547 6.84%
			Support Systems	\$26,451 11.65%
OTHER INV. (Scholarship)			Congregational Vitality	-\$70 -4.14%
	12/31/2025	2/28/2026	Facilities	\$9,584 19.07%
Scholarships			Apportionments	<u>\$4,089</u> <u>16.67%</u>
	267,138	272,368	Total	<u>\$43,414</u> <u>13.58%</u>
Housing Allowance				
	259,724	261,196		
LIABILITIES (Short Term)				
	12/31/2025	2/28/2026	Net Change in Cash Balances	<u>\$17,505</u>
	0	0		

APRIL WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

2nd Maundy Thursday

Usher/Greeter– Susan Walker
 Communion– Margaret Patterson, Leslie Haefner

5th

Usher/Greeter - Nanette Dougherty,
 Noreen Sirera, Billy Mitchell

Flowers - Jennifer Jones
 Scripture Reader –Jennifer Jones

12th

Usher/Greeter -Nanette Dougherty,
 Noreen Sirera, Billy Mitchell

Flowers - None
 Scripture Reader-Judy Northway

19th

Usher/Greeter - Nanette Dougherty, Dana Lynch
 Noreen Sirera

Flowers-none
 Scripture Reader-Dana Lynch

26th

Usher/Greeter -Nanette Dougherty, Dana Lynch
 Flowers- Judy Northway
 Scripture Reader –Margaret Hogue

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

✿ Sunday, May 17th ✿ **CHURCH** **POTLUCK PICNIC** ✦ 10:30 am - 3:00 pm ✦

Join us at Poe Springs for our annual church picnic!
 Bring your favorite covered dish, a camp chair, and don't
 forget your swimsuit and towel. The entry fee is \$6/vehicle.



Poe Springs Park Clubhouse

Pastor's Page: "The Other Side of the Lake"

As we reflect upon our Easter Celebration this year, we find ourselves in the Liturgical Season of Eastertide. Eastertide or Paschaltide is simply another name for the 50 Days after Easter beginning on Easter Sunday and ending on Pentecost Sunday. You may have a number of traditions during this season. Our traditions include egg decorating and egg hunting, enjoying special Easter foods like Honey Baked Ham, deviled eggs, potato salad, and even a Bunny Cake!

One of my favorite things to do at Easter is to take some time off following Holy Week to enjoy the beauty of God's Creation. Our family and friends have often enjoyed a long boat ride and picnic on Lake Talquin following Easter Sunday worship. One year, after one such celebration, I took pen-in-hand and wrote my description of the 'Other Side of the Lake'. This is the place I often paddle to relax, reflect, and regroup. I thought I would share with you my prose and hopefully inspire you to take some time away to enjoy God's Gift around us in Spring Country!

On the Other Side of the Lake, there's a place called the Shallows...where the Cypress Stumps breathe with grace, and the Wood Storks and Osprey nests seem close enough touch.

On the Other Side of the Lake, Goat Island can be explored and picnicked upon. The Goats are long gone, but their winding pathways are exciting adventures with surprises around each bend.

On the Other Side of the Lake countless lily pad lined streams beckon you into overgrown canopies that create their own stillness and beauty, daily reminders of the beauty of God's creation.

On the Other Side of the Lake, there are places where only deer and otter live in quiet and peaceful coexistence.

On the Other Side of the Lake, the Whippoorwills call and Mockingbirds mock. On the Other Side of the Lake, Ingram's marina is the mid-afternoon stop of the day for ice cream sandwiches and Orange Sherbet popsicles.

On the Other Side of the Lake, the Last Cast Restaurant hosts amazing friendships, family memories, Low Country Boils, and stories of the fish that got away!



Blessings,
Rev. Dr. Wayne D. Wiatt
Interim Pastor

Lay Leader Message

“Update on Church Building Upgrades and Repairs ”

Please join me in thanking the Trustees for all their hard work in the last several months. They have done a tremendous job with prioritizing, organizing, fixing, and contracting work. In case you don't know them, the trustees are Jim Sajczuk, Stephanie Hornbuckle, and Brian Hontz. Morgan Jones is an honorary trustee who also does a lot of work for our church.

We have updates for these projects:

•**Roof:** We had a special inspector come to make recommendations for our roof. He told us that the educational wing roof needs replacement as soon as possible. He also recommended some specific repairs to the sanctuary roof that will give us another 4-5 years before replacement is imperative. So, we got bids for the work and awarded the job to Keeler Roofing. As soon as permits can be obtained, they will begin the re-roofing of the educational wing (including fascia, soffits and downspouts) and the critical repairs to the sanctuary. The cost of this necessary work will be about \$37,000, which is about 2/3 of the amount already collected. Since we still will need to replace the sanctuary roof in 4-5 years, please keep your gifts for that purpose coming. We appreciate the funds already donated!

•**Sound system:** Sound Ideas came in and made improvements to our AV system in February. There are new speakers and choir microphones, and less visible wiring.

•**Security system:** There is a completely new security system, including new door and window sensors and motion detectors. This was completed in mid-March.

•**Parking security lights:** The parking areas have been repaired or replaced, so we are much safer at night going to our cars!

•**Men's restroom (near the kitchen):** Some plumbing problems have already been fixed, and we are working on fixing privacy issues.

Our trustees have indeed been busy! Please remember to thank them personally for their hard work.

God bless you all!
Margaret Hogue



MEN'S GROUP BIBLE BASED FELLOWSHIP

**HSFUMC's Men's Group has had
some great fellowship meetings!
Interested in finding out more?
Please contact Jimmy Haefner:
352-316-6474
(voice or text)**



“He is risen!”
Matthew 28



*From the
Knit Wits*

The Knit Wits, our HSFUMC prayer shawl team, will be meeting on **Wednesday, April 15th 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
jensbjones76@yahoo.com





He is Risen

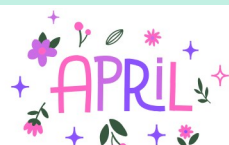
**JOIN US FOR AN
Easter
EVENT FOR THE FAMILY**

**CRAFTS - SNACKS - EASTER BUNNY
AND AN EGG HUNT!**

10:30AM | APRIL 4, 2026

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The Flowering Cross

The flowering cross is a way to symbolize the new life that emerges after Good Friday. The cross is brought to life with the live flowers brought in from your yard, the roadside or you may purchase some for this purpose if you desire. We use real flowers as this represents Jesus is alive. The entire cross will be covered with flowers on Easter Sunday and will be transformed from a bare cross to a beautiful live flowering cross. This dramatically and visually represents the new life that we are celebrating as we witness the very instrument of death and endings transformed into life and new beginnings.

Please bring your live flowers to
Easter Sunday Service, April 5th.



HSFUMC FOOD PANTRY

**April's Food Pantry Donation
focus on collecting
Shelf stable Milk.**

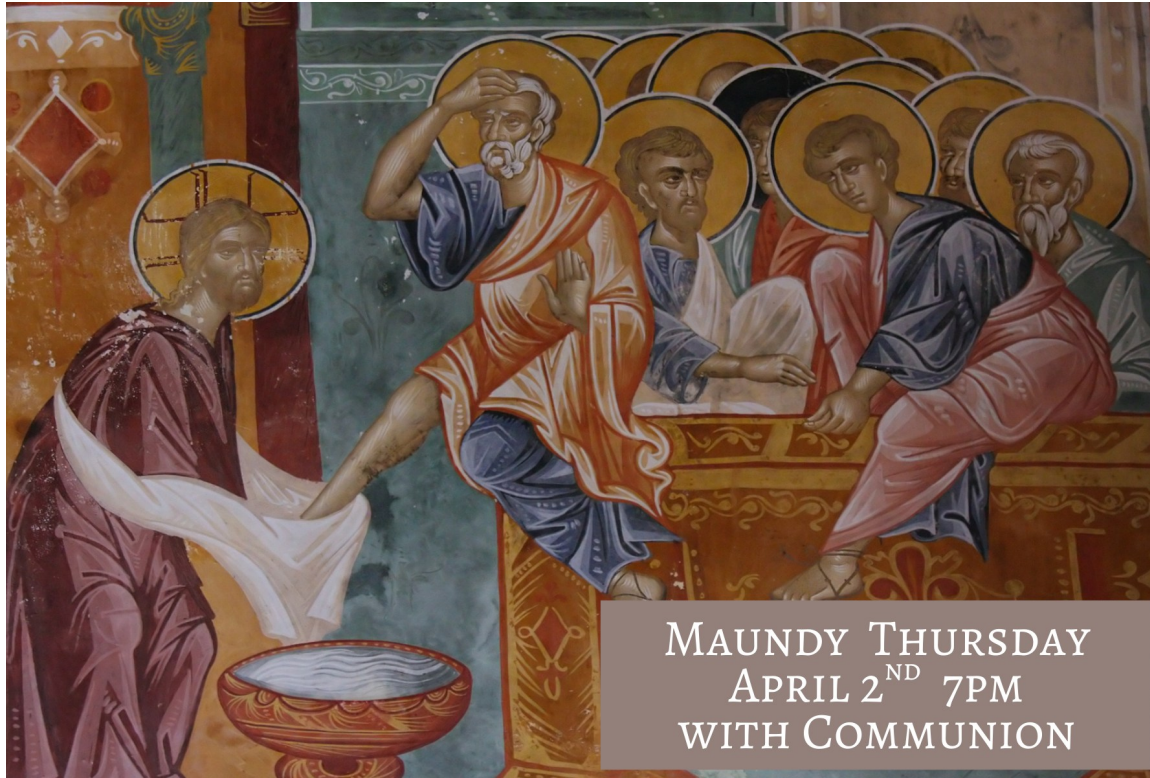
**In addition, all grocery items, reusable grocery bags,
and monetary donations are always welcome.
Please leave donations in the bins
at Donation Station. Thank you!**



Calling Volunteers!

**We need worship service
volunteers
Please sign up at
Connection Central!
Thank you & God bless!**





MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 2ND 7PM
WITH COMMUNION

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE

Do you have a family member serving in the military?
We would love to honor them with a picture to post on our Sanctuary
hallway bulletin board, in the military section.
Please bring your photo to the office or give it to Judy Northway.
Be sure to put the person's name on the back. If you would like to
include their branch of service, please do so.

God bless!
Ted & Judy Northway

Ways you can give:

- *Offering plate during Worship Service
- *Online giving via church website:
www.fumchighsprings.com
- *Mail to our address:
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- *Office Wall Mailbox
- *Through Breeze.com
- *Scan the QR Code here

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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
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Future
plans

Ideas



BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY
April 21st
6:30 pm

Budget