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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
Third Wednesdays
Knit Wits 9:30 am

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

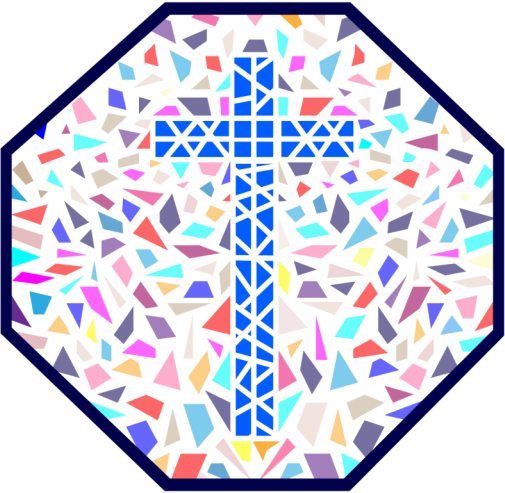
Fridays

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

Third Saturdays

Men's Group 11:30 pm

Newsletter



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
HIGH SPRINGS

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JUNE EVENTS

Mon. 1st- New Joy Circle 6:30 pm
Mon. 8th- Friendship Circle 12:30 pm
Wed. 10th-Dads & Grads Dinner 6 pm (pg. 9)
Tue. 16th- Board Meeting 6:30 pm
Wed. 17th- Knit Wits 9:30 am
Thu. 18th- Family Life Meeting 1 pm
Sat. 20th- Men’s Group meeting 11:30 am
Mon. 22-Fri. 26th- VBS (pg. 7)
Thu. 25th- Newsletter deadline
Sun. 28th- Pastor Wayne & Romana Wiatt
Appreciation Luncheon 12 pm (pg. 4)

JUNE BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Jim Sajczuk—4th
Jonathan DaRoza-5th
Jennifer Jones-7th
Kristi Secor-Michael-9th
Ray Smith-11th
Bette McClay-12th
Judy Northway-12th
Jennifer Rackley-14th
Mike Abbott-20th



Kyle Pinner-20th
Bill Bembry-21st
Ray Johnson-22nd
Bob Miller-24th
Anya Sajczuk-27th
Alan Southland-29th
Moirra Bultemeier-30th
Rhonda Mitchell-30th

ANNIVERSARIES

Malcom Ernst & Bobbie Wray-3rd
Rack & Jeanne Bingham-9th
Wayne & Patty Crawley-16th
Jeremy & Krystal Hahn-16th



Morgan & Jennifer Jones-25th
Kip & Carla Haddix-29th
Bob & Connie Piper-29th

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

OPERATING ACCOUNTS		OPERATING RECEIPTS		Amt.
General Fund Checking		Budgeted		\$108,011
	12/31/2025	4/30/2026	Local Missions	\$26
	22,633	36,186	Unbudgeted Giving	\$1,402
Savings-UM Foundation			Misc.	\$6,489
	12/31/2025	4/30/2026	Total	\$115,928
	38,138	48,879		
RESERVES		OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS		Amt. % Budget YTD
	12/31/2025	4/30/2026	Worship	\$2,346 86.89%
	88,294	82,656	Christian Ed and Discipleship	\$1,338 23.89%
			Missions	\$1,402 17.53%
			Support Systems	\$63,046 27.78%
OTHER INV. (Scholarship)			Congregational Vitality	\$300 17.65%
	12/31/2025	4/30/2026	Facilities	\$15,025 29.90%
Scholarships			Apportionments	\$8,177 33.33%
	267,138	263,789	Total	\$91,634 28.66%
Housing Allowance				
	259,724	251,675		
LIABILITIES (Short Term)			Net Change in Cash Balances	\$24,294
	12/31/2025	4/30/2026		
	0	0		

JUNE WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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

Flowers-none
Scripture Reader-Margaret Hogue
Communion-Margaret Hogue, Dee Dee Ritch,
Leslie Haefner,

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

Flowers- None
Scripture Reader-Jennifer Jones

21st
Usher/Greeter-Nanette Dougherty, Dana Lynch,
Noreen Sirera

Flowers-none
Scripture Reader-Dana Lynch

28th
Usher/Greeter -Nanette Dougherty, Dana Lynch
Flowers-Norma Mitchell
Scripture Reader-Margaret Patterson

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



Family Life Team's Father's Day and Graduation Dinner, June 10th, 6 pm

Thankful for all the men of the church, for all you do!

- Pastor
- Choir members
- Teachers/mentors for our children
- Ushers
- Cooks
- Scripture readers
- Money counters
- Team/group leaders & members
- Accountant
- Volunteers
- Visitation
- Prayers
- Accompanist
- Bus drivers
- Handyman
- Electricians
- Musicians
- Encouragers & confidants
- Prayer Garden keepers
- Food Pantry
- Plumbers
- Painters
- AV Team
- Tree Trimmers



HSFUMC FOOD PANTRY June's Needs:

- *Dry pasta
- *Cooking oil
- *Ketchup
- *Pasta sauce
- *Sugar
- *Mayo

All grocery items, reusable grocery bags, & monetary donations are always welcome.
Please leave donations in the bins at Donation Station.

Our pantry is open the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, by appointment. Email for appointments, questions, or volunteer opportunities: hsfumcfood@gmail.com

Thank you to everyone who volunteers and donates!

The Pastor's Page-

"Thank You!"

The Apostle Paul's letters often begin with expressions of gratitude, reflecting a deep and habitual thankfulness to God for the people he ministered to. In 1 Corinthians 1:4-5, he writes, "I always thank my God for you and for the gracious gifts he has given you." Similarly, in Philippians 1:3-5, Paul states, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In every prayer for all of you, I always pray with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," emphasizing joy and partnership in ministry.

It seems almost impossible that our time with you at High Springs is drawing to a close. Ramona and I are so grateful for your hospitality and warm welcome to us in so many ways. We have felt a part of your church family from the moment we arrived, and our participation with you in Bible Study, Chair Yoga, Off Our Rockers Game Days, Men's Gatherings along with many lunch and dinner invitations along the way during our time with you.

I have been honored to be your pastor during the past 3 months and will cherish our final month of June together. When I came in March, I shared with you that all I thought you needed was a Pastor! You have done the work of ministry and mission with excellence in every way! First UMC High Springs is a phenomenal congregation that truly does all things well!

Thank you for opening your hearts to Ramona and me! You have invited us in, and we truly feel as if we have come home and stayed for a while. I am excited as you welcome your new pastor and his family, John and Stephanie Kelsoe, and their daughters Victoria and Anna Grace. They are so excited to be moving to High Springs and I know they will help you continue the ministry of this great Church with excellence and grace.

Don't be surprised if you run into us one day tubing on the river or at our Granddaughters' favorite hangout, Serendipity Soda and Sweet Shop. We agree with our Granddaughter Coraline's brick we placed in the Prayer Garden in her honor that simply says..."I Love High Springs!"

Our Love and Prayers will Remain with you!

Wayne and Ramona Wiatt

Lay Leader Message

“Do Good: John Wesley’s Second Rule”

I am writing this a few days after our Annual Church Picnic, inspired by Pastor Wayne’s reflection on Wesley’s Three Rules. They are: 1) Do no Harm; 2) Do good; and 3) Stay in love with God. These rules should be what we live by.

I am particularly encouraged and challenged by the second rule: Do good. This means to actively practice kindness, charity and service. Pastor Wayne mentioned Wesley’s famous quote: “Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.” We’ve all heard this before. But are we living this way? There is so much to be done, so many ways to volunteer or serve, both at church and in our community. Do you have time to give?

Some of us are older, feel like we’ve done our part and it’s time for younger people to step up. Let me tell you that God is not finished with you yet. Wesley specifies: “As long as ever you can.” Even if we can’t do physically active things, we can help plan activities, volunteer with the afterschool program or food pantry, call people who need someone to reach out to them, or pray. Or think about joining the choir! There are all kinds of ways to serve, and we never grow too old to do something. One of my favorite ways to serve as I grow older is to simply practice kindness to those around me in the community. Smiling and being friendly to store workers or other shoppers makes their days more pleasant. It can even turn a bad day into a good day. Think more about the needs of others and less of your own, so that you are open to ways you might do good. And when you pray for guidance in this, be sure to spend some time listening and watching for God’s answer.

*“I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and do good while they live.”
Ecclesiastes 3:12*

**God bless,
Margaret Hogue**



Meet our new Pastor! Pastor John Kelsoe beginning July 1st.

Hello everyone, It is a true joy to be appointed at First United Methodist Church of High Springs Florida. My family and I are excited about joining an exciting community that is passionate about making disciples of Jesus Christ. My wife Stephanie and I have been married for 3 years and we have two beautiful daughters. Victoria is 11 years old, she is an avid reader and plays volleyball. Ana Grace is 9 years old, she loves art and is a fantastic baton twirler.

Sports are a big deal in the Kelsoe household. We enjoy watching New England Patriots football and Atlanta Braves baseball. During the summer season, Stephanie and the girls love going to the beach. Along with our daughters, we also have a Goldendoodle named Moe and a new English Springer Spaniel named Pollie.

I look forward to getting to know everyone and working alongside a great ministry team. Again, we are so excited to be coming to First United Methodist Church of High Springs! May your hearts be filled with a spirit of excitement in these coming weeks!

God bless,
Pastor John Kelsoe

MEN’S GROUP BIBLE BASED FELLOWSHIP

HSFUMC’s Men’s Group will be meeting the 3rd Saturday
of each month at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Next meeting June 20th.

Interested in finding out more? Please contact Jimmy Haefner:

352-316-6474



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VBS Volunteers Needed!

Please contact
April to help make
this year's
VBS a success!
352-262-4244
hsfumcfamily@gmail.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 22ND - 26TH
DINNER 5:30 PM | VBS 6PM - 8:30 PM



**April will have a
list of donated
items needed
for VBS that
will be posted
soon!**

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

Pastor Wayne & Ramona Wiatt Appreciation Luncheon

Sunday, May 28th following worship service.
Join us with a covered dish as we thank
Rev. Dr. Wayne for his service to our church as
our pastor and wish the Wiatts a wonderful
return to retirement!



*From the
Knit Wits*

The Knit Wits, our HSFUMC
prayer shawl team, will be meeting on
Wednesday, June 17th from 9:30-10:30 a.m.
We knit or crochet during this social time &
bless any new shawls or lap robes that have
been completed. If you would like to join,
please do! 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



Kids' Club & Youth Bus Fund

Did you know we need a new bus for our children's ministry?

Our current bus is not safe or reliable, so we are raising money to purchase another bus. **So far we have raised: \$47,828!**

To donate for the Bus Fund, please make a note on your check or money envelope "For Bus Fund"

or scan this QR Code



BUILDING FUND

Our building fund needs are ongoing to make repairs and improvements on the church. We are still raising money for the main church roof to be replaced, but also have other items that need attention. Please consider giving to our building fund by indicating "building fund", or specifically "Roof Fund", on your gift or dropping your gift in the building fund box at Connection Central.

Thank you for your generosity!

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.com
- *Scan the QR Code here

Thank you!



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Are you on **Breeze**?

We use **Breeze** for 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

If you have a Breeze account & are having trouble, please email: support@breezechms.com

MEN'S BREAKFAST

TUESDAYS

7:00 AM

AT BEV'S BURGER CAFE
HIGH SPRINGS



LANDRUM CHEW SCHOLARSHIP

Annual Scholarship applications are open now!

Deadline is 6 pm Thursday, June 18, 2026.

You must fill out an application and be an attending church member to apply. For more information and to fill out your application go online:

<https://hsfumc.breezechms.com/form/scholarship2376>

or Scan the QR Code here

