



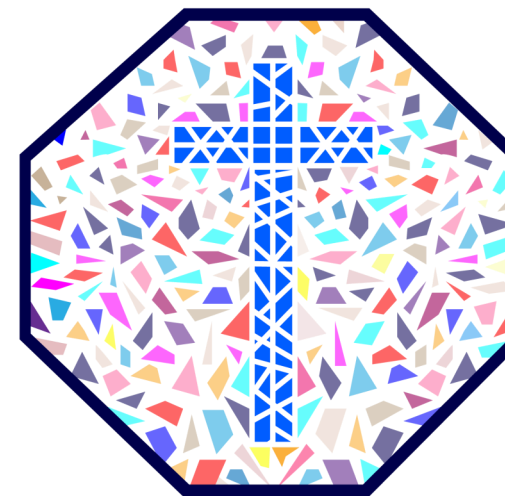
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Weekly Schedule for First United Methodist Church of High Springs

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 "Soul Sisters"-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 A.C.A. 6:30 pm Third Thursdays Family Life Team 6:00 pm	Fridays Kids' Club (K-5) 2:30-6 pm AI-Anon 6:30 pm N.A. 6:30 pm First Fridays Buncos Games 11:30 am-2 pm
Third Saturdays Men's Group 11:30 am		

Newsletter



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
HIGH SPRINGS

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AUGUST EVENTS

Sun. 2nd- Communion
Mon. 3rd- New Joy Circle 6:30 pm
Fri. 7th- Buncos Game Day 11:30 am-2:00 pm
Sat. 8th- Casey Glant & Karl Spain Wedding (pg. 6)
Mon. 10th- Friendship Circle 12:30 pm
Sat. 15th- Men’s Group 11:30 am
Tue. 18th- Board Meeting 6:30 pm
Wed. 19th- Knit Wits 9:30 am
Family Life Back to School Taco Bar Dinner
& Ice Cream Social 6 pm (pg. 5)
Sat. 22nd- Martin Rackley Celebration of Life 1:00 pm
Thu. 27th- Newsletter deadline
Sat. 29th- Coffe with the Pastor (pg. 7)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Diane Verel-4th
Jeremy Hahn-5th
Margot Alexander-7th
Ernie Pasquot-7th
Charlene Polk-7th
Andrew Daugherty-8th
Ezra Daugherty-10th
Rhonda Rogers-10th
Amity Hoenisch-17th
Jeanette Smith-17th
David Pinner-18th



ANNIVERSARIES

Greg & Nancy Gillman-3rd
Bo & Garin Davidson-5th
Gerry & Becky Hoover-16th



Jimmy Haefner-19th
Jan Wilson-20th
Emily Loftus-22nd
Russ Irish-23rd
Orrin Woodard-23rd
Krystal Hahn-24th
Dana Derrick-25th
Donnie Rou-27th
Clara Bembry-31st
Leslie Haefner-31st

Russ & Susan Walker-4th
Joe & Sharon Fielding-9th
Mike & Connie Casey-24th

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

OPERATING ACCOUNTS			OPERATING RECEIPTS		Amt.
General Fund Checking			Budgeted		\$150,853
	12/31/2025	6/30/2026	Local Missions		\$57
	22,633	27,118	Unbudgeted Giving		\$2,072
Savings-UM Foundation			Misc.		<u>\$9,825</u>
	12/31/2025	6/30/2026	Total		<u>\$162,807</u>
	38,138	48,879			
RESERVES			OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS		Amt. % Budget YTD
	12/31/2025	6/30/2026	Worship		\$2,517 93.22%
	88,294	71,098	Christian Ed and Discipleship		\$1,876 33.50%
OTHER INV. (Scholarship)			Missions		\$2,072 25.90%
	12/31/2025	6/30/2026	Support Systems		\$104,710 46.14%
Scholarships			Congregational Vitality		-\$57 -3.35%
	267,138	288,055	Facilities		\$24,389 48.54%
Housing Allowance			Apportionments		<u>\$12,266</u> <u>50.00%</u>
	259,724	272,370	Total		<u>\$147,773</u> <u>46.22%</u>
LIABILITIES (Short Term)					
	12/31/2025	6/30/2026	Net Change in Cash Balances		<u>\$15,034</u>
	0	192			

AUGUST WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

2nd
Usher/Greeter -Nanette Dougherty, Jim Mosher,
Billy Mitchell, Moira Bultemeier
Flowers -none
Scripture Reader -Margaret Hogue
Communion- Brian Hontz, Leslie Haefner,
Stephanie Kelsoe
9th
Usher/Greeter -Nanette Dougherty, Noreen Sirera,
Billy Mitchell, Jim Mosher
Flowers - none
Scripture Reader- Jennifer Jones

16th
Usher/Greeter - Nanette Dougherty, Noreen Sirera
Billy Mitchell, Jim Mosher
Flowers- none
Scripture Reader-Sharon Fielding
23rd
Usher/Greeter -Nanette Dougherty, Billy Mitchell,
Jim Mosher
Flowers- none
Scripture Reader -Dee Dee Ritch
30th
Usher/Greeter -Nanette Dougherty, Billy Mitchell,
Jim Mosher
Flowers- none
Scripture Reader -

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

Pastor's Page

"Class is in Session"

Hello Friends!

August seems to bring a fresh sense of anticipation. School buses are making their rounds, backpacks are filled with supplies, and the school bells ring for another year of learning. While this season reminds us of the importance of education, it also offers a timely spiritual reminder that as believers of Christ, we are never meant to stop learning. One of the greatest qualities a disciple can possess is a heart that is willing to learn, grow, and be shaped by God. The introductory work of Proverbs tells us, "Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance." -Proverbs 1:5

Jesus' disciples spent three years in the greatest classroom ever. They walked with Jesus, listened to His teaching, asked questions, made mistakes, and learned from experience. Even after His resurrection, they continued growing in faith and understanding. They never graduated from being learners. In the month of August, we will bless the backpacks and honor our school personnel! We will also begin our first sermon series, *Disciple: Who We Are and Why it Matters*. In addition, Wednesday Night Suppers will return August 19th with a Back to School Bash Celebration. On Wednesday, August 26th, join us after Wednesday Night Supper for Collaborative Bible Study as we journey through the Gospel of Mark! We are about to have a lot going on in these coming weeks, and we want you to be a part of it!

As we begin this new session, I encourage you to adopt the posture of a student. Open your Bible with curiosity. Ask Questions. Listen carefully. Allow God to deepen your faith and strengthen your walk with Him.

**Grace and Peace,
Pastor John**

ARMED FORCES SUPPORT:

Jim Mosher & Ted Northway will be taking care of any military needs for our congregation or their family.

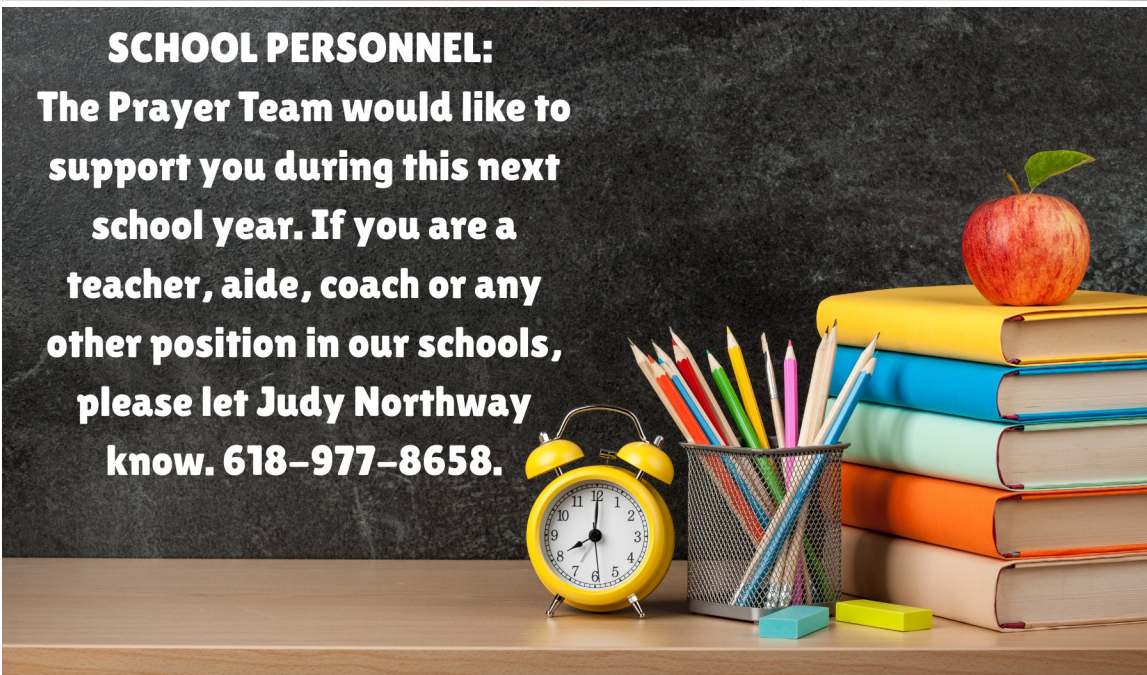
If you need to update any military information please give them a call:

Jim: 703-895-8121

Ted: 618-977-8693

SCHOOL PERSONNEL:

The Prayer Team would like to support you during this next school year. If you are a teacher, aide, coach or any other position in our schools, please let Judy Northway know. 618-977-8658.



Lay Leader Message

“Necessary Kitchen Rules”

Our church kitchen and the Fellowship Hall are hubs of activity for almost every social function. Did you know that our paid cleaning staff cleans **only** the floors in those areas? That means that we rely on volunteers to keep everything else sparkling clean. The folks who cook Wednesday night dinners are responsible for wiping off tables, cleaning the range top, washing pots and pans, wrapping up leftovers to take home or give away, taking home the dish towels and dishrags to launder and bring back and finally, taking the garbage out to the dumpster. The same goes for other functions: the fellowship hall and kitchen should be at least as clean when a group leaves as when they arrived. It's simple, and there is a list of rules, should you wish to see it, posted on the kitchen bulletin board.

We (the kitchen team members) have been throwing out lots of spoiled food lately that has been left on countertops and in the refrigerators. **PLEASE**, if you put something in a refrigerator, write your name and the date on it. Commercial “use by” dates are not always easy to find or readable. So we put markers on the island in the kitchen for the purpose of writing legible names and dates.

For those of you who cook meals or have meetings: please do not put leftovers in the refrigerators or leave them on the counters, unless there is a plan in place for their use. Do NOT assume that someone will eat it. In most cases, the food sets there and spoils. Give leftovers away. We have plenty of take out containers for the purpose. If there's enough left over, you might take food to a local fire station for the folks on duty.

After any event where you have brought food to church (Circle meeting, Off Our Rockers, Bunco, pot luck dinner) – please take home whatever remains of your offering, even if you don't want the container. Otherwise, it becomes someone else's responsibility to clean up or throw out.

If this sounds stringent, remember that we are running on volunteer power, and that cleaning out a refrigerator is at best a lot of work, and at worst, unpleasant or disgusting. Put yourself in that place, and be kind. Or become a member of the Kitchen Team and help us to maintain a clean, pleasant kitchen. We would welcome the help! Talk to me, Nadine Pasquot or Peg Timberman.

Thanks for your cooperation!

God bless you all!
Margaret Hogue

Calling Volunteers!

We need volunteers for our worship services:
Greeters/Ushers
Scripture Readers
Flowers
Communion

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



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, we 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!

ROOF FUND UPDATE!

The Educational Wing Roof has been replaced!
We are now raising money to
REPLACE THE MAIN CHURCH ROOF.

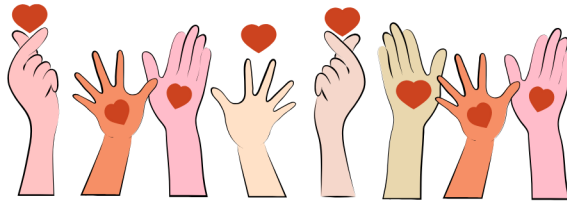
Current balance: \$24,520



Please make note on your gift “Roof Fund”-
Thank you for your donations!

Children's Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Lunch and Training

Celebrating Our Dedicated Volunteers



Sunday, August 9th | Lunch following service - the training will begin at 12:30
Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 5th
April - 352.262.4244 | hsfumcfamily@gmail.com

Martin Rackley
Celebration of Life
Saturday, August 22nd
1:00 pm



Coffee

with the Pastor

Saturday, August 29th, 10-11:30 am
at the church.

Do you have questions
for Pastor John?
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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

TUESDAYS

AT BEV'S BURGER CAFE
HIGH SPRINGS

7:00
AM



HSFUMC's Men's Group
Saturday, August 15th, 11:30 am

in the Fellowship Hall.
Interested in finding out more? Please contact
Jimmy Haefner: 352-316-6474

MEN'S GROUP
BIBLE BASED FELLOWSHIP



*From the
Knit Wits*

The Knit Wits, our HSFUMC prayer shawl team, will be meeting on
Wednesday, August 19th 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



**The HSFUMC Family Life Team Presents
A Back-to-School Taco Bar!**

**Join us at 6pm on August 19th, for our first
Wednesday Night Dinner of the '26-'27 school year.**

Menu: crunchy and soft tacos with beef or chicken,
plenty of topping options, and ice cream for dessert!

**This kicks off our Wednesday Night dinners & we need cooks, so
please sign up at Connection Central for your special dinner!**



Ways you can give:

*Offering plate during Worship Service

*Online giving via church website:
www.fumchighsprings.org

*Mail to our address:
17405 NW US Highway 441
High Springs, FL 32643

*Office Wall Mailbox

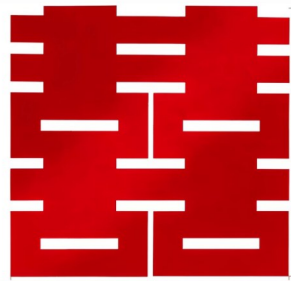
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the office to be added to our
Breeze account,
hsfumc@windstream.net.



Join us for the
Wedding of
**Casey Glant &
Karl Spain**

Saturday, August 8th 9:30 am

FUMC of High Springs | Celebratory pot luck brunch to follow at 10:30 am



BIBLE STUDY GUIDE + STREAMING VIDEO

LISA HARPER

The Fall Women's Bible Study

is scheduled for September 3-October 15, every Thurs-
day morning at 10:00 AM. We would be happy to add a
Sunday session if anyone is interested but can't do
weekday mornings. In this seven-session video Bible
study of the Song of Songs, Bible teacher Lisa Harper
unveils an eye-opening truth: This ancient, often-
misunderstood book that sometimes reads like a racy
romance novel is actually a passionate declaration of our
Creator Redeemer's relentless love for His people. With
her signature blend of humor, deep biblical insight, and
raw vulnerability, Lisa peels back the layers of history
and allegory to reveal Jesus as the Divine Bridegroom who didn't just come to deliver
us—He delights in us! She teaches that intimacy with Jesus isn't based on our deserved-
ness—or lack thereof. It's about letting our guards down and leaning into the uncondi-
tional love He initiates with us.

Please sign up on the clipboard in Connection Central, or let Margaret or Nadine know
if you are interested. We need to know by August 23rd if you plan to attend, so that we
can get books ordered.

Contact: Margaret Hogue: ph. 352-514-7993 maggiehogue@gmail.com

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Nadine Pasquot: ph. 504-909-9214 nadinepasquot68@gmail.com