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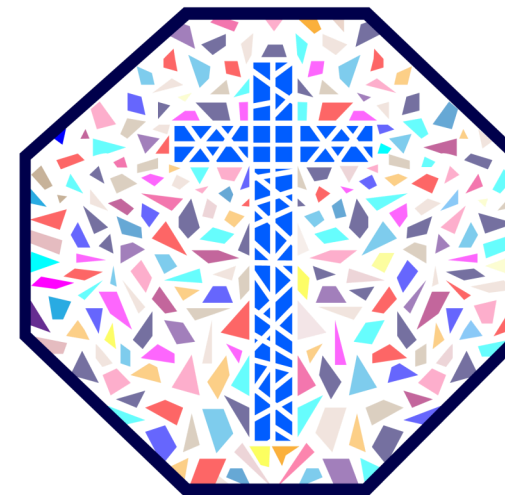
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Weekly Schedule for First United Methodist Church of High Springs

Sundays "The Way Out" A.A. 7:30 am Choir Practice 9:30 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 First Mondays New Joy Circle 6:30 pm Second Mondays Friendship Circle 12:30 pm	Tuesdays Men's Breakfast 7 am "Off Our Rockers" Games 2 pm "The Way Out" A.A. 6:30 pm
Wednesdays Prayer Team Meeting 10:30 am Third Wednesdays Knit Wits 9:30 am	Thursdays "The Way Out" A.A. 6:30 pm Third Thursdays Family Life Team 6:00 pm	Fridays "The Way Out" -A.A. 6:30 pm -N.A. 6:30 pm
Third Saturdays Men's Group 11:30 am		

Newsletter



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
HIGH SPRINGS

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JULY EVENTS

Sat. 4th-Happy Independence Day!
Mon. 6th -New Joy Circle 6:30 pm
Sat. 11th-Vitality Team Meeting 10 am
Mon. 13th-Friendship Circle 12:30 pm
Wed. 15th- Knit Wits 9:30 am
Thu. 16th-Family Life Meeting 6 pm
Sat. 18th- Men's Group Meeting 11:30 am
Sun. 19th- Welcome Luncheon for the Kelsoes pg. 7
Sun. 19th- Scholarship Awards, pg. 9
Tue. 21st- Board Meeting 6:30 pm
Tue. 28th- Newsletter deadline

JULY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Carole Fernandez-7th
 Rack Bingham-14th
 Lila Salg-14th
 Wayne Crawley-17th
 Mason Hahn-17th
 Nadine Pasquot-23rd

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Rachel Smith-25th
 Marie Harper-26th
 Wyatt MacNeill-28th
 Judy Futch-29th
 Dee Dee Ritch-29th
 Sharon Fielding-30th
 Kip Haddix-31st

ANNIVERSARIES

Darrell & Louise Krause-3rd
 John & Alice Martin-9th
 Chester & Margaret Patterson-9th
 Ben & Kim Johnson-10th
 Leslie & Leigh Odom-12th
 Donald & Louanne Bussey-26th
 Tim & Patti Gagnier-28th
 Ron & Marilyn Harder-31st

HAPPY
Anniversary!

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

OPERATING ACCOUNTS		OPERATING RECEIPTS		Amt.
General Fund Checking		Budgeted		\$130,890
	12/31/2025	5/31/2026	Local Missions	\$56
	22,633	34,112	Unbudgeted Giving	\$1,879
Savings-UM Foundation			Misc.	\$8,355
	12/31/2025	5/31/2026	Total	\$141,180
	38,138	48,879		
RESERVES		OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS		Amt. % Budget YTD
	12/31/2025	5/31/2026	Worship	\$2,517 93.22%
	88,294	108,202	Christian Ed and Discipleship	\$2,058 36.75%
			Missions	\$1,879 23.49%
			Support Systems	\$81,504 35.91%
OTHER INV. (Scholarship)			Congregational Vitality	\$313 18.41%
	12/31/2025	5/31/2026	Facilities	\$20,467 40.73%
Scholarships			Apportionments	\$10,222 41.67%
	267,138	279,673	Total	\$118,960 37.20%
Housing Allowance				
	259,724	265,786		
LIABILITIES (Short Term)		Net Change in Cash Balances		\$22,220
	12/31/2025	5/31/2026		
	0	0		

JULY WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

5th

Usher/Greeter - Nanette Dougherty, Dana Lynch,
 Noreen Sirera, Billy Mitchell
 Flowers - Louise Krause
 Scripture Reader-Dana Lynch
 Communion-Margaret Hogue, Leslie Haefner

12th

Usher/Greeter -Nanette Dougherty, Dana Lynch
 Billy Mitchell
 Flowers - Judy Northway
 Scripture Reader-Judy Northway

19th

Usher/Greeter - Nanette Dougherty, Dana Lynch
 Noreen Sirera, Billy Mitchell
 Flowers- Norma Mitchell
 Scripture Reader-Margaret Patterson

26th

Usher/Greeter -Nanette Dougherty, Dana Lynch,
 Noreen Sirera
 Flowers- none
 Scripture Reader-Dee Dee Ritch

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

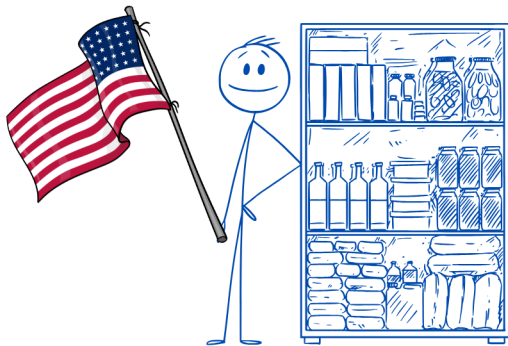


CONGRATULATIONS 2026 LANDRUM CHEW SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

**Evelyn Hoenisch
Dakota Woodard**

**Kaleb Hoenisch
Rachael Miksa**

**Scholarships will be awarded during
worship service on Sunday, July 19th.**



HSFUMC FOOD PANTRY

**We received 103 items donated in June!
Please look for July's list of pantry
needs in our weekly bulletins!**

**Please place donations on the table, in Connection Central,
with the correct answer to this week's question.**

**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 **"Curiosity Leads to Discovery"**

Hello Friends!

What a joy it has been to receive the warmest of welcomes from you in these last few weeks. Whether on Facebook or in person, I am encouraged by your hospitality.

As we draw closer to our first Sunday together, I imagine that curiosity is setting in. Who is Rev. Kelsoe? What does his family do for fun? What does God have in store for our church?

Likewise, I am filled with curiosity along with a large dose of excitement. I am excited to get to know you, walk alongside you, and grow in faith! The words of Jesus as He meets his first disciples in John's opening Gospel prologue are a true example of how curiosity can lead to discovery.

The disciples asked our Savior, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" Jesus replies, "Come, and you will see." (1:38-39) Before they became disciples, before they witnessed miracles and understood Jesus' teachings, these followers wanted to know more. Their curiosity led them to an invitation: "Come and See." Those words of Christ transformed their lives and led them to an extraordinary relationship.

As we begin this new chapter together as a church, let us not lose our sense of wonder. Let us remain curious about where God is leading us and pursue opportunities for ministry with open hearts and willing spirits.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John

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Lay Leader Message

“A Note on Change”

My July 5th message is about transitions and how we get through them with God's help. We have a fairly major one in our church lives this month. We have bid Pastor Wayne a fond farewell. I'm sure that everyone will miss him, but our thoughts and efforts must turn now to welcoming Pastor John Kelsoe and his family into our church family. Please be mindful that they are, at the moment, strangers to the area, our physical church (where things are), our church customs, and to us. That means that we need to be extra considerate. Please wear your name tag so that Pastor John and Stephanie can easily see who you are. We're only getting to know four new people: they have over a hundred new people to get to know! If you need a name tag, please let Ann know, and she'll make one. Don't assume that Pastor John knows everything about us yet. Be generous with explanations and information. Please have patience and be kind. Remember that you were new here once, too.

A change of pastors can be stressful for a church. If we all do our parts in welcoming our new family and are open to changes Pastor John might bring, that will go a long way toward making this a smooth transition. We prayed early this year for the pastor selection process to go well and identify a good match for our church. I believe the Conference Cabinet has done a good job. Pastor John is a good listener, he's smart, motivated, and he really wants to be here with us. In the small amount of time I've had to get to know him, he's impressed me with his thoughtfulness and consideration. So be open, be as loving as I know we can be, and continue to pray for our church and church family. With God's help, we can make this an easy and successful transition!

“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13:2 NIV

God bless you all!
Margaret Hogue

MEN'S BREAKFAST TUESDAYS

7:00 AM
AT BEV'S BURGER CAFE
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MEN'S GROUP BIBLE BASED FELLOWSHIP



HSFUMC's Men's Group
Saturday, July 18th at 11:30 am
in the Fellowship Hall.
Interested in finding out more? Please contact
Jimmy Haefner: 352-316-6474



From the Knit Wits

The Knit Wits, our HSFUMC prayer shawl team, will be meeting on
Wednesday, July 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 jenbjones76@yahoo.com



Welcome!

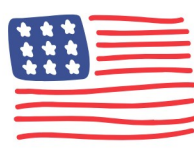


Welcome Luncheon for Pastor John Kelsoe and Family!

Please join us Sunday, July 19th
for Family Life's fried chicken luncheon
welcoming the Kelsoes. Please bring a
side dish or dessert to share.



July



Welcome
Kelsoe Family!

ROOF FUND UPDATE!

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

Current balance: \$24,070



Thank you for your donations!



BUILDING FUND DONATIONS NEEDED!



Building repairs are ongoing.
You may drop off a donation
in the collection box at
Connection Central, or you
may give as part of your
worship service offering.





Please Note:
Chair Yoga class schedule for July:
Tuesday, July 7th
Wednesday, July 22nd
Tuesday, July 28th
at 9:30 am.
See you there!
(No class for July 14th)

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
- *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,
hsfumc@windstream.net.

Thank you

My family would like to thank my other family (my church family) for all the prayers, inquiries, and thoughts for our sister Bess Bussey. Thanks to the Knit Wits for the beautiful prayer shawl you gave her. Thanks to the hospitality committee for facilitating the dinner after her service, and thanks to the church itself for facilitating her "Celebration of Life".

Margaret Patterson