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FUMCHS News

A Monthly Newsletter Highlighting Events at our Church!



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From Pastor Susie

In Christ, Every Day is Independence Day Galatians 5:1 "Stand fast therefore in the liberty where with Christ has made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

On the 4th of July we celebrate Independence Day in the United States. It is a day when we rejoice in the political and personal liberties granted to us as Americans. For 250 years the United States has been the beacon and champion of freedom around the world. We have been graced with the freedom to worship the Lord. We are free to preach and possess His Word. We are free to pray in our homes and in public. I am not bragging about our country; I am merely stating the facts. While we take our liberties for granted, others in this world live under oppression and must worship in secret. Some preach in hiding. Some hide the Word of God. But in Christ, every brother and sister today stand in freedom.

Regardless of where you live today, rejoice in the loosed chains of sin that sit at your feet. Live in the true identity you have in Christ, regardless of what others around you say about who you are. The reality of sin is not able to stand against the reality of God. The reality of Satan cannot overcome the reality of God's presence in your life. Today is your day of liberty in Christ. When you're here at church, when you're at home or at work, when you're with family and friends, celebrate the victory and freedom you have in Christ Jesus. Yes, in this great country, we celebrate our independence from tyranny and injustice. But in Christ, every day is Independence Day from the power of sin, death, and Satan. We gain the constant victory through our dependence on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings to each of you, and have a very happy Independence Day!

Welcome, Pastor Susie!

We are excited to welcome **Pastor Susie — Rev. Sandra S. Horner** — to First United Methodist Church of Hobe Sound.

Pastor Susie is a Florida native, born at Eglin Air Force Base and raised in Florida. She attended Fort Walton Beach High School before earning her **Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from Stetson University** and her **Master of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of Arizona**.

She later continued her theological education at **Asbury Theological Seminary** and **Candler School of Theology**, where she completed her theological studies.

Pastor Susie is now in her **26th year of ministry**, having served several churches throughout the **Florida Annual Conference**, most recently at **Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in Fort Myers**.

And because every good pastor needs a little holy chaos at home, Pastor Susie is also the proud dog mom of **Lucy and Fred**.

Please join us in giving Pastor Susie a warm FUMCHS welcome as she begins this new season of ministry with us!



July Birthdays

TJ
Ed
Glenda
Daphne
Doris
Dale
Judy
Janna Renae
Logan
Marge
Gary
Trey
Millie
Gaston
Kathy
Judith
Ashley
Rosa
Dennis
Thomas
Martha
Emily
Cadence
Nicholas



Room for What God is Doing

By Julie Collett

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” — Isaiah 43:19

May reminded us that faith does not always give us all the answers before we take the next step. June reminded us that change is not just something on a calendar. It is something we feel. We felt it as we thanked Pastor Tim Smiley for his year of leadership, service, prayer, teaching, and care. We felt it as we prepared to welcome Pastor Susie Horner into this next chapter of our church family.

And now July is here.
A new month.
A new season.
The same faithful God.

Sometimes when something is new, our first instinct is to compare it to what was. We look back. We measure. We wonder. We try to decide too quickly what this next season will become.

But what if July is not asking us to figure everything out?
What if July is simply asking us to make room?

Room for God to work.
Room for Pastor Susie to lead.
Room for new faces to feel welcome.
Room for our church family to keep healing, growing, serving, and becoming.



Making room does not mean forgetting the past. It means honoring what God has already done while staying open to what He is doing now.

It means we keep showing up.

We keep praying.

We keep encouraging.

We keep serving where we are needed.

We keep choosing love when change feels uncomfortable.

Because the church has never belonged to one season, one pastor, one program, or one personality.

The church belongs to Jesus Christ.

And if Jesus is leading, then we can walk forward with peace.

Not rushed.

Not resistant.

Not fearful.

But faithful.

So, in July, let's be a church that makes room.

Let's make room at the table.

Let's make room in our conversations.

Let's make room in our hearts.

Let's make room for the person walking in who may be wondering if there is a place for them here.

And let's make room for God to surprise us.



The same God who carried us through yesterday is already standing in tomorrow.

By His grace, we will keep walking forward together.

With love, Julie

Shopper's Paradise Thrift Shop

**Tuesday to Saturday
10:00am to 1:00pm**

First United Methodist Church, 10100 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound, FL 33455



Shopper's Paradise Thrift Shop

We are still hoping for a Mister Cooler fan to place between the buildings to help our volunteers and shoppers get through this Florida summer heat with a little less melting.

The reality is, these fans cost around \$100, and friends, that is a little hard to earn from the Free99 table. We love a bargain as much as anyone, but even Shopper's Paradise has to admit that 'free' does not exactly build the mister fan fund.

Our volunteers are still out there serving, sorting, carrying donations, greeting shoppers, and keeping this ministry going with good hearts, tired feet, and probably more sweat than anyone wants to talk about in the church newsletter.

A mister fan would be a real blessing between the buildings.

Thank you for helping us care for the people who care so faithfully for Shopper's Paradise. Sometimes love looks like a prayer, sometimes it looks like a bargain, and sometimes it looks like a cool breeze that costs about \$100.



Step Up or Speak Up

Church family, we are asking you to step up or speak up!

If you have contractor skills, repair experience, or know someone trustworthy who does, please let Julie know. We are putting together a list of people who may be able to help with church projects as needs come up.

This could include plumbing, drywall, carpet cleaning, floor stripping, landscaping, handyman work, painting, pressure washing, electrical, general repairs, or anything else that keeps the church from falling apart one mystery noise at a time.

Not everyone is called to preach, sing, or teach — some folks are called to fix leaks, patch walls, clean carpets, pull weeds, and say, "Well, there's your problem."

If that's you, or if you know someone we should call, please let Julie know.



July's Weekly



Sundays:

Worship Service 10:00 AM; Sunday Kids 10:10 AM



Every Day:

AA: 5:30 PM



Tuesdays–Saturdays:

Shopper's Paradise Thrift Store 10:00 AM–1:00 PM



Wednesdays:

Coffee with God 8:30 AM;
Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM



Thursdays:

Spirit Rising Study 7:00 PM



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July 2026 Calendar



Monthly Events



Friday, July 3

Independence Day Observed – Office Closed



Sunday, July 5

Holy Communion Sunday
Pastor Susie 1st Sunday



Sunday, July 12

Covered Dish, Welcome Pastor Susie – 11:30 am–12:30 pm



Friday, July 17

Food Distribution RTD – 7:30–8:30 am



Sunday, July 19

Clatter Collection – 10:00–11:00 am



Thursday, July 23

Church Council – 7:00–8:00 pm



Saturday, July 25

Helping Hearts Saturday – 9:00–10:00 am
Singles Night Out at Angelo's – 4:00–6:00 pm



Sunday, July 26

Coffee and Fellowship – 9:00–10:00 am

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Financial Snapshot
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1 Clatter Collection Results 2026

The children have fun and feel part of the church when they collect your coins to help children's ministry. Thank you for making noise for the kids!

Month	Amount
January	\$160.48
February	\$177.49
March	\$114.97
April	\$167.15
May	\$94.60
June	\$153.20
Total	\$867.89



2 Backpack Program Blessing

Our backpack program just received \$20,000.00 from Loaves & Fishes toward next year's help for kids and their families by providing weekend food! Loaves & Fishes is a Hobe Sound organization dedicated to combating hunger by raising money through donations to contribute to local food banks to provide essential food assistance to the children, individuals and families in need of relief in Hobe Sound.

When school starts, these funds make it possible for our folks to collect fruit each week, fill bags with food and fruit, and deliver the bags to 120-125 children at Hobe Sound Elementary and Sea Wind School. Maureen Copeland will be in charge of this amazing mission next fall, so contact her at 561-662-3186 or maureen_copeland@yahoo.com, and you can help!



3 Capital Reserves Update

The two new sanctuary air conditioners were up and running on June 28. Replacing the roof and the air conditioners was essential, but the cost—about \$88,000—took a huge bite from our Capital Reserves (Deferred Maintenance) funds. Extra gifts designated toward Capital Reserves / Deferred Maintenance would be a true blessing.



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Pastor Susie's Sermon Plans

Join us in worship each Sunday at 10AM, where we stand at the foot of the cross and hear Jesus speak to us.

July 5th- Matthew 11:16 -19, 25-30
Where Will You Find Rest?

July 12th: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Everybody Knows the Old Bit...

July 19th: Matthew 13:24-43
Who Are Your People?

July 26th- Matthew 13:31-33,44-52
Again...Jesus Spoke to His Disciples