

— October 2026 — FUMCHS News

A Monthly Newsletter Highlighting Events at our Church!



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From Pastor Susie

Pumpkin Spice, World Problems & Gratitude

Oh, let me count the ways! It is the time of year when Halloween decorations come out, pumpkin spice "everything" appears, and I begin to be reminded of the goodness of life. But to be honest, it was different this year. I mean, there is a lot going on these days! But, oh, let me count the ways!

As I was thinking about writing this letter to you, all I had on my mind were the varied issues of these days. What issue would be the most important to be printed in this newsletter from me to you? The thoughts were many; from turmoil in the world, the church, our culture. Then, perhaps the troubles in our government, or those with failing health, those abandoned by family and friends, those displaced by wars? What about the state of our church, the things we want and need to do but just have not gotten there yet! Whew! It can just be too much!

As we enter this fall season that quickly leads us into Thanksgiving, I hope we see past the chilling troubles and focus on the things for which we have to be thankful. I am thankful for you all! For the ones that give me the benefit of grace when I fail, for those faithful to their families, their church and God. I am thankful for the examples

of faith I see lived in your lives and your choices to focus on God instead of the distractions and situations of this world! Oh, let me count the ways.

The ways in which your thankfulness inspires each other! Hebrews 10:24 says, "to spur one another on toward love." Thankfulness encourages people around you. Thankfulness can be infectious. Thankfulness can be contagious.

When we practice a life of thankfulness it affects those around us. It reminds people of what we all learned as children: that it's good, not just polite, to say, "Thank you", to be thankful! Our world is starving for goodness, gratitude and grace. We have these gifts stored up in our hearts, and we can share them freely with those who may struggle to overcome the anger and angst of our day. I am thankful for you all in so many ways!

In Christ,
Pastor Susie

A colorful poster for a 'Trunk-N-Treat' event. At the top, the title 'TRUNK-N-TREAT' is in large, bubbly orange letters. Below it, a yellow banner reads 'SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24' and '4:00-6:00 PM'. The central image shows the back of a blue car with its trunk open, filled with candy and decorated with jack-o'-lanterns and string lights. To the left, a starburst says 'FREE FAMILY FUN!'. To the right, two smiling pumpkins are shown. Below the car, a purple banner lists 'Candy', 'Decorated Trunks', and 'Community Fun'. Further down, a hot dog icon is next to the text 'FREE HOT DOG MEAL for the first 100 pre-registered children'. Below that, it says 'Food supplied by the Boys & Girls Club of Martin County'. To the right, a pumpkin icon is next to the text 'Featuring decorated vehicles with individually wrapped candies from the church, schools, local businesses and nonprofits'. Below that, a fire truck icon is next to the text 'Appearances from Martin County Fire and Sheriff'. At the bottom, a dark blue banner reads 'First United Methodist Church of Hobe Sound', '10100 SE Federal Highway • Hobe Sound, FL 33455', 'Across from the Post Office', and 'Questions? 772-210-4485'. The entire poster is framed by autumn leaves.

October Birthdays

Franklin
Debra
John
Sarah
Elwood
Martha Ann
Rocco
Karie
Kirsten
Amanda
Workson
Angel
John
Joseph
Frances
Sam
Brittany
Kate
Alan Jr
Elliott
Don
Sariah
Ila Rose
James
Hudson
Lillian
Darci



Before We Judge

By Julie Collett

Lately, I have been thinking a lot about grace—not just the grace God gives me, but the grace I am willing to give other people. It is so easy to look at someone else's life, their choices, their relationships, their past, or even the way they do things and quietly decide what we think about them. Yet Jesus reminds us in Matthew 7 to be careful about judging others, because the measure we use has a way of coming back to us. That gets my attention because, quite frankly, I don't want my whole life judged by my worst decisions.

The longer I walk with God, the more I realize that people are complicated. I am complicated. We all have chapters we would rather not have someone pull out and read as if they tell our entire story. Growing in grace is teaching me to listen more and assume less. I may know what someone has done, but I do not always know what God is doing in them. I may see their past, while God is already working on their future.

I am also learning that God gives each of us different gifts and different assignments. My dad can do drywall. My daughter can bake. Someone else can cook, clean, sing, teach, repair something, sit beside someone who is hurting, or quietly serve where nobody notices. And me? I am beginning to accept that God has given me words. I write. For a long time, I thought I had to be able to do a little bit of everything. Maybe growing in grace also means allowing other people to do what God has equipped them to do while I finally do what He has put in my own hands.

That means I have to be careful about deciding who is qualified for what. God has never needed perfect people before He could use them. Scripture is full of imperfect people who were called, corrected, changed, and used by God. Our choices matter. Obedience matters. But grace matters too. I do not want to look at someone's history and decide there is no place for them when God may be writing a chapter I cannot see yet.

So this month, I am asking myself to slow down before I judge, listen a little longer, and leave more room for grace. Maybe instead of asking, "Why are they like that?" I can ask, "Lord, what are You doing here?" Maybe instead of deciding what someone else should be doing, I can pay attention to what God has placed in my own hands.

I am still growing in grace. And I suspect I always will be.

—Julie

We're excited to welcome Ashley Capps to the FUMCHS family as our new Director of Family Ministries! Ashley officially began her role on October 1, 2026, serving in a part-time position and working closely with the Pastor.

We look forward to seeing the gifts, energy, and heart she will bring as we continue growing and serving families in our church and community. Please join us in giving Ashley a warm FUMCHS welcome!



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



A huge thank you to everyone who stepped in and stepped up while Dean and I were on vacation! Portugal was beautiful, and we are so grateful for everyone who helped keep things moving while we were away.

The summer has been busy, and donations have not slowed down one bit. We are so thankful for every donation, so please keep them coming! Your donations help keep our doors open and allow Shopper's Paradise to continue serving our church and community.

And if we receive items we cannot use or simply do not need, Faith Farm is happy to pick them up and help us make sure those items can still be put to good use.

—Vicki



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF HOBE SOUND

OCTOBER 2026
WEEKLY & DAILY SCHEDULE

DAILY

Alcoholics Anonymous 5:30–6:30 PM

SUNDAYS

Light for the Way Study Group 9:00–9:45 AM
Worship Service 10:00–11:00 AM
Sunday Kids 10:10–11:00 AM

TUESDAY–SATURDAY

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

WEDNESDAYS

Coffee with God 8:30–9:30 AM
Midweek Bible Study 10:45 AM–12:00 PM
Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00–8:30 PM

THURSDAYS

Pastor's Bible Study 10:00–11:00 AM
Spirit Rising 6:30–7:30 PM

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MONTHLY EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

RTD Food Distribution — 7:30–8:30 AM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Communion Sunday

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Fellowship Meeting — 9:00 AM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Covered Dish — 11:30 AM–12:30 PM

Celebration of Life for Linda Pisano — 11:30 AM–12:30 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

RTD Food Distribution — 7:30–8:30 AM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Clatter Collection — 10:00–11:00 AM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Church Council — 7:00–8:00 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Helping Hearts — 9:00–10:00 AM

Singles Night Out — 4:00–6:00 PM, Mario's

Trunk-N-Treat — 4:00–6:00 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Coffee and Fellowship — 9:00–10:00 AM





FUMCHS FINANCE COMMITTEE SNAPSHOT

OCTOBER 2026

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & FUNDS

Our checking account has been practicing its distress signal: S-O-S.

Why it matters: Keeping our church clean, safe and welcoming - and supporting pastor, children and youth ministry, music, technology and campus care - takes more than prayer and willing hands. It also takes a working budget.

We have said goodbye to beloved members through deaths, moves and life changes. Now is the time to pray, plan and invite others to worship with us. Growing Team FUMCHS will take all of us - yes, that includes you. More details are coming soon!

FIVE WAYS TO HELP

- 1 Put FUMCHS on your Christmas list.** Year-end gifts are always welcome - and we promise the church will not ask for batteries.
- 2 Share a little wallet overflow.** If your wallet is feeling unusually plump, we can help lighten the load. Finance Committee hugs are available upon request; opt-out is fully respected.
- 3 Consider regular giving.** If you are able, increase your gift or choose a consistent schedule. Regular giving helps us plan wisely and keep ministry moving.
- 4 Explore an IRA gift.** The September newsletter explains how a qualified charitable distribution may be an option for you. Please consult your financial or tax adviser.
- 5 Let happy investments spread the joy.** If checking your stocks and bonds makes you smile, sharing a portion of those gains could make the church budget smile, too.

THANK YOU

Every gift matters - money, time, talent and service. Your generosity helps carry FUMCHS forward as we grow, welcome and serve. We are truly grateful for you.

*With gratitude,
Your Finance Committee*

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Pastor Susie's Sermon Plans

*Join us in worship each Sunday at 10:00 AM,
where we stand at the foot of the cross and hear
Jesus speak to us.*

- Oct. 2, "Do This in Remembrance of Me"
Luke 22:19, John 13:34-35, &
John 17:21-23
- Oct. 11, "The Invitation to Hope"
Matthew 22:1-14
- Oct. 18, "Render Unto Ceaser"
Matthew 22:15-22
- Oct. 25 "Loving God"
Matthew 22:34-46
- Nov. 1 "Living Large with a Pure Heart"
Matthew 5:1-12