



Ferris Heights

United Methodist Church, Waxahachie TX

In God's name . . . Build, Belong, Serve. It's Our Legacy!



December 2020

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Office Hours

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Monday-Thursday

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

We are in the season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming." It begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. During Advent, we prepare for and anticipate the coming of Christ.

This year was a unique year with COVID-19. The virus has changed our life, family, job, church, and society. And it is still changing us. You may be tired of wearing masks and practicing social distancing. However, we still have experienced God's guidance and protection during this pandemic. We have gathered together to worship, pray, and serve. Through human history, we know that Christianity has never stopped in spite of persecutions, the black plague, and the Spanish flu. Our ministries will continue until Christ comes again. He is still our Lord and Savior in any circumstances.

Prophet Isaiah says "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6) He has been born FOR US. We are waiting for his coming during the season of Advent. Let us be patient and rejoice the coming of our Lord Jesus. May our heart be filled with joy and harmony in this Advent and Christmas.

In Christ,

Rev. John Han



Sermon Series



December 6 Luke 1:68-79
 The Birth of Jesus: Peace
 December 13 Zephaniah 3:14-20
 The Birth of Jesus: Joy
 December 20 Hebrews 10:5-10
 The Birth of Jesus: Love
 December 24 Psalm 96
 The Birth of Jesus: The King
 December 27 Colossians 3:12-17
 The Birth of Jesus: Believers

Poinsettia Orders



Each year we decorate our Sanctuary during Advent with poinsettias. You can order a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone special. The cost is \$10.00. Call the church office or place your order on the sign up sheets in the foyers and Sunday school rooms.

UMW Christmas Party



December 7th, 6 p.m.
 Bring a wrapped gift to exchange in our Chinese gift exchange. Please limit spending to no more than \$25.

Questions? Shannon Goretska
 972-825-2335 or
 Sherry Wright 214-566-2303

Second Mile Giving

Waxahachie CARE—\$25.00
 Waxahachie CARE—375 cans of fruit
 Operation Christmas Child—Shoeboxes
 Operation Christmas Child—\$243.00
 Little Pantry—food



Night of Wonder



A Night of Wonder is coming on Tuesday, December 15! This year FHUMC is working with Remedy Church to host the Night of Wonder at Marvin Elementary.

As a part of this FHUMC will commit to sponsor disadvantaged children by providing gifts (\$25 maximum per child), \$10 for a meal and at least 5 people to work at the event. Volunteers are needed to help distribute the gifts & meals to parents.

If you would like to help with sponsorship, shopping for gifts, and volunteering for the distribution event, contact Deborah Green.

Working with WISD, local churches partner together to provide gifts for every child and dinner for every family in need at Christmas.

This year's N.O.W. will be different due to covid.19. It will be a drive through for the parents only. The families will receive a basket of food for a Christmas meal and they will also receive the gifts you have given. We need volunteers to help this evening. Time will be announced later.

Register for D.E.A.R. Day Now

On Friday, February 19, 2021, guest readers will read to classrooms virtually throughout Waxahachie ISD, grades K through 5 in the 24th annual Drop Everything and Read Day.

We'd like for a few volunteers from FHUMC to support our local elementary schools. Registration for this is required and requested back to the school administration office by December 10. For a registration form, contact the church office.

Also, you can support the love of reading by purchasing books for student classrooms. This opportunity is listed on the registration form.

Children & Youth Sunday School



Children's Sunday School is happening now! The Children are studying "Celebrate Wonder." You may visit www.cokesburykids.com to view "Celebrate Wonder." The age is 3 thru 5th grade. Teachers will rotate—they are: Karen Lawton, Deborah Green, and Dianna Robertson.

The **Youth** will also begin Sunday School. Ruth Shugart and Shannon Goretska will teach.

Helping the teachers will be Abby Machuca and Melanie Marrs.

Sunday Leaders for December

Worship Leaders: **Children's Time:**

Dec. 6	Sherry Wright	Karen Lawton
Dec. 13	Billy Wright	Ruth Shugart
Dec. 20		Shannon Goretska
Dec. 27		Dianna Robertson

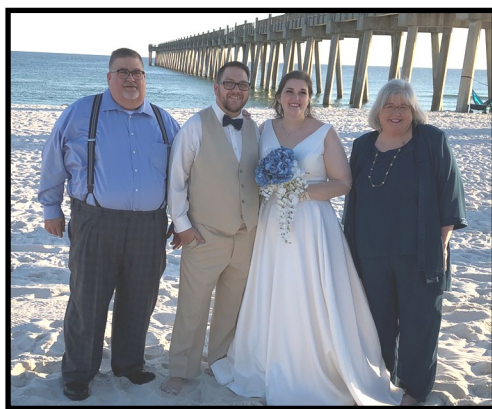
Worship leaders are needed for future months. Sign up by writing your name on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the stairs or by contacting Lay Leader, Ruth Shugart.

The Sunday lock up person is the contact person in case of facility problems & security issues. The lock up person for December is Mary Lou Shipley.

Special Music sign up are also available on the bulletin board by the stairs. We welcome you to sign up.

Thank you!

I would like to thank everyone for the Wedding Shower and your gifts for my daughter and her husband. Thank you for everything! FHUMC is a special church to belong to. Thank you for letting me be a part of it.



Angie Heck

December Birthdays

Keeley Robertson	03
Justin Fox	06
Leslie Campbell	09
Nick Machuca	09
Jackie Aday	10
Mary Lou Shipley	10
Carolyn Jenkins	11
Ann Moir	11
Bob Robertson	13
Aliza Thomas	15
Neil Baldwin	17
Danielle Merrell	19
David Lundeen	19
Charles Waller	19
Cheryl Wilson	19
Sally Baker	22
Ruth Blanton	22
Gary Bishop	29
Simon O'Rear	29



January Birthdays

Vela Brown	01
Lexi Baker	04
Scotty Jenkins	04
Jordan Lynch	06
Helen Brock	06
Kris Alden	09
Lane Johnson	09
Erica (Lilly) Ray	10
Ross Clayton	11
Vicki Kelsey	12
Samuel Goretska	16
Steve Loftis	18
John Flanagan	18
Angie Merrell	29
Chris Campbell	30

Finance 2020
Connectional Giving
 Paid \$18,235 this year
 Owe \$1,610

Nov.
 Income \$13,740
 Expense \$14,473

Year to Date
 thru Nov. 29
AVG Worship
Attendance

Sanctuary: 50
 Online: 59

Calendar of Events



Weekly recurring:

Sunday School	Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sunday, 10:00 a.m., begin
Youth	Sunday, 4:30 p.m.
Quilting	Monday & Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.
Intercessory Prayer	Every other Thursday, 3:00 p.m.
Choir practice	On hold -Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Monthly recurring:

Member Care	On hold-1st Monday, 6:00 p.m.
Potluck Lunch	On hold-2nd Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.
United Methodist Women	On hold-3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Community Groups:

- NA (Narcotics Anonymous):** Group Support—Room 106/108—Su: 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wed: 8:00 p.m., F: 8:00 p.m. Also meeting via Zoom .
- Girl Scout Troop #5226:** On Hold til January 2021(Brandi Adkins, Viki Muirhead)
- Ellis County Christian Home School Organization (ECCHO)**
—On Hold Board meeting: 1st T of each month, 7:00 p.m.
- Remedy Church Office:** M-F office hours, upstairs
- Remedy Church:** Worship Service –Sundays Wesley Hall
- Beulah Harvest Board:** Monthly Board meeting

Monthly FHUMC Activities:

Cut out and place on your fridge

Dec. 7	UMW Christmas party, 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 15	Night of Wonder (N.O.W.)
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve service, 2:00 p.m.

Church office Christmas/New Year schedule:

Dec. 25	Christmas Day—closed.
Dec. 28	Christmas Holiday—closed.
Dec. 29	Rev. Han out, Angie in office.
Dec. 30	Rev. Han out, Angie in office.
Dec. 31	Angie out, Rev. Han in office.
Jan. 1	New Year Day—closed.

Merry Christmas



2020 Veterans Day

Thank you for your service!

Lane Johnson, Neil Baldwin, Billy Wright, Rev. John Han, Doyle Varner & Wyman Harriman

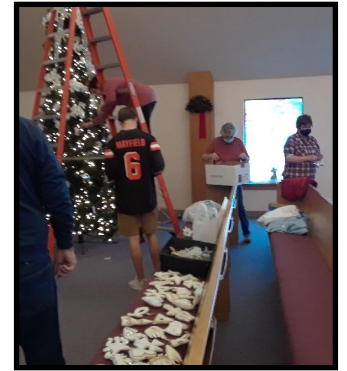


Rev. John Han Visits Hope Clinic

Had a great visit at Hope Clinic to hear their great ministry in the community! Thank you for sharing, Barbara Clark!



Hanging of the Greens 2020



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