



Ferris Heights

United Methodist Church, Waxahachie TX

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

February 2021

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

Monday-Thursday

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

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Greetings in Christ,

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake."

(Psalm 23:1-3)

Psalm 23 is my favorite song in the Bible. It was the first song that I memorized when I was in Children's Sunday School. Last Sunday, I preached with this song to talk about King David. As I prepared the message, I realized David wrote it while he was in the wilderness. He was confessing that he did not want anything even though his life was at stake.

As a pastor, I always pray for God's guidance so that I may lead the church according to God's will. With the current uncertainty, our ministries have been limited with health precautions and other protocols. I have been humble and trusted in God as my shepherd. I am grateful that you continue to support/pray for me. You have given me wisdom and encouragement all the time. That is why I believe that we will overcome this uncertainty and continue to serve our neighbors through our ministries.

I hope you will have a wonderful February with excitement and joy because the Lord is our shepherd.

In Christ,

Your Pastor, Rev. John Han

Lenten Activities

Shrove Tuesday, Drive by Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, February 16, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

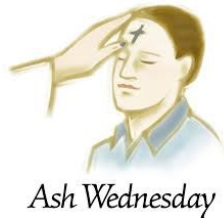


The community is invited to drive through the church parking lot and receive pancake dinners for their families. We will serve pancakes, butter & syrup. Join us on Tuesday February 16, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to prepare pancakes for the community.

Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 17, noon

We invite you to the Ash Wednesday Service as we enter the season of Lent. During the service, Pastor Han will place ashes on your forehead or hand as a symbol of repentance and forgiveness by Christ's sacrificial love.



Ash Wednesday Boxed Lunch

Wednesday, February 17, after Ash Wed. Service

After Ash Wednesday Service, join us for a lunch of sandwiches, chips, & cookies in Wesley Hall. If you cannot stay for lunch, pick a lunch up to go. Thank you to the UMW ladies for providing the lunch for this event.

Ash Wednesday Drive by Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, February 17, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Rev. John Han will be in the parking lot of the church from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to place ashes on your forehead or hand.

Sunday Imposition of Ashes

Sunday, February 21, after worship service

Imposition of Ashes available for those who missed the Ash Wednesday service.

ATTENTION:

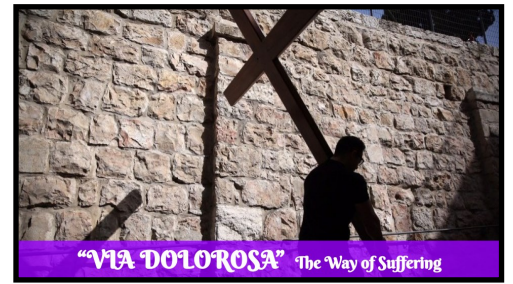
A New Website for Ferris Heights UMC. Rev. John Han is so tech savvy. He has found us a new web address and worked hard to make a new web presence for Ferris Heights UMC.

FHUMC.ORG

Check back weekly for new things on the website. Save it in your favorites, so it is easy to get to.

Thank you, Pastor John for your hard work on the website and all you do for the church!

Sermon Series



2/7/2021 1 Kings 19:1-10
Finding Hope in the Wilderness: Elijah

2/14/2021 Isaiah 40:1-5
Finding Hope in the Wilderness: The Exiles

2/21/2021 Mark 1:9-13
Via Dolorosa: Baptism and Temptation

2/28/2021 Mark 1:21-25
Via Dolorosa: Healing the Sick

Vacation Bible School Workshop

By Chris Buse

Help us re-imagine VBS. Cokesbury is offering virtual workshops to assist in this process.

There are two opportunities for us to gather at the church, where we can socially distance and attend a virtual workshop. Following the workshop, we will meet briefly to discuss ways to safely host VBS.

Possible Saturday dates:

March 6, 9:00-11:00

or

March 20, 1:00-3:00

If interested, let us know by February 8, so that we can register to attend. Please contact Chris Buse, cbbuse@hotmail.com, for more information.

Valentine Day

February 14, 2021, 10:00 a.m.



Join us for worship service on February 14, at 10:00 a.m. Our Member Care Team will have a special surprise for the ladies of the church.



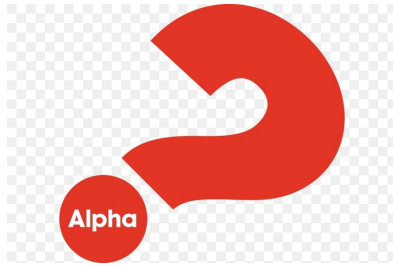
Alpha Course

By Rev. John Han

We had a successful Alpha Introductory dinner with 24 people attending. We had 18 guests and 6 helpers who joined the Spring Alpha course. They will meet together every Wednesday at 6 p.m. till April 7th. We will accept new guests in the following two weeks. If you are interested in joining the course, please contact the church office.

In addition, please pray for the guests and helpers who may encounter Christ through the course. Thank you for your support and prayers!

Below are photos from the Alpha Introduction Dinner held January 20, 2021.



Wildly Important Goal (W.I.G.)

By Rev. John Han



Last month, the board of Ferris Heights UMC had a meeting to discuss the future of the church. The board agreed that church growth is essential and decided to set a Wildly Important Goal (WIG). The Central Texas Conference encourages every church to set a WIG goal to continue to grow.

Our WIG goal is to have 15 new members by 2023.

Currently our yearly average number is 3.5. We plan to increase it by 5 each year. The board will research and bring us strategies and plans to achieve the WIG goal. Please pray that we will achieve the goal to make new disciples of Christ.

UMW News



The UMW ladies met on Monday January 25th to plan the year. February activities are listed below:

- ♥ Feb 7th after worship service we will make Valentine sacks for Shannon Goretska's third grade class.
- ♥ Feb. 17, time TBA we will meet to assemble lunch for Ash Wednesday.

Our next meeting will be March 15, 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to UMW.

Intercessory Prayer

The Intercessory prayer team will be meeting on Thursday afternoons, every other Thursday. This prayer team prays over concerns and joys that come from church members and folks throughout the community.

If you would like to know more about the prayer team and prayer chains, contact Annie Johnson, Pastor Han, or the church office.

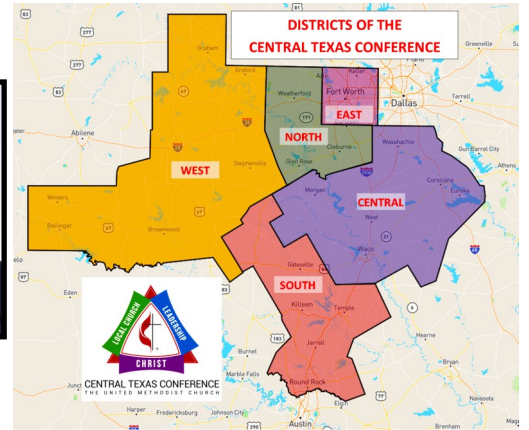
Garage Sale

The 2021 Spring Garage Sale has been cancelled due to Covid 19.

Conference Re-Alignment



Dr. Leah Hidde-Gregory



The Districts of the CTC restructured with the implementation of the Forward to a New Spring plan in January of 2021. While the restructuring maintained the five previous geographic districts – Central, East, North, South and West – the plan reduced the number of District Superintendents from five to three and established three District Areas to be administered by the three DSs and their district teams. As a result, district lines were redrawn, which means that local churches are moving from one district to another.

Ferris Heights UMC has moved from the East District to the Central District starting January 1, 2021. Dr. Leah Hidde-Gregory is our new District Superintendent.

To read more about the District Re-alignment go to www.CTCUMC.org/Districts

New Children's Sunday School Classroom

By Rev. John Han

The children's Sunday school class has moved to room 209 upstairs. It is the first room to the right if you use the stairs by the old kitchen.

You are invited to visit their new class and see where the children meet each Sunday.

Here are a few photos of the new classroom:



Sunday Leaders for February

Worship Leaders: Children's Time:

Feb 7	Annie Johnson	Karen Lawton
Feb.14	Ruth Shugart	Ruth Shugart
Feb 21		Shannon Goretska
Feb 28		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 February is Bob Robertson.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February Birthdays

Joshua Adams	01
Sunny Yu	03
Benita Brown	03
Wyman Harriman	04
MCclain Lynch	04
Landry Taylor	04
Yvonne Odom	07
Samantha Juarez	08
Sue Adams	12
Ginny Campbell	13
Patsy Thompson	13
Deborah Green	14
Scott Green	15
Caitlin James	18
Wylinda Brown	19
Shannon Goretska	22
Charles Adkins	28
Chris Loftis	28
Mia Loftis	28

March Birthdays

Ervin Brown	01
Bruce Green	02
Addie Hill	02
Rhiannon ^{Mutulo} Sullivan	06
Kaylee Machuca	07
Charlene McPherson	10
Alyssa Yancy	11
Tyler Milligan	12
Kathryn Harriman	13
Betty Campbell	14
Brenda Cooke	15
Macky Myers	19
Kristina Han	24
Denny Ann Spence	27
Abby Machuca	28
Tim Adams	31

Finance 2021

Connectional Giving

Paid \$1,476
1/10th

January

thru 1/24

Income \$8,174
Expense \$14,331

Year to Date
thru January 24
AVG Worship
Attendance

Sanctuary: 49
Online: 60

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.
Alpha Course	Wednesday, 6:00 p.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. Meeting in church has been suspended for now. 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:

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Feb. 2	Worship Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	UMW to assemble Valentine bags for Shannon Goretska's third grade class, after church.
Feb. 14	Valentine Day
Feb. 15	Pancake committee meeting, 10:00 a.m..
Feb. 15	UMW, 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	Drive by Pancake Supper for community, 5 to 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday Service, noon
Feb. 17	Box lunch, sandwich chips, dessert (from UMW)
Feb. 17	Drive by Imposition of Ashes, 5 to 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	Alpha Course, 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	Imposition of Ashes, after worship
March 27	Work Day, 8:30 a.m.

January Snow Day



RETURNED SERVICE REQUESTED