



Ferris Heights

United Methodist Church, Waxahachie TX

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

January 2023

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FHUMC.org

Office Hours

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

Monday-Thursday

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

Sunday School & Worship

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Pastor's Column

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
(John 1:1)*

The Gospel of John begins with a prologue, informing audiences of the true identity of Jesus who is the Word of God, who is with God, and who is God. Its beginning is very different from the other three Gospels. It is a unique book among the four Gospels. It tells us that Jesus has existed as God the Creator from the beginning, while Matthew and Luke begin with the earthly birth of Jesus, and Mark begins with His baptism. Matthew, Mark, and Luke try to tell us His earthly life and teachings. The Gospel of John, however, seems to tell us that Jesus opened a new era through His ministry, suffering, death, and resurrection, just as God the Creator opened the world in the book of Genesis.

Jesus had truly opened a new era to His disciples. He gave them hope, peace, joy, and love. The disciples had been transformed, renewed, and refreshed through Him. They were in a new creation as St. Paul confessed in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

We enjoyed watching *The Chosen* Season 1 last year to learn about how the disciples were chosen and transformed. I am so delighted to offer another opportunity for you to watch and to study *The Chosen* Season 2 in January. We continue to learn about the disciples and their life-transformation through the series. I highly encourage you to join *The Chosen* Season 2 Study in a lunch or dinner session on Wednesdays. It may give you transformation, renewal, and rebirth in Christ as the disciples experienced. Happy New Year!

Your Pastor, Rev. John Han



Beginning on Wednesday, January 4th, 2023, we invite you to a special opportunity to watch the Chosen TV series Season 2 and discuss its biblical background and life applications along with Sunday messages.

Bring your meal & invite your friends & family to watch the series!

When? Every Wednesday, Jan. 4 thru Feb. 22, 2023:
Lunch Session 12 PM
Dinner Session 6:30 PM

Where? Wesley Hall @
Ferris Heights United Methodist Church
108 Center St., Waxahachie, 75165 office: 972-937-2344
For more information visit FHUMC.org

United Women of Faith



The Annual planning meeting for UWF will be Monday, January 16, 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited!

January Mission:

Kairos Prison Ministry



A group from FHUMC will be going on a Kairos Walk, January 19-22.

God's Special Time

This Kairos group invites you to get involved in the following ways:

*Sponsor an inmate *Purchase a meal (\$5) *Make posters *Pray—greatest need *Make cookies *Make placemats *Write letters of hope.

For more information see brochure in the sanctuary foyer.

Save the Date—Garage Sale

No fooling....save the date of April 1 for the church's Annual Garage Sale. Start saving items for the garage sale now. No shoes or clothes please. Thank you Sherry Wright for organizing the garage sale each year.



Rev. John Han To Visit Families



Rev. John Han would like to visit families in their home. Please call the church office if you would like a visit. 972-937-2344



Sermon Series

1/1/2023	John 1:1-5 <i>The Chosen: Thunder</i>
1/8/2023	John 1:43-51 <i>The Chosen: I Saw You</i>
1/15/2023	Matthew 4:23-25 <i>The Chosen: Matthew 4:24</i>
1/22/2023	John 5:1-15 <i>The Chosen: The Perfect Opportunity</i>
1/29/2023	Luke 8:26-33 <i>The Chosen: Spirit</i>

Youth News

By Shannon Goretska

The Youth of Ferris Heights UMC had a Christmas party at the home of Rev. John Han and Sunny Yu. They played games and exchanged presents. See photo on page 4 of this newsletter.



Sunday, January 15 will be Confirmation Sunday. We will have Confirmation recognition of the youth that attended

Confirmation Class. Confirmation marks the first time one publicly takes the vows of baptism and membership.

Thank you for supporting the Youth of Ferris Heights UMC.

Board of Directors Meet in January

The 2023 FHUMC Board of Directors will meet on Monday, January 23, 2023, 6:00 p.m. We will meet about the 2023 Budget and other items. Mark your calendar.



5th Sunday Meal
Sunday, January 29, 2023

You Are Invited!

Sunday Leaders

Worship Leaders:

Jan. 1 open
 Jan. 8 open
 Jan. 15 open
 Jan. 22 open
 Jan. 29 open

Children's Time:

Karen Lawton
 Ruth Shugart
 Shannon Goretska
 Dianna Robertson

Worship leaders are needed for future months. Worship Leaders will lead the congregation in the Call to Worship, Hymn singing, & reading of the Scripture for the day. 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.

Lock up schedule in 2023:

We do not have a "lock up" person designated for January. If everyone could help lock up after worship service in January that would be great. Thank you!

Thank You

Please see the bulletin boards in the education building hallways for Thank You notes the church has received.



Thank You from the Pastor & Staff

The Pastor, Organist, Nursery Workers, Custodian & Secretary of the church want to say a big THANK YOU for the staff appreciation gift on December 18. You are a wonderful congregation!



WANTED

The church is looking for a Children's K-5th grade Sunday School Teacher for the 1st Sunday of the month. You will not need to do children's time during worship service.



February Birthdays

January

Vela Brown	01	Joshua Adams	01
Lexi Baker	04	Conleigh Marrs	02
Scotty Jenkins	04	Sunny Yu	03
Gracen Daughtry	04	Benita Brown	03
Jordan Lynch	06	Wyman Harriman	04
Helen Brock	06	MCclain Lynch	04
Kris Alden	09	Landry Taylor	04
Lane Johnson	09	Yvonne Odom	07
Erica (Lilly) Ray	10	Samantha Juarez	08
Ross Clayton	11	Presleigh Marrs	12
Vicki Kelsey	12	Sue Adams	12
Samuel Goretska	16	Ginny Campbell	13
Steve Loftis	18	Deborah Green	14
John Flanagan	18	Scott Green	15
Jennifer Lira	28	Caitlin James	18
Angie Merrell	29	Wylinda Brown	19
Chris Campbell	30	Shannon Goretska	22
		Charles Adkins	28
		Chris Loftis	28
		Mia Loftis	28

Monthly FHUMC Activities:

Cut out and place on your fridge

Monday & Wednesday's—Quilting 10:00 a.m.

Calendar for January 2023

- Jan. 2 New Year Holiday, office closed.
- Jan. 3 Walk to Emmaus Gathering at FHUMC, 7pm
- Jan. 4 "The Chosen, Season 2" Bible Study begins, noon and or 6:30 p.m. Will be each Wednesday. February 22 will be the last class.
- Jan. 8 Take down Christmas decorations after church.
- Jan. 15 Confirmation Sunday.
- Jan. 23 2023 FHUMC Board of Directors meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 29 5th Sunday Meal after worship service.



December, 2022 Finance

YTD Connectional Giving 100% Paid

Income \$12,361 Expense \$12,780

YTD AVG Worship Attendance

	July 22	Aug. 22	Sept. 22	Oct. 22	Nov. 22	Dec. 22
In Person	58	58	58	57	57	57
Online	58	58	57	57	59	58

Photos of Christmas 2022



MEMBER CARE CHRISTMAS GATHERING 2022
Benita Brown, Karen Lawton, Kathryn Harriman, Annie Johnson, Ann Waller, Ann Moir, Rev. John Han & Sherry Wright. Seated: Betty Campbell, Marva Reed & Patricia Kelsey.



2022 Searchers Class Christmas Party

Missions:



Ugly Heifer Grill commented.
Waxahachie Buzz
Ugly Heifer Grill · 2d · 🌐

Excited for the opportunity to help [Runner's Refuge Ministries](#) with prep work for Night of Wonder tomorrow! We will be working with [Mission 75165](#) to deliver 1,100 meals to the families of WISD.







red kettle
Volunteer

