



Ferris Heights

United Methodist Church, Waxahachie TX

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

February 2023

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972-937-2344

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

Valentine's Day is a time when we celebrate love and relationships. As Christians, we are called to love not only our romantic partners but also our neighbors, our friends, and even our enemies. In fact, the Bible tells us that love is the greatest commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27, NRSV).

As we approach Valentine's Day, I want to remind you that true love is not just a feeling but also a choice. It is a decision to put the needs of others before our own. It is a commitment to walk alongside others through the good times and the bad. And it is a willingness to forgive, to be vulnerable, and to be patient.

In this spirit, I invite you to join us for our upcoming Sunday sermon series during Lent, which will focus on *Christ in the Psalms* as we commemorate His ministry, suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus chose to provide our needs by giving up His life. He has shown us the ultimate example of true love. Through this series, we will reflect on some psalms in which we may discover Christ and His love and how they relate to our own spiritual journeys and relationship with God.

As we journey through Lent together, let us remember that the love of Christ is the greatest love of all. He loved us so much that He gave His life for us, and in doing so, He showed us how to love others. Let us invite the Spirit to open our hearts to His love and be transformed by Him. I look forward to seeing you all at our Lenten series and growing together in our love for God and for one another.

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



Sermon Series

2/5/2023 Matthew 12:1-14
The Chosen: Unlawful
2/12/2023 Matthew 6:5-15
The Chosen: Reckoning
2/19/2023 Matthew 5:1-12
The Chosen: Beyond Mountains
2/26/2023 Psalm 2
Christ in the Psalms: Psalm 2

United Women of Faith



The UWF will meet on February 20, 6:30 p.m. We encourage all ladies in the church to join us.

February Mission:

Church Growth Share holder Program



The Importance of New Church Starts
In 1980, the Central Texas Conference began a concentrated effort to plant new churches in order to introduce new people to Christ's love.

Since that time, we have planted more than 40 churches! These churches now account for more than 10% of the current worship attendance within our Conference.

The Center for Evangelism and Church Growth continues to create new communities of faith which invite new people to experience God's grace. We are spreading the Good News in new ways as we create "New Faith Communities."

Invest in the Future of the UMC in Central Texas

You can be a part of the future of the Church by investing in Church Growth SHARES which support our church planting efforts directly by:

- Paying the salaries of new church start pastors
- Renting worship spaces
- Purchasing sound equipment and other technology necessary for worship

Providing for the day-to-day expenses of pastors working in their communities to develop relationships

Board of Directors Meet in February

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

Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday



We begin with Shrove Tuesday in Wesley Hall, February 21st, at 6:00 pm for a simple pancake supper and fellowship.

Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten journey. At noon, February 22 the Ash Wednesday service will begin in the Sanctuary. In this service we will confront the dual themes of sin and death in light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ. The service includes the imposition of ashes as a sign of participating in God's call to repentance and reconciliation.

The United Women in Faith will host a lunch following the service.

**You are invited to
The Youth
Valentine Dinner**

Sunday February 12

**Ferris Heights United
Methodist Church**

**Wesley Hall
after 10:00 a.m.
worship service**

This dinner is by donations to support the youth mission trip and other youth activities.

Sunday Leaders

Worship Leaders:

Feb. 5 Karen Lawton
 Feb. 12 Gerald Reed
 Feb. 19 open
 Feb. 26 Meg Varner

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:

February: _____

March: _____

April: _____

If you would like to help lock up after Sunday worship, please contact Sherry Wright, Chairperson of the Board of Directors or the office. Thank you so much.

Save the Date—Garage Sale

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.



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

Joshua Adams 01
 Conleigh Marrs 02
 Sunny Yu 03
 Benita Brown 03
 Wyman Harriman (91) 04
 MCLlain Lynch 04
 Landry Taylor 04
 Yvonne Odom 07
 Samantha Juarez 08
 Presleigh Marrs 12
 Sue Adams 12
 Ginny Campbell 13
 Deborah Green 14
 Scott Green 15
 Caitlin James 18
 Wylinda Brown 19
 Shannon Goretska 22
 Charles Adkins (91) 28
 Chris Loftis 28
 Mia Loftis 28

March Birthdays

Ervin Brown 01
 Bruce Green 02
 Addie Hill 02
 Kelly Wilson 03
 Rhiannon Sullivan 06
 Kaylee Machuca 07
 Charlene McPherson 10
 Alyssa Gunn 11
 Sharon Lynch 12
 Tyler Milligan 12
 Brenda Cooke 13
 Kathryn Harriman 13
 Betty Campbell (93) 14
 Macky Myers 19
 Kristina Han 24
 Denny Ann Spence 27
 Ryan Taylor 27
 Abby Machuca 28
 Kendall Quigley 28
 Sherla Lenhard 31
 Tim Adams 31

Monthly FHUMC Activities:

Cut out and place on your fridge

Monday & Wednesday's—Quilting 10:00 a.m.
 Wednesdays—noon and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study: The Chosen Season 2
 Youth—Sundays 11:00 a.m.

Calendar

February 6 Board of Directors meeting, 6:00 p.m.
 February 7 Member Care meeting, 1:00 p.m.
 February 12 Valentine Lunch, hosted by the youth.
 February 20 United Women of Faith meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 February 21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, 6:00 p.m.
 February 22 Ash Wednesday Service, noon. Lunch to follow.
 February 24 Office closed. Vacation Day for Angie.
 March 12 Daylight savings time begins.
 March 12 Bridal Shower for Kaylee Nelson & George Lawton III., 2:00 p.m.
 March 13-17 Waxahachie ISD Spring Break.
 March 20 United Women of Faith meeting, 6:30 p.m.

January 2023, Finance

YTD Connectional Giving 1/10th

Income \$9,101

Expense \$15,474

YTD AVG Worship Attendance

	Aug. 22	Sept. 22	Oct. 22	Nov. 22	Dec. 22	Jan. 23
In Person	58	58	57	57	57	55
Online	58	57	57	59	58	56

CONFIRMATION, REAFFIRMATION & JOINING FHUMC

JANUARY 22, 2023



Thank you for
loving our youth!
Shannon

Thanks - Jacob's Mom!!

Thank you so
much for everything!
-Kris

Thank You
So Much

Thanks,
Sam

Thank
you for everything -
Coco
Crown

Thanks
Kaylee

Thanking God for you.
EPHESIANS 1:16 NLT

Thanks for All you do!
We Appreciate you!
Abby

Youth News

By Shannon Goretzka

The Confirmation Class celebrated their confirmation recognition, on Sunday, January 22.

Baptized:

- Nick Machuca & Kaylee Machuca

Confirmed:

- Nick Machuca, Sam Goretzka & Kaylee Machuca

Reaffirmed:

- Kristina Han

Joined the Church:

- Nick Machuca, Sam Goretzka & Kaylee Machuca
Mother of Nick & Kaylee Machuca, Abby Machuca also joined the church.

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


Thank you for supporting the Youth of Ferris Heights UMC.

Welcome new members:
(third from left) *Kaylee Machuca,*
Nick Machuca, Abby Machuca & Sam Goretzka.
Leaders & Support: *Rev. John Han, Kristina Han & Shannon Goretzka.*




2023 Central Texas & North Texas Conferences, Clergy Gathering



<  Central Texas Conference 14h ·  ...

Just one of the myriad excellent moments from the 2023 Joint Clergy meeting...

 **Danielle Buwon Kim** is with **Sung Chol Kwon** and **3 others**.

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One of the many fulfilling moments of the Clergy Covenant Day today was to meet Bishop [Ruben Jr Saenz](#) and [Maye Saenz](#) with the Korean pastors from both [North Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church](#) and [Central Texas Conference](#)!

The bishop asked us to keep him in our prayers, so we asked, "why not pray now?" We prayed together in Tong Sung prayer (통성기도, Korean Christian practice of praying one's own prayers aloud at the same time as others) in the middle of the lunch hour for [Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr.](#) and Maye!

I'm incredibly excited for the future of the UMC. God is faithfully working among us, and the best is yet to come!

Bishop Saenz Shares a Powerful and Inspirational Episcopal Address with the 2023 Joint Central and North Texas Clergy Gathering

This message is available to listen to on the front page of the Conference's website. CTCUMC.org.

"Let us pick up our mats and walk. Walk on, Oh People of God. Let's Walk On. Together. Forward. United in Christ. Walk on, Oh People of God." *Bishop Saenz*



Please join us for a Bridal Shower
In honor of

Kaylee Nelson

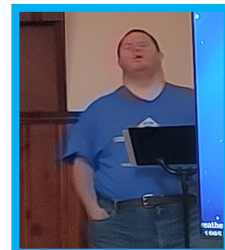
Bride elect of George Lawton III

Sunday, March 12, 2:00 p.m.
Ferris Heights United Methodist Church
108 Center St., Waxahachie TX
Wesley Hall

Hosts: The ladies of
Ferris Heights UMC, led by Betty Campbell

Registered at Walmart, Amazon & Target

Emmaus Gathering, January 3, 2023



5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK JANUARY 29, 2023



RETURNED SERVICE REQUESTED