



Ferris Heights

United Methodist Church, Waxahachie TX

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

May 2023

Information

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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.

Sunday School & Worship

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

2023 LIVING LORD'S SUPPER

The Living Lord's Supper was a great success! It brought us great joy and renewal. Thank you all for making it happen. Here are some pictures from it.

Rev. John Han



Cast: Billy Wright, Doug Merrell, George Lawton II, Tommy Cannaday, Scott Green, Lamar Stampley, Ricky Thomas, Dave Lundeen, Kyle Goretska, Justin Fox, Gary Fox, Leslie Campbell & Ross Clayton

Stage: Sam Goretska, Kristina Han, Dave Fortunato & Rev, John Han

What a wonderful gathering we had at the Living Lord's Supper evening event on Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023. Praise the Lord! We had over 120 people in Wesley Hall that evening.

Everything is packed away and ready for next year. There are 2 robes with shawls missing. If you took your robe home could you please let the church office know you have one at home?

If you missed the presentation, you may go to the church's YouTube page and watch it. It has been edited for sound and color. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t1mv2Qo2FOg> Another way is to search for our church and look through the videos.

Thank you to everyone for making this event such a wonderful evening.

Welcome New Member



Mary Canada joined FHUMC on April 16. Mary lives with her daughter and her family here in Waxahachie. Mary works part time at Hobby Lobby. Mary has 3 grown children & their spouses & 5 grandchildren. All live here in Ellis County. Mary has been quilting with the quilters since the beginning of the year. She

has been singing in the FHUMC Choir and is in the Searchers Sunday School Class. Welcome, Mary to Ferris Heights UMC.

"Be Strong! Take Heart! Hope in the Lord!"

ANNUAL CONFERENCE LAITY SESSION



All Central Texas Conference United Methodist Laity (you) are invited and encouraged to attend the 2023 Laity

Session on Saturday, May 20, at 10:00 a.m. It will be an all-online event offered via Zoom.

The focus of our time together is aligned with the AC23 theme of "Be Strong! Take Heart! Hope in the Lord!" More information will be coming soon. Until then, please mark your calendar and register online.

<https://www.ctcumc.org/eventdetail/17321899>



Sermon Series

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| 5/7/2023 | Ezekiel 37:1-14
<i>Easter Christians: Bold over Mild</i> |
| 5/14/2023 | John 4:16-26
<i>Easter Christians Now rather than Later</i> |
| 5/21/2023 | Matthew 28:16-20
<i>Easter Christians: Frontier over Fortress</i> |
| 5/28/2023 | Guest Speaker
<i>Rev. Mike Alexander</i> |

United Women in Faith



The UWF will not have a business meeting in May. We will host the End of School Celebration luncheon after worship service on Sunday, May 21st. We will serve hot dogs, ice cream & brownies. Join us in celebrating the end of school year 2022-2023.

Mother's Day—May 14



Join us Sunday, May 14th for Mother's Day Service. Member Care Team will have a special during worship service and we will have a photo booth set up for you to take a family photo with your mother before or after worship service.

Happy Mother's Day

Garage Sale Report

The Garage Sale was a great success. Thank you to Sherry Wright for heading the sale. Thank you to the everyone that volunteered to help. The Garage Sale raised \$2,192.00. Thank you!



YOUTH MISSION TRIP

JUNE 18 - 24, 2023
AT AZLE, TX WITH U.M.ARMY

Go, Make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world

If you would like to attend the Youth Mission trip as a Youth Participant or a Leader, please let Shannon Goretska or Rev. Han know.

thank you

Sunday Leaders

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

May 7	Gerald Reed	Karen Lawton
May 14	Sherry Wright	Ruth Shugart
May 21	Billy Wright	Shannon Goretska
May 28	Meg Varner	Dianna Robertson
<i>If 5th Sunday</i>		Ruth or Karen

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:

May: Karen Lawton, June: Carolyn Jenkins, July: Ann Moir



June Birthdays

May Birthdays

Christian Daughtry	01	Maci Lyons	05
Felix Reina	03	Rachel Lynch	07
Chelsea Daughtry	05	Kenny Johnson	09
Wendy Sanders	06	Richard Buse	13
Lisa Lasater	09	Henry Lynch	13
Denise Campbell	10	Robert Munoz	17
Charla Kitchens	16	Cassie Hill	19
Cashlee Fox	21	Laura Huggins	19
Nathan Quigley	22	John Mark Goretska	21
Billy Wright	25	Jamie Jenkins	21
		Mike James	23
		Maccoy Merrell	23
		Devin Merrell	23
		Sherry Wright	23

2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Mark your calendar now for FHUMC V.B.S. We will have VBS on Saturday, June 10, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration is now open on our website, FHUMC.org. (Registration at 8:30 a.m. if come on Day of.) If you would like to volunteer please see Karen Lawton.

April 2023

YTD AVG Worship Attendance

YTD Connectional Giving Paid 4/10th

	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2022	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2023	Mar. 2023	*Apr. 2023
In Person	57	57	55	56	55	59
Online	59	58	56	59	59	78

Income \$11,647

Expense \$15,151

*April includes Easter Sunday & Living Lord's Supper



END OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

Join us on May 21st after worship service for an End of School Celebration. We will celebrate all graduations. We will honor the recipients of the Sovola Shackelford Scholarship Award. The United Women in Faith will provide hot dogs and ice cream for lunch. There will be a special offering for the Sovola Shackelford Scholarship fund on that Sunday. *See page 6 for 2023 recipients.*



Monthly FHUMC Activities:

Cut out and place on your fridge

Sunday	Youth, 11:00 a.m.
Monday	Quilting 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Quilting 10:00 a.m.

Calendar

- May 9 Member Care, 1:00 p.m.
- May 11 Rev. Han attending Glen Lake Clergy Meetings.
- May 14 Mother's Day.
- May 20 Annual Conference Laity Meeting via Zoom, 10:00 a.m.
- May 21 -End of School Lunch hosted by the United Women in Faith, after worship service.
- Scholarship Award Ceremony during worship service.
- District Conference, 2:00 p.m.
- Rev. Han attending AAPI Worship Service, 5:00 p.m.
- May 22 2023 FHUMC Board of Directors meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- May 24 to June 6 Rev. Han's vacation.
- May 28 Guest Preacher—Rev. Mike Alexander.
- May 29 Memorial Day—office will be closed.
- June 4-7 Annual Conference in Waco.
- June 10 VBS—Register now.

THANK YOU

Thank you

Thank you for the "Happy Birthday Celebration and cake for my "88th" birthday last week. It made my day. Love you all.

Kathryn Harriman

Thank you so much for the use of the building! Our Fall (22) recital and theory testing went very well. We really appreciate it. Most sincerely

The Waxahachie Music Teachers Assoc.

Thank you all very much for the letters and well wishes leading up to my birthday. I was so happy and felt blessed to know I have a family at church to love me. I also want to thank you all for the lovely ring I have received. It is absolutely stunning and I don't know what I did to deserve it all!! Thank you.

Kristina Han

Boy Scout Pack 250 Pinewood Derby

The Boy Scout Pack that meets here at Ferris Heights UMC had their Pinewood Derby April.



Baby Shower for the Taylor Family

On April 16 Ferris Heights UMC hosted a Baby Shower for the Taylor Family for the birth of their son, Luke Wayne. Luke was born April 3 and doing fine.



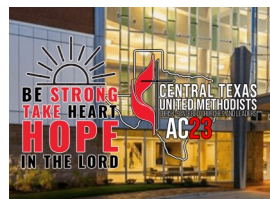
Sunny Yu Graduates from North Texas University



Sunny will graduate May 14th from University of North Texas with a Doctor of Musical Arts in Organ. She is applying at several colleges for a professor position. We are very proud of Sunny, Congratulations!

Annual Conference

June 4th -7th is Annual Conference for the Central Texas UMC Conference in Waco. Please be in prayer for those attending Annual Conference: Rev. John Han, Chris Buse, Ruth Shugart & Karen Lawton.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. & MRS. GEORGE LAWTON III MARRIED 4/29/2023 AT FERRIS HEIGHTS UMC





Greetings from Mercy Preparatory Academy

Erica Phillips is the founder and administrator of Mercy Preparatory Academy, a new school sharing our building with us. She has been married to Cary Phillips for 14 years and has four children ranging from 5 to 12 years old. The Phillips family lives in Waxahachie and have been in the area for about 10 years.

The Phillips family has been in the University-Model® since 2016. In 2018, Erica felt called to open this special type of school in our area to offer families another option for their children's educational needs. The school was set to open in the fall of 2020, but COVID came and changed everything. After much prayer and patience, the Phillips family has been blessed to open this fall at Ferris Heights UMC.

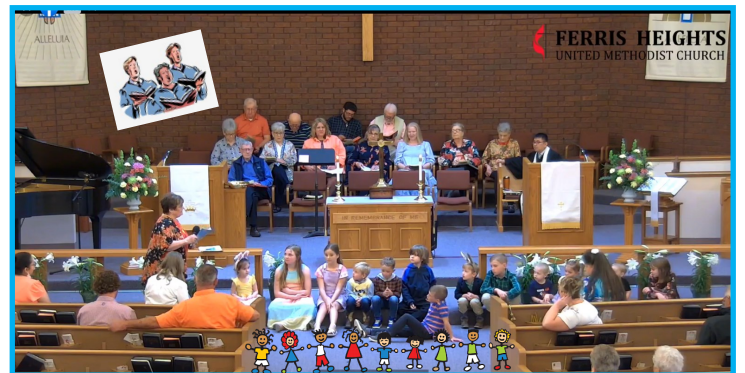
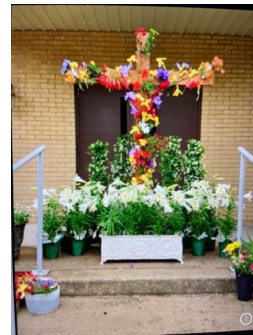


*Cary & Erica Phillips with their children,
Simon, Elliot, Oliver & Amelia*

Erica Phillips received her bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas Christian University and a Master of Education, specializing in Christian School Administration, from SAGU. Professionally, Erica has 18 years of business experience, including entrepreneurship, management, and executive leadership. She grew up attending St Andrews UMC in Arlington and transitioned to FUMC Mansfield as an adult. The Phillips family now attends The Avenue Church in Ennis.

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“Greetings from Mercy Prep. Academy”

Mercy Preparatory Academy is a University-Model® School that provides a unique educational approach, where students attend classes on campus twice a week and complete the remaining coursework at home under the guidance of their parents. The school is committed to providing a rigorous academic curriculum that fosters critical thinking and encourages students to develop a love for learning. At Mercy Preparatory Academy, students benefit from a supportive community of teachers, parents, and peers, as well as a wide range of extracurricular activities that enhance their social and intellectual growth. By combining the structure of a traditional classroom with the flexibility of homeschooling, Mercy Preparatory Academy provides students with a comprehensive education that prepares them for success in college and beyond.

The Phillips Family and Mercy Preparatory Academy are so grateful for the opportunity to utilize the building at Ferris Heights UMC and look forward to building relationships with the leaders and congregation.

Ferris Heights UMC Awards Sovola Shackelford Scholarships

Congratulations to 3 Waxahachie High School Seniors on receiving the Sovola Shackelford Scholarship at Ferris Heights UMC. The awards ceremony will be May 21st during the worship service.

Sovola was passionate about education, and we would like to honor her memory by awarding these fine students and wish them well in their future.



Kadin Vire



Asa Condor



Clara Moriarty



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