



# Ferris Heights

United Methodist Church, Waxahachie TX

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



Saturday, October 7

September 2023

## Information

### Our Staff

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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.



## October 7, 2023

Children's Games 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Faith & Flour Bakery 9:00 am, to 11:00 am  
Lunch 11:30 am to 12:30 pm  
Silent Auction Bidding 9:00 am to 12:30 pm  
Live Auction begins 1:00 pm  
Quilt Drawing during Live Auction

Please invite your friends and family!  
Have a wonderful Festival Day!!  
important information regarding this year's  
Festival: *(begin to the right)*

### Children's Activities— 9 am to 12 pm in the Playground (behind the church)

This year the church will have a  
**Bounce Castle.**

We are fortunate to  
have Mercy Preparatory  
School here to lead the  
children in the fun and  
games in the  
playground area back of  
the church. Contact is Karen Lawton.



### Faith & Flour Bakery 9 to 11 am in room 106/108 (Friendship Classroom)

Please bring your baked goods for the Faith & Flour Bakery by 8:00 am Saturday and place them in room 106/108 (Friendship classroom.) If possible you might want to bring your items & baked goods to the store by 2:00 pm on Friday, before the Festival. The Faith & Flour Bakery is led by Annie Johnson & Sherry Wright.

Some ideas for donation are: *sweetbreads, snacks, cookies, jellies, pickles, candy, fudge, peanut patties, seasoned crackers, soup mix, dip mix, cocoa mix, spice mix, pies, cakes and flavored coffees.*

### The Meal—11:30 am to 12:30 pm in Wesley Hall

#### Chicken Dressing Casserole,

green beans, cranberry sauce, roll & dessert. The Searchers class will be in charge of serving the main meal. The kitchen cooks will be Billy Wright, Gerald Reed, Charlene McPherson, Laura Huggins & Liz Almond.

Take outs will be available in the kitchen, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. There will be no deliveries this year. Please come and invite your family and friends.

*Donations for the meal are appreciated*



### Desserts for the Meal—Room 107 (Searchers Classroom)

Members and visitors look forward to your delicious **home baked** desserts each year. Please bring your 2 pies or a cake to the Searchers classroom (room 107). The Fellowship class and Dawn Davis will be cutting the desserts.



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# Lord's Day Information Continued

## Silent Auction Items—9 to 12:30 pm –Hallways



The Silent Auction Items will be in the hallways beginning September 18 for your viewing and bidding. The closing time for the bidding on the Silent Auction Items is

12:30 pm on the day of the Festival. The Silent Auction Items winner list will be available at the live auction cashier table or you may view the silent auction bidding sheet next to each basket to see if you were the winner.

## Festival Team

It is not too late to volunteer..... Just let a Festival Team member know or call the church office.



## Live Auction—1 pm in Wesley Hall

With the state of the economy we are getting less donations from local business. We would like each member, who is able, to

donate an item for the live auction. This will help us raise funds for mission giving and our budget. If you are donating items for the auction that need to be picked up, please call the church office, 972-937-2344.

You can start bringing your auction items to the church office before 1:00 pm M-F and Sunday mornings, beginning the week of October 1st. Please make sure your auction item is signed in, and place your item on a table in Wesley Hall. Thank you! The Live Auction will begin at 1:00 pm on the day of Festival.

## Quilt—Drawing

### “Lonestar”

Quilt tickets are available for a \$1.00 donation per ticket. A photo of the quilt is available from the office for you to carry around before the Festival, to help you sell



tickets. If you need tickets, see Janice James or the Office. The queen size quilt is called “Lonestar” and is quilted by the Ferris Heights UMC quilters.

## Quilts—To be Auctioned

The Quilts for the auction are: (left to right)

- Canton Butterflies (Queen size)
- In the Garden (Throw size)
- Sampler (Queen size)



They have been hand quilted by the Ferris Heights quilters.

## Signage—Outside Yard Signs ~

It is now time to put yard signs out for the Festival. If you kept your sign, you may pick up a corrected date sticker from the kitchen counter. If you need to pick up a sign for your yard, they are available in Wesley Hall.

Make sure the date on your sign says Oct. 7.



## Thank You for Your Hard Work!

*The Festival Committee knows just how much effort and hard work each and every one of our church members put in to our Festival each year and each year you work harder, give more and show God's true love more than the year before, and it's all for the glory of God and this his wonderful house. We all want you to know how greatly you are appreciated!*



*In Christ's Love*  
**Lord's Day Festival Committee**



## District Gathering with Bishop Saenz

Both laity and clergy from the Central District are invited to come together for a time of worship and fellowship

Sunday, September 17  
3:00 p.m.

Waxahachie First UMC  
(505 W. Marvin Ave, Waxahachie)

Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr., will be visiting districts across the Central Texas and North Texas Conferences throughout the fall.



## Worship Outside the Walls (W.O.W)

### Mark your calendar for Sunday October 1st.

Ferris Heights UMC will again be teaming up with FUMC Waxahachie, and six other churches to move out together and serve our community. This mission effort takes ideas and much advance planning to provide hands-on projects for people of all ages and abilities.

#### Wow Sunday looks like this:

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast, FUMC family life center, 505 W. Marvin Ave.
- 9:00 a.m. Large Group Worship.
- 9:30 a.m. Depart for service project sites.
- 12:00 p.m. Most projects are completed at this time.

You may go to the FHUMC.org website and click on Worship Outside the Walls at the top and follow the links to sign up for a work site.

Beginning September 3rd you can sign up for a breakfast item to bring. This will be on the same website.

If you need help signing onto a project or for breakfast items you can call the church office.



## United Women in Faith will Lead Worship Service September 24

Join us on September 24 as the U.W.F. leads us in worship service.

Awards to be given on this day are:

- Burning of the Candle
- Gift in Mission
- UWF Pin

The U.W.F. thanks everyone who participates.

## Alpha Course Fall Course Information

The Alpha Course is an Introductory course which seeks to introduce the basics of the Christian faith through a series of talks and discussions. It is described by its organizer's as "an opportunity to explore the meaning of life." Invite your family and friends to the course every Wednesday August 30, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Bring your meal.

For more information, contact the church office.



## Rev. John Han to Preach September 5 at Mercy Preparatory Academy's Chapel Time

Mercy Preparatory Academy will have its first Chapel Time here at Ferris Heights UMC on September 5. There will be two services of 20 minutes each.

## Youth News

by Shannon Goretska

The youth are ending their summer break and will begin (September 3) to meet again for the fall on Sundays after worship service. They will have a light lunch, fellowship & a lesson each week.

The youth invite you to join them every Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

The Youth say thank you for your third Sunday mission giving in August.



**You contributed \$386.50.**

## Air Conditioning

From the Board of Directors

The dampers for units 4 & 5 have been fixed with **new motors**. Units 4 & 5 heat and cool both Wesley Hall and the upstairs. Once one area is cool enough the dampers will adjust to cool the second area. The Board also decided to replace **unit 3 cooling** which cools Wesley Hall by the kitchen. It has been broken for several years.

It was also best to replace **4 thermostats** to 7-day programmable, so that we could set the thermostats differently each day of the week. We ended up needing another thermostat and Watson Heat & Air donated one thermostat.

The cost for this project was \$7,180.00. \$7,000 was borrowed from our Permanent Endowment Fund loss/gain portion. We did not withdraw from the permanent portion. The Permanent Endowment Committee met to approve this decision. The \$7,000 that was borrowed from the fund is scheduled to be paid back to the fund by using Mercy Preparatory Monthly contribution.

We are adjusting the thermostats downstairs to get upstairs cooled down. The classrooms at the opposite end of the hall are not quite getting enough cool air.

The church has **5 used digital thermostats**, if anyone is interested in making a donation for one. They program Saturday & Sunday and also M-F.



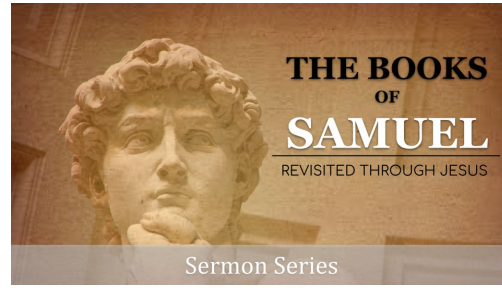
## Emmaus Men's Walk



Please be in prayer for the men who will be attending the Latham Springs Emmaus Walk on September 7-10.

If you would like to write a card or a note for these men, do so by September 6th. You may turn your notes and cards to the church office.

## Blessing of the Backpacks



## Sermon Series

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|-----------|---|--|
| 9/3/2023  | 2 | Samuel 15:1-12                             |
|           |   | <i>The Books of Samuel: Betrayal</i>       |
| 9/10/2023 |   | 2 Samuel 19:9-15                           |
|           |   | <i>The Books of Samuel: Returning</i>      |
| 9/17/2023 |   | 2 Samuel 23:1-7                            |
|           |   | <i>The Books of Samuel: The Last Words</i> |
| 9/24/2023 |   | UWF Sunday                                 |

## Marilyn Cole Memorial Service



Memorial Service for Marlyn Cole will be Saturday, September 23, 2:00 p.m. Following will be a visitation/reception and the congregation is invited.

**Saturday, September 23, 2:00 p.m.**

## 2024 Budget



If you are over a budget item(s), put your thinking caps on.

If you are in charge of budget line items for the church would you please email the church office with your 2024 budget? A print out of your 2023 spending will be available in the church office or by email.

~ FerrisHeightsUMC@gmail.com ~  
Please turn in your budget by **September 18**. Thank you.

## Thank You

Sunny is here! Thank you so much for opening a party to celebrate my graduation! I was overwhelmed by your love & warm wishes for my musical career! Each of your loved & gifts are very special for me!



I will remember your love & blessings towards me and my family for God's abundant blessing!

Thank you again for your love!

In Christ  
Sunny Yu

## Sunday Leaders

### Worship Leaders:      Children's Time:

Sept. 3	Nancy Cannaday	Karen Lawton
Sept. 10	Kyle Goretska	Ruth Shugart
Sept. 17	Meg Varner	Shannon Goretska
Sept. 24	Billy Wright	Dianna Robertson
		Ruth or Karen

*This space reserved for a 5th Sunday if there is one.*

Worship leaders are needed for future months. Worship Leaders will lead the congregation in the Call to Worship & 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:

*September: Mike James, October: Karen Lawton*

## United Women in Faith

The U.W.F. will have their monthly meeting on September 18 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited. Karen Lawton will give the program. Please be in attendance so we can plan our "U.W.F. Sunday" which is September 24.



## September

Meg Varner	03
Nancy Cannaday	05
Sandra Bishop	06
Beverly Hennessy	06
Jacob Hill	06
Emily Spence	06
Teri Fox	07
Keith Hollabaugh	07
Anthony Reina	13
David Hennessy	14
Sean Hennessy	14
Carolyn Spillers	15
Coco Gutierrez	16
Mikey James	17
Phillip Quigley	18
Rev. John Han	20
Frances Brannon	22
Roxie Pinkerton	22
Gary Patton	22
Jared Hill	23
Robert Quigley	23
Kathy Helms	26

Happy Birthday

## September cont.

Ryan Roberts	26
Shannon Childs	28
Cheryl Lundeen	28
Doyle Varner	30
George Lawton III	24
Emma Almond	25
Maryan Lily	25
Betty Jordan	28

## October

Jim Odom	02
Nina Loftis	03
Vicky Dyess	04
Braxton Baker	06
Hannah Flanagan	06
Greg Aday	13
Mitchell Adams	15
Dylan Baccus	24
Allie Thomas	24
Jean Grimes	27
Kaity Kelsey	27
Jimmy Dyess	29

## August 2023

### YTD AVG Worship Attendance

	Mar. 2023	*Apr. 2023	*May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	Aug 2023
In Person	55	59	61	65	60	60
Online	59	78	80	78	78	77

### YTD Connectional Giving Paid 6/10th

Income	\$12,402
Expense	\$25,035*

\*April includes Easter Sunday & Living Lord's Supper.

\*May includes Mother's Day and Scholarship Awards Day.

\*August Expense—\$7,283 for HVAC, & \$3,000 for 3 paychecks in the month.

## MISSION SPOTLIGHT

### Third Sunday Special Offering

Beginning in August and continuing throughout the year we will have a **Third Sunday Special Offering** for a designated mission. An extra basket will be passed around after the regular offering has been taken.

September's Third Sunday Special Offering focuses on **UMCOR, support for Hawaii (wildfire on Maui)**.

The following is from UMCOR's website:

(Updated as of Aug. 14, 2023)

Wind-driven wildfires on Maui have prompted evacuations and caused significant loss of life and widespread damage.



UMCOR is coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to process an initial grant for emergency supplies such as shelf-stable food, water, hygiene items and tools to help survivors recover belongings. As first responders continue to provide initial aid in the area, please join UMCOR in prayer for those affected.

For the remainder of 2023 we will follow this schedule for Third Sunday Special Offering:

- Oct.—Operation Christmas Child—Shoebboxes
- Nov.—Waxahachie Care
- Dec.—FHUMC Children's Ministry

## Monthly FHUMC Activities:

*Cut out and place on your fridge.*

Sunday	Youth 11:15 a.m.
Monday	Quilting 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Quilting 10:00 a.m.

## Calendar

Sept. 4	Labor Day, office closed.
Sept. 13	Lord's Day Festival, 11:00 a.m.
Sept. 14	Ministry Safe meeting, 9:00 a.m.
Sept. 14	W.O.W. committee meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 17	District Gathering with the Bishop, FUMC/Waxahachie, 505 W Marvin.
Sept. 18	United Women in Faith (U.W.F.)
Sept. 23	Memorial Service for Marilyn Cole, 2:00 p.m.
Sept. 24	United Women in Faith led worship service, 10:00 a.m.
Sept. 25	Board of Directors meeting, 6:00 p.m., room 107.
Oct. 1	Worship Outside the Walls (W.O.W.) Sunday.
Oct. 7	Lord's Day Festival

# Welcome New Members



Above is the **Ryan Taylor Family**, Jennifer & Ryan Taylor and their children, Landry & Luke Taylor. Ryan joined the church by Profession of Faith, and their children were baptized. Jennifer Taylor was baptized on August 27, 1989, and joined the church on April 1, 2005.

In the first photo *Rev. John Han* is pictured with the Taylor Family.

In the last photo: *Gary Fox, Teri Fox, Jennifer Taylor, Luke Taylor, Landry Taylor, Ryan Taylor, Cashlee Fox & Justin Fox.*

**We Welcome the Taylor Family!**

# Welcome New Members



Rev. Han with **June Garret and Gary Patterson.** June transfers her membership from First United Methodist Church of Waxahachie and Gary joins by Profession of Faith.

**We welcome June and Gary!**

## Baby Shower

Mark your calendar for a Baby Shower on October 22, 2:00 p.m.

Rachel & Cody Hall, daughter and son-in-law of Angie & Bob Heck, are expecting a boy, December 18. They are registered at Amazon.com.



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