



Ferris Heights

United Methodist Church, Waxahachie TX

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

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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.

Pastor's Column

October is a month of community. We celebrated Worship Outside Walls Sunday by worshipping God through various missional projects aimed at serving the community. We hosted our Lord's Day Festival and extended an invitation to our community in celebrating the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us. We will also have the service for the dedication of the playground on Sunday, Nov. 5th.

Our church became 86 years old this month. Our abundant history tells us that we have experienced tremendous blessings from God. We have continually made a positive impact on our community where we live and serve. The city of Waxahachie is currently undergoing dramatic growth. We live in one of the fastest-growing cities in Texas. We see changes everyday, including new residences, hospitals, restaurants, stores, etc.

This radical growth can be overwhelming to us, leading to questions about how we can effectively share the Gospel of Christ with our evolving community. In Jeremiah 29:7, it is written, "But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." (NRSV)

Despite these changes, we hold steadfast in our faith in the same Lord and the unchanged message of the Bible. The Gospel remains constant, but we may employ different strategies to share it with our community. This month, we will be launching a new sermon series called "Gospel in Life." Throughout this series, I would like to guide you on how we can effectively witness the Gospel of Christ to our ever-changing community in today's world. I hope you will not be overwhelmed but be courageous by holding the everlasting Gospel in your life.

Your Pastor, Rev. John Han

Board of Directors Oct. 2 Meeting

From the Board of Director



The Special Annual Conference for CTC will be Nov, 4th. They will discuss the 2024

Budget and 4 church disaffiliations.

Review of the Bishop’s meeting on September 17th. (1) Bishop’s Saenz new vision, which he has not finalized yet, “We are followers of Jesus, seeking the loving, just and free world God imagines for all people.” (2) Unification: Possibly joining three Conferences. West Texas, North Central Texas & Central Texas Conferences.

Three Year Comparison for Membership was discussed.

Membership Report - 3 year Comparison	2020	2021	2022	2023 (partial)
Total professing members reported at the close of last year	136	132	131	130
Received this year by Profession of Faith thru Confirmation	0	0	0	3
Received this year by Profession of Faith other than Confirmation	3	2	1	3
Transferred from another UMC	3	1	2	1
Transferred from a non-UMC	0	0	0	1
Added by correction	0	0	0	3
Transferred to another UMC	0	0	0	0
Transferred to a non-UMC	0	0	0	0
Removed by death	-10	-4	-4	-2
Removed by correction	0	0	0	0
Total professing Members at the close of this year.	132	131	130	139

They talked about having a dedication service for the Playground. (This will be Nov. 5). The District Superintendent, Rev. Beverly Connelly will be here this day to preach during worship service and to help dedicate our new playground.

Change the Board of Directors, board structure from 9 to 11 members.

Talked about the board structure of Permanent Endowment. Will have a Charge Conference on Nov. 5th to change the membership policy of the P/E committee.

Slate of 2024 Officers and Chairpersons.

Discussed Insurance companies leaving the Texas market in 2024.

Finance: Reviewed the Finance Reports ending August 2023, cash flow, Mission Giving in Designated Receipts and paying our budgeted Local Benevolences in October.

Charge Conference reports are due November 1.

Approved the 12 months of 2024 Third Sunday Mission Giving Sundays.

Voted to approve The Lord’s Day Festival recommendations to the Board.

The Calendar was reviewed and some changes were made.



Sermon Series

- 10/8/2023 Jeremiah 29:4-14
Gospel in Life: The City Where We Live
- 10/15/2023 Luke 18:9-14
Gospel in Life: Hearts that we bring
- 10/22/2023 Romans 1:18-25
Gospel in Life: Idols that we worship
- 10/29/2023 Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel in Life: Community for Change

United Women in Faith



On Sunday, September 24 the U.W.F. gave recognitions, awards and a pin during the women led worship service.

Those awards were in honor or given to:

- ♥ Lighting of the Candles for those who have passed away.
- ♥ The Burning of the Candle—Dawn Davis & The Member Care Committee.
- ♥ Gifts to Mission—Charlene McPherson, Ann Moir & Jennifer Taylor.
- ♥ U.W.F. Pin—Benita Brown.

The U.W.F. as a whole, Also received the 5 star award from the Conference.

The U.W.F. will have their monthly meeting on October 16 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited.

Mark your calendar for December 4, 6:00 p.m. for the U.W.F. Christmas party.

All Saints Sunday, Nov. 5



ALL SAINTS' DAY

On Nov. 5 we will recognize those that have passed away by ringing a chime in their memory, and a photo of them will be on the screen. If you have a photo you would like used, please email the office, FerrisHeightsUMC@gmail.com.

Jimmie Loftis, Marilyn Cole & Kristi Johnson

Youth News

by Shannon Goretska

The Youth meet on Sundays after worship service. They have a light lunch, fellowship & a lesson each week.



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

Worship Leaders: Children's Time:

Oct. 1	WOW Sunday	
Oct. 8	Kyle Goretska	Ruth Shugart
Oct. 15	Gerald Reed	Shannon Goretska
Oct. 22	Nancy Cannaday	Dianna Robertson
Oct. 29	Kyle Goretska	Ruth or Karen

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:

October: Karen Lawton, November: Ruth Shugart

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Third Sunday Special Offering

October's Third Sunday Special Offering focuses on **Operation Christmas Child's Shoebox packing.**



God Uses a Gift and a Letter to Change Lives

As a 7-year-old in Mongolia, Jargalmaa (pictured left) described one particular day as "unexpected." After school, her teacher invited her to a church where she received her very first gift! This Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift included, among other fun toys, stationery, and a set of hairclips. Inside, she also found a letter that said, "You are valuable and so loved by God." Jargalmaa cherished this message because her parents and grandparents had never told her that they loved her.

Jargalmaa went on to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program where she especially appreciated the lessons about God as Creator. Later in 10th grade, she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Through her testimony, five of her family members and two close friends also made this life-changing decision.

Now 15 years after receiving her shoebox gift, Jargalmaa, her husband, and two young children (pictured above) have recently moved to a new community where they are ministering to youth in hopes of starting a church.

"I would like to challenge people who are preparing shoebox gifts to also write a letter showing God's love," Jargalmaa said. "What's written there may be very simple, but those simple words could completely change somebody's life."



The Shoeboxes are due October 22.

For 2023 this is a list of the missions that we have had and the amounts collected and also, a list of the missions we will have for Third Sunday Special Offering:

- Aug. FHUMC Youth \$336.50.
- Sept. UMCOR—Hawaii Wildfires, \$443.00.
- Oct. Operation Christmas Child—Shoeboxes.
- Nov. Waxahachie Care, food items.
- Dec. FHUMC Children's Ministry.

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

November

Melinda Baker	01
Patricia Kelsey	01
Kara Pinkerton	01
Joe Ben Aday	03
Eason Green	05
Angie Heck	05

Happy Birthday



November

Carolyn Clayton	08
Judy Munoz	10
Elizabeth Almond	11
Tommy Cannaday	13
Kevin Huggins	14
Kaylee Lawton	15
Janice James	16
Clark Lenhard	17
Benjamin Campbell	20
Marilyn Adlof	21
Reese Pinkerton	21
George Lawton III	24
Emma Almond	25
Maryan Lily	25
Betty Jordan	28

September 2023

	YTD AVG						Sept. 2023	YTD Connectional Giving Paid 6/10th
	*Apr. 2023	*May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	Aug 2023	Income		
In Person	59	61	65	60	60	59	\$9,527	
Online	78	80	78	78	77	77	\$13,035	

*April includes Easter Sunday & Living Lord's Supper.
*May includes Mother's Day and Scholarship Awards Day.

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

- Oct. 15 Mac N Cheese for Wax. CARE due & will be blessed.
- Oct. 16 U.W.F. meeting. 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 22 Special Offering for Operation Christmas Child, Shoeboxes due and will be blessed.
- Oct. 22 Baby Shower for Rachel & Cody Hall, 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 29 5th Sunday Potluck lunch after worship service.
- Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Nov. 5 All Saints Sunday.
- Nov. 5 Daylight Savings Time ends, change your clock back.
- Nov. 5 Central Texas Conf. District Superintendent, Rev. Beverly Connelly will join us.
- Nov. 5 Dedication of the Playground, after worship service.
- Nov. 5 Charge Conference for Permanent Endowment Policy.
- Nov. 12 Veterans Day observance.
- Nov. 17 & 18 Habitat for Humanity Festival of Trees. (the church will have a "Snowman Tree" in their festival.)



Report for Worship Outside the Walls (W.O.W) Sunday October 1st.

Rev. Han spoke at the 9:00 a.m. worship service for all 8 churches that participated in WOW Sunday. Our members were are on different worksites, after breakfast and a short service.

The work projects were:

- * Packing Lunches for the needy
- * Cutting out material for Prayer Shawls
- * Rock painting
- * Chalking the trail in the park
- * Wheelchair ramps
- * Sewing little Dresses for Africa
- * Working at Common Ground
- * Making cookies and cards for first responders
- * Working at the Baptist Home
- * Helping at the African American Museum
- * Making newborn care packages
- * Working in the Dunaway school garden
- * Helping at Waxahachie Care Food Pantry
- * Assisting at the Child Advocacy Center
- * Projects at Northside school
- * Helping with repairs at the homes of those in need
- * Worship sites at Nursing Home Facilities

You may visit our Facebook page to see photos and a video from this day.





WOW Sunday



Trunk or Treat



Join us on Tuesday, October 31, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for Trunk or Treat.

This evening brings the community to the parking lot of Ferris Heights UMC.

Plan to decorate your vehicle and hand out candy.

Great news.... The Fox Family will sing  during Trunk or Treat!

Hot dogs and drinks will be served. See Karen Lawton for more information.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

October 29
After worship service

Join us for great food and fellowship

5th Sunday Potluck Lunch





**** Men's Emmaus Walk, September 2023 ****



**Sermon Time
for
Mercy Preparatory
Academy**

Rev. Han preached the sermon to Mercy Preparatory Academy at their monthly chapel time, September 5th.

Baby Shower

You (men too) are invited to 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, and Target.



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