



Ferris Heights

United Methodist Church, Waxahachie TX

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

November 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.

Pastor's Column

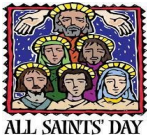
"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us" 2 Corinthians 9:11, NRSV

The church in Corinth faced many issues. In the first epistle to the Corinthians, Paul addressed divisions within the church, immoralities, and other ethical difficulties. Then, in the second epistle, he talked about false teachers who were assaulting Paul's character, sowing discord among the believers, and teaching false doctrines. Even though they were suffering from multiple matters, Paul encouraged them to be thankful to God.

Looking back on this year, we have also gone through many challenges. COVID is still present in our lives. We have witnessed multiple mass shootings, the Ukraine war, the conflict between Israel and Gaza, inflation, a historical vote against the House speaker, and more. Within our denomination, we have seen fellow congregations who were disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church. If we try to find negativities around us, we can easily find several. However, just as Paul encouraged in the church in Corinth, I hope you will focus on how God has blessed you and your family through the church and the community. While we may live in the wilderness, we are guided and protected by the Almighty God. Let us be thankful to God as we are entering the season of thanksgiving.

Your Pastor, Rev. John Han

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

Veterans Day Observed, Nov. 12



During worship on Sunday, November 12, we will recognize the men and women connected to our church who are currently serving on active duty in the military.

We will also recognize those that have served in the military. We will take a photo of those that have served and are in attendance, after worship service.

United Women in Faith

The U.W.F. will have their monthly meeting on November 20 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited.



You are Invited

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.



Happy Thanksgiving

The office staff of the church wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving holidays for the church will be Thursday November 23 and Friday the 24th. The office will be closed those days.



Happy Thanksgiving

Rev. Han and Angie Heck will also be out Wednesday, the week of Thanksgiving for vacation day.

Again, Have a great Thanksgiving.



Sermon Series

11/5/2023

Matthew 23:1-12

Right Words, Wrong Actions!

Guest Speaker: Rev. Beverly Connelly

11/12/2023

Luke 10:25-37

Gospel in Life: Justice for Our Neighbors

11/19/2023

Guest Speaker: Justin Fox

11/26/2023

Acts 2:37-47

Gospel in Life: Witness to Others

Welcome New Members



FHUMC welcomes Larry & Ashley Dantic. The Dantic's transfer their membership from Wheatland UMC in Dallas (by Charlton Methodist Hospital). The Dantic's have two grown sons Justin and Joshua. Joshua is engaged to be married.

Ashley's hobbies are quilting and loom knitting. She has joined the FHUMC quilters on Mondays and Wednesdays. Larry's hobbies are his dogs, Pallie (pug) and Scout (Scottie), and his brand-new pug puppy Pancake!

We welcome the Dantic's to Ferris Heights UMC!

Annual Report

Third Sunday Mission Giving

- Aug. FHUMC Youth \$336.50
- Sept. UMCOR—Hawaii Wildfires \$443.00
- Oct. Operation Christmas Child 29 Shoeboxes
- Nov. Waxahachie Care, food & toiletry items.
- Dec. FHUMC Children's Ministry.

Sunday Leaders

Worship Leaders: Children's Time:

Nov. 5	Mary Canada	Karen Lawton
Nov. 12	Sherry Wright	Ruth Shugart
Nov. 19	Sharon McIver	Shannon Goretska
Nov. 26		Dianna Robertson
		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:

November: Ruth Shugart, December: Jennifer Fox

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Third Sunday Special Offering

Waxahachie CARE

Waxahachie CARE provides services to folks all over Ellis County. CARE helps not only with food but also with utility bills and referrals for other needs. CARE partners with numerous outreach programs in the area so that services are coordinated and not duplicated.

Monetary donations are also appreciated by Waxahachie CARE. These funds allow CARE to purchase items in bulk.

Waxahachie CARE is located at 1208 Ferris Ave.

October's Third Sunday Special Offering focuses on **Waxahachie CARE**. Some suggestions of items to contribute are:

- **boxed and microwave meals**
 - Mac n Cheese
 - Packaged tuna
 - Hormel Completes
- **toiletry items**
 - Adult Diapers L & XL
 - Soap
 - Shampoo
 - Deodorant
- **paper goods**
 - Plates
 - Paper towels
 - Toilet paper
- **baby products**
 - Diapers
 - Wipes
 - Formula



November

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

Happy Birthday

December

Jimmy Lewis	02
Keeley Robertson	03
Justin Fox	06
Leda Lewis	08
Leslie Campbell	09
Nick Machuca	09
Jackie Aday	10
Mary Lou Shipley	10
Carolyn Jenkins	11
Ann Moir	11
Bob Robertson	13
Aliza Thomas	15
Neil Baldwin	17
Danielle Merrell	19
David Lundeen	19
Charles Waller	19
Cheryl Wilson	19
Sally Baker	22
Ruth Blanton	22
Gary Bishop	29
Simon O'Rear	29

October 2023

	YTD AVG Worship Attendance						YTD Connectional Giving Paid 8/10th	
	*May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	Aug 2023	Sept. 2023	Oct. 2023	Income	\$34,274
In Person	61	65	60	60	59	59	Expense	\$18,259
Online	80	78	78	77	77	80		

*April includes Easter Sunday & Living Lord's Supper.
 *May includes Mother's Day and Scholarship Awards Day.
 *October Income includes \$18,420 for Lord's Day Festival & \$5,000 from building use. Reg. income = \$10,854. October expenses includes 2/10th of Connectional Giving & extra office expense.

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

- 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.
- Nov. 5 Charge Conference for Permanent Endowment Policy.
- Nov. 6 Finance meeting—2024 budget, 1:00 p.m.
- Nov. 12 Veterans Day observance.
- Nov. 17 & 18 Habitat for Humanity Festival of Trees. (the church will have a "Snowman Tree" in their festival.)
- Nov. 22 Staff on vacation, office closed on Wednesday.
- Nov. 23-24 Thanksgiving Holidays, the church office will be closed.
- Nov. 26 Decorate the church for Christmas, after worship service.
- Nov. 27 Board meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 3 Advent begins. Hanging of the Greens service.
- Dec. 4 United Women in Faith Christmas Party, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 10 Children's Christmas Special during worship service.

Advent Season Activities



Let's **decorate the church!** Sunday November 26 we will put the Christmas Tree up. Everyone is invited.

December 3, during worship service will be the **Hanging of the Greens** worship service, 10:00 a.m. *First Sunday in Advent.*



Mark your calendar for December 4, 6:00 p.m. for the **U.W.F. Christmas Party.** Bring an appetizer type dish and a wrapped gift for the gift exchange. Do not exceed \$25.00.



Thursday evening, December 7,
Searchers Class Christmas Party.



Sunday, December 10
Children's Christmas Program.

Sunday, December 17,
Choir Christmas Program.



Poinsettia Orders

To decorate our Sanctuary during Advent, you can order a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone special. Call the church office or place your order on the sign up sheets in the foyers and Sunday school rooms starting November 19.

Special Charge Conference for Permanent Endowment Fund (11/05/23)

Since FHUMC went to the Simplified Board structure on 3/11/2018, The 2023 FHUMC Board of Directors felt the P/E Board structure should fit the Simplified Board structure.

1999 Committee Structure	2023 Committee Structure
Chair of FHUMC Board	Chair of FHUMC Board
Chair of the Administrative Council	Not Replaced
Chair of Trustees	Representative of Trustees
Chair of Finance	Representative of Finance
Pastor (voting)	Pastor (non-voting)
6 at Large (6 year terms)	4 at Large (4 year terms)

The Resolution passed unanimously. There is a copy of the Resolution and new policy on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office, if you would like to see it.

2024 Leadership List

The Leadership list for 2024 is on the bulletin board by the stairs in the Education Building. You may take a copy if you wish.

Lord's Day Festival Report

A heart felt "thank you" goes to everyone for such a wonderful day of celebration in the name of the Lord. Here is some interesting information:



- ◆ We had Chicken Dressing as the meal this year. The Campbell daughters were the main cooks. Thank you so much goes out to Laura Huggins, Liz Almond and to Charlene McPherson.
- ◆ *Karon Otts* won the Quilt Drawing.
- ◆ The Faith & Flour Bakery had special pies & cakes and brought in about \$1,000.
- ◆ Funds have been set aside for the VBS account to help pay for next summer's Vacation Bible School.
- ◆ Funds have been set aside to the Building Repair / Parsonage Repair fund.
- ◆ The Searchers Class Mystery Box was won by Liz Almond. Several items in the box plus a roll of bills, CASH!
- ◆ The church will pay our local benevolences for the 2023 year.
- ◆ Festival proceeds totaled over \$21,000.

Thank you to everyone!

Playground Dedication





2023 Trunk or Treat



RETURNED SERVICE REQUESTED