



Ferris Heights

United Methodist Church, Waxahachie TX

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

January 2024

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

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. God has blessed us to celebrate another year. As we welcome 2024, I would like you to take a moment to reflect on your experiences in 2023. Some of you may have decided to change your practices or behaviors, while others may have set personal or spiritual goals at the beginning of the year.

Three years ago, we established our Widely Important Goal (WIG), aiming to receive fifteen new members by 2023. Since then, we have implemented several strategies to achieve this goal. I am excited to share that we have successfully welcomed 16 new members in the last three years, surpassing our goal! Among them, we are grateful to have some young disciples as well. Despite the challenges we faced, our commitment to the mission, making disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world, remains unwavering.

Last month, I had the special privilege of touring the set of *"The Chosen"* in Midlothian, TX. During the visit, I also had the opportunity to listen to a message from a staff member of *"The Chosen."* I was deeply inspired by Dallas Jenkins and his crew's dedication to portraying the life of Jesus and His disciples. In a world where some people complain about the state of affairs, individuals like Dallas Jenkins stand out, inspiring others with their brilliant ideas.

As we engage in our Bible Study with *"The Chosen"* Season 3, I hope we find inspiration in the episodes and continue to learn and grow together. Let us strive to stand out, inspiring others through our words and actions. Remember that we have been chosen by God for this purpose.

Your Pastor, Rev. John Han



Beginning on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, we invite you to a special opportunity to watch the Chosen TV series Season 3 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. 10 thru Mar. 6, 2024:
Lunch Session 12 PM
Dinner Session 6 PM

Where? Wesley Hall @
Ferris Heights United Methodist Church
108 Center St., Waxahachie, 75165 office: 972-937-2344

For more information visit FHUMC.org

12 Noon and 6 PM
Bring your lunch or dinner meal.

- 1/10 Episode 1: *Homecoming*
- 1/17 Episode 2: *Two by Two*
- 1/24 Episode 3: *Physician, Heal Yourself*
- 1/31 Episode 4: *Clean, Part 1*
- 2/7 Episode 5: *Clean, Part 2*
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday, No class
- 2/21 Episode 6: *Unlawful*
- 2/28 Episode 7: *Reckoning*
- 3/6 Episode 8: *Beyond Mountains*



Children's Ministry

by Karen Lawton

The Children's program, during worship service in December was great. The children performed a puppet show while adults read and assisted the "No Room at the Inn" story. See the photos on page 4.

This new year brings changes to the Children's Ministry leadership. Jennifer Taylor and Dianna Robertson will lead the Children's Ministry for 2024. We welcome Jennifer and Dianna!

Scholarship Award Presentation

Join us on Sunday, January 14 during worship service for a Scholarship Award presentation.

John Mark Goretska will be attending Fireman/EMS School at Navarro College this month. He will graduate in May of this year. The Scholarship committee has met and awarded him a Scholarship, from the Sovola Shackelford Scholarship fund.

2024 FHUMC Board of Directors

The church welcomes a new slate of officers for 2024. There is a list of leadership on the bulletin board by the stairs. You may take a copy to keep.

The 2024 Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 p.m. on January 22.



- 1/7/2024 Matthew 5:21-26
The Chosen 3: Homecoming
- 1/14/2024 Matthew 10:5-15
The Chosen 3: Two By Two
- 1/21/2024 Luke 4:16-30
The Chosen 3: Physician, Heal Yourself
- 1/28/2024 Mark 5:25-34
The Chosen 3: Clean

Women's Service Guild

By Karen Lawton

United Women of Faith have altered their course starting in 2024. We will now be titled

Women's Service Guild

and incorporate more services into our monthly meeting and activities.

In our first meeting for 2024, January 15, 6:30 p.m., we will decide what services we would like to support and volunteer at in the community. Ideas of places and activities are appreciated. We will move forward in our effort to aid others in seeing God's love for all of His children!

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.

Member Care News

The Member Care Ladies have regrouped and will be meeting on the first Monday of each month except September (because of Labor Day). We invite you to join us for fellowship, snacks and sending out cards and notes to our members.



During our first meeting we will discuss when the best time is to meet. For more information see Ann Moir.

Sunday Leaders

Worship Leaders: Children's Time:

January 7	Karen Lawton	Karen Lawton
January 14	Ruth Shugart	Ruth Shugart
January 21	Sharon McIver	Shannon Goretska
January 28		Dianna Robertson
Space for 5th Sunday		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 for 2024 will be Karen Lawton.

Church lock up schedule:

January: Ann Moir, February: Mike James & March: Karen Lawton.

MISSION SPOTLIGHT—January Third Sunday Special Offering

Hope Health (formerly Hope Clinic)

The Third Sunday offering this month will be toward Hope Health.

Hope Health is a faith-based, not-for-profit Federally Qualified Health Center. We care for the whole person by providing quality, patient-centered healthcare that is affordable for those we serve in our community. We treat the whole person, regardless of ability to pay, because we believe God cares about each individual's physical, mental, and spiritual health. Visit their website for more information:

<https://www.hopehealthtx.org/>

LOCATIONS

411 East Jefferson Waxahachie, TX 75165 Monday – Thursday: 7AM – 6PM Friday: 7AM – 5PM	805 West Lampasas Street Ennis, TX 75119 Monday – Friday: 8AM – 5PM Weekend: Closed
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Third Sunday Mission Giving by Month

- Aug. FHUMC Youth **\$336.50**
- Sept. UMCOR—Hawaii Wildfires **\$443.00**
- Oct. Operation Christmas Child: 29 Shoeboxes & **\$70.00**
- Nov. Waxahachie Care food & toiletry items & **\$150.00**
- Dec. FHUMC Children's Ministry **\$511.00**
- Dec. Healthy Women Healthy Liberia (last minute) **\$200.00**
- Jan. Hope Health (formerly Hope Clinic)
- Feb. Healthy Women Healthy Liberia
- Mar. Mongolian Mission Initiative



January

Vela Brown	01
Lexi Baker	04
Scotty Jenkins	04
Gracen Daughtry	04
Jordan Lynch	06
Helen Brock	06
Erik Nelson (Lawton's Grandson)	06
Kris Alden	09
Lane Johnson	09
Erica Lilly	10
Ross Clayton	11
Vicki Kelsey	12
Sam Goretska	16
Steve Loftis	18
Jennifer Lira	28
Angie Merrell	29
Chris Campbell	30

Happy Birthday

February

Joshua Adams	01
Conleigh Marrs	02
Sunny Yu	03
Benita Brown	03
Wyman Harriman (92)	04
MCClain 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
Ashley Dantic	17
Caitlin James	18
Wylinda Brown	19
Shannon Goretska	22
Charles Adkins (92)	28
Chris Loftis	28
Mia Loftis	28

December 2023

YTD AVG Worship Attendance							YTD Connectional Giving Paid 100% of 2023
	July 2023	Aug 2023	Sept. 2023	Oct. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2023	
In Person	60	60	59	59	59	59	Income (Dec.) \$28,506
Online	78	77	77	80	84	85	Expense (Dec.) \$17,637

** Estate income of \$15,968 included in the number above. Subtract the Estate income and December income is \$12,538.

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

- January 11 Sub Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- January 14 Scholarship Award Presentation during worship service.
- January 15 Martin Luther King Day (office open, Mercy Prep holiday).
- January 15 Women's Service Guild (UMW/UWF), 6:30 p.m. Planning meeting.
- January 18 Ellis United Methodist Clergy, here, noon. Playground tour.
- January 22 2024 FHUMC Board of Directors meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- January 27 Ladies Retreat at Old Bison Ranch, 8:30 a.m. Register info: fearnottx.com
- January 28 Living Lord's Supper Planning meeting, 4:00 p.m.
- February 3 Men's Retreat at Old Bison Ranch, 8:00 a.m. Register: BestillTX.com
- February 5 Member Care meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- February 13 Shrove Tuesday, pancake supper.
- February 14 Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday service will be at noon followed by a sack lunch.

LADIES RETREAT Jan 27, 2024, Old Bison Ranch, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. We have 3 wonderful speakers: Siyan Faiyga, Sheila Hoid & Taya Kyle. For more information contact Deborah Green or visit the website: fearnottx.com. They do want a headcount as soon as possible. So please sign up now.

MEN'S RETREAT February 3, 2024, Old Bison Ranch, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Throughout the day we will experience worship, teaching, fellowship, "Be Still" time, and testimonies. Breakfast, Lunch and plenty of snacks will be provided. Please come ready to worship, fellowship and reflect! To register: bestilltx.com/



Thank you!

Thank you to Brother John Han and thank you to each one of you for your love and prayers, cards, calls, hugs and the meal that was served. Love,

Betty Campbell and the family of Leslie Campbell

