



# Ferris Heights

United Methodist Church, Waxahachie TX

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

February 2024

## Our Staff

**Rev. John Han**

Pastor

PastorFHUMC@gmail.com

**Office Hours**

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Monday thru Thursday

**Dawn Davis**

Organist

**Shannon Goretska**

Youth Director

**Jennifer Taylor**

**Dianna Robertson**

Children's Directors

**Angie Heck**

Secretary

FerrisHeightsUMC@gmail.com

**Office Hours**

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Monday & Wednesday  
(by email, text or phone)

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday  
(Walk In, or by phone)

Friday off

**Abby Machuca**

Nursery

**Abby Machuca**

Custodian

## Information

**Church Office**

**108 Center St.**

**Waxahachie TX 75165**

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FHUMC.org

**Sunday School & Worship**

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

## Pastor's Column

Greetings in our Lord, Jesus Christ! We are about to enter the season of Lent in February. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, which is the Saturday before Easter Sunday. During Lent, we confess our human condition and brokenness while praying and fasting.

As you know, our denomination has undergone a challenging disaffiliation process over the past two years, resulting in the loss of many friends, colleagues, and churches. While many United Methodists were in sorrow and pain, bishop Ruben Saenz Jr. and the conference leaders continued to work hard to cast a vision in the midst of turmoil. They have recently launched our new vision, which is "We are followers of Jesus, seeking the loving, just and free world God imagines for all people" with five strategic priorities: Multiply Jesus Followers, Champion Children and Youth, Maximize Care and Healing, Pursue and Embrace Diversity, and Tell Our Story. During Lent, I will deliver messages based on this vision and these priorities with a Lenten sermon series, called *UMC Next*.

Furthermore, I would like to invite you to a special opportunity to pray for our own conference, the Central Texas Conference, during Lent. Our bishop, District Superintendents, and conference staff have worked diligently for the last three years to handle the pandemic as well as disaffiliation. Due to the disaffiliation, our conference now plans to be united with the North Texas Conference and the Northwest Texas Conference this year. The unification process will involve significant effort and staff transitions. That makes it essential for us to lift up our conference leaders and staff members in prayer during Lent. Each week, we will focus our prayers on the conference leaders and staff, seeking God's guidance and strength as we strive to grow together with our fellow United Methodist churches. I hope you will join us in prayer as we enter the season of Lent.

Your pastor, Rev. John Han

### A Note From Angie Heck, Church Secretary

Happy February everyone! I want to let everyone know that my family and I will be moving to West Alvarado on Monday, February 5. We will be very close to the city of Keene. We will be in Crystal Palace Estates, south of Hwy 67 and west of 35W. It will be about an hour's drive each way, each day for me. Our daughter, Rachel, her husband, Cody, and their son, Tommy will be living with us. I will have a room for my office/sewing room.

With this hour drive to and from church each day, I have asked to work at home two days a week and be off on Fridays. The Board of Directors has approved this request temporarily. So, beginning the week of February 12, I will work from home on Mondays and Wednesdays and work at the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I will not work on Fridays (I will be off on February 9<sup>th</sup>). I will set up the church phone so that it is forwarded to my cell phone on the days I am at home.

If you would like to volunteer in the office on the days, I am working from home you are welcome to help. At times I might need something scanned.

Rev. Han and the Board of Directors will be looking for a new secretary to replace me. I am sad to leave you all, you all are my family too. *Angie Heck*

# Sunday School Class—Age 4 years to 5th Grade

by Jennifer Taylor

Kids from 4 years to 5th grade are invited to join us for Sunday School each Sunday at 9 AM. We are starting a new unit on the 12 disciples and each week will have a memory Bible verse, a short lesson, a craft or activity, and a snack!

## Kids Church starting February 11!



Beginning February 11, we will be offering a children's worship service, called Kids Church, during the regular church service each week. After the children's sermon in the sanctuary, kids from 4 years to 5th grade will be invited to attend Kids Church in the educational wing. We will have a short lesson and sing kids' worship songs together! Our hope is that the kids will be able to perform a song for the whole congregation at least a few times a year.

## The Youth Invite You

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!

## Lenten Season

### Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, February 13, 6:00 p.m.

We will serve pancakes. Join us on Tuesday February 13, 6:00 p.m.



**SHROVE TUESDAY**

### Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 14, noon



We invite you for Ash Wednesday Service as we enter the season of Lent. During the service, Pastor Han will place ashes on your forehead or hand as a symbol of repentance and forgiveness by Christ's sacrificial love.

### Ash Wednesday Boxed Lunch

Wednesday, February 14, after Ash Wed. Service

After Ash Wednesday Service, join us for a lunch of sandwiches, chips, & cookies in Wesley Hall. If you cannot stay for lunch, pick a lunch up to go. Thank you to the Women's Service Guild (WSG) ladies for providing the lunch for this event.



- 2/4/2024 Matthew 11:2-6  
*The Chosen 3: Intensity in Tent City*
- 2/11/2024 Guest Preacher: Rev. Gordon Jordan
- 2/18/2024 Matthew 28:16-20  
*UMC Next: New Vision in the Messiness*
- 2/25/2024 Mark 1:16-20  
*UMC Next: Multiply Jesus' Followers*

## Women's Service Guild

At our first meeting for 2024, we planned out the year. The dates and info are on the church calendar on the church's website. We will move forward in our effort to aid others in seeing God's love for all of His children!

We meet on the third Monday at 6:30 p.m. No meeting in May or December. We would love for you to join us!

## Sovola Shackelford Scholarship Award



On Sunday, January 14 during worship service Rev. John Han presented John Mark Goretska with The Sovola Shackelford Scholarship. John Mark Goretska will be attending Fireman/EMS School at Navarro College. He will attend EMS training in the summer.



# Sunday Leaders

Worship Leaders:    Children's Time:

Feb. 4	Karen Lawton	Karen Lawton
Feb. 11	Nancy Cannaday	Ruth Shugart
Feb. 18	Sharon McIver	Shannon Goretska
Feb. 25	Billy Wright	Dianna Robertson
		Ruth or Karen

Space for 5th Sunday

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 Karen Lawton, Lay Leader.

Church lock up schedule:

February: Mike James, March: Karen Lawton & April: Billy Wright

## MISSION SPOTLIGHT—February Third Sunday Special Offering

### Healthy Women Healthy Liberia

The Foundation for Restoring Women's Healthcare to Liberia, a 501 (c)(3), also known as Healthy Women Healthy Liberia, was organized to develop improved healthcare in Liberia for women without access to adequate healthcare facilities. Faced with the daunting health statistics for Liberia, including the 5th worst maternal mortality rate and 18th worst infant mortality rate in the world, and with fewer than 55 physicians for the entire population of almost 4 million, Dr. Christiana Hena, MD, of Liberia and Marcella Ruch, PhD, from the United States, teamed up to establish a healthcare center, where Dr. Hena became the Medical Director.



### Third Sunday Mission Giving

- 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. Beulah Harvest **\$462.00**
- Feb. Healthy Women Healthy Liberia
- Mar. Mongolian Mission Initiative
- Apr. First Look

### February

Joshua Adams	01
Conleigh Marrs	02
Sunny Yu	03
Benita Brown	03
Wyman Harriman	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	28
Chris Loftis	28
Mia Loftis	28

### March

Ervin Brown	01
Bruce Green	02
Addie Hill	02
Kelly Wilson	03
Rhiannon Sullivan	06
Kaylee Machuca	07
Charlene McPherson	10
Alyssa Gunn	11
Sharon Lynch	12
Tyler Milligan	12
Brenda Cooke	13
Kathryn Harriman	13
Betty Campbell	14
Zaxton Wilson	22
Kristina Han	24
Denny Ann Spence	27
Ryan Taylor	27
Abby Machuca	28
Kendall Quigley	28
Sherla Lenhard	31
Tim Adams	31

Happy Birthday

### January 2024

#### 6 Months AVG Worship Attendance

	Aug 2023	Sept. 2023	Oct. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2023	Jan 2024
In Person	60	59	59	59	59	58
Online	77	77	80	84	85	85

#### YTD Connectional Giving Paid 0

Income	\$9,253
Expense	\$17,847

### Monthly FHUMC Activities:

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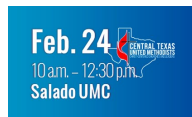
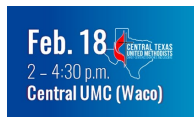
Sunday	Youth 11:15 a.m.
Monday	Quilting 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Quilting 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study, "The Chosen" Noon and 6:00 p.m.

### Calendar

- Feb. 1 MinistrySafe meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- Feb. 3 Men's Retreat at Old Bison Ranch, 8:00 a.m.
- Feb. 5 & 6 Angie Heck vacation days.
- Feb. 5 Member Care meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- Feb 9-11 Rev. Han vacation days.
- Feb. 11 Guest Preacher during worship service.
- Feb. 11 Kids Church begins.
- Feb. 13 Mercy Prep. will have Chapel.
- Feb. 13 Shrove Tuesday, pancake supper.
- Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday service will be at noon followed by a sack lunch.
- Feb. 14 Skip "The Chosen" bible study, noon and 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 18 Third Sunday Mission Giving: Healthy Women Healthy Liberia, Prayer Shawls Blessing, LEAD Training, & Valentine Dinner after worship service.
- Feb. 19 President's Day.
- Feb. 19 Women's Service Guild, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 22 Rev. Han/Ellis County UM Clergy Gathering/FUMC Ferris.
- Feb. 24 LEAD Training, 10:00 a.m.
- Feb. 26 FHUMC Board of Directors meeting, 6:00 p.m.

## CTC Laity to be a Part of LEAD 2024

The Laity Team of the Central Texas Conference is excited to announce and invite CTC laity to be a part of LEAD 2024: A Four-Part Leadership and Development Series. The sessions for Part 1 began Jan. 20, and run through Feb. 24. The next two opportunities will be:



Each of the four scheduled LEAD Trainings (2 remaining) will share the same information so that participants may choose the location and/or date that works best for their schedules and/or locations. The LEAD Laity Training Sessions in Part 1 will begin with a large group presentation followed by break-out sessions focused on the following leadership areas:

*Committee on Finance, Board of Trustees, Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, & Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development*

These training events are provided at no cost to participants; however, registration is required to help with planning. Each of the Part One sessions will be identical.

More information is available at [ctcumc.org/LEAD2024-laity-trainings](http://ctcumc.org/LEAD2024-laity-trainings).

LADIES RETREAT

01.27.2024

OLD BISON RANCH

Shannon Goretska, Ashley Dantic, Ruth Shugart, Dianna Robertson, Kelly Wilson  
Abby Machuca & Deborah Green



**JANUARY**



## FHUMC Board of Directors Report

The Board met on January 22. The following is an outline of the meeting:

- Simplified Board & Wildly Important Goal: Rev. John Han.
- Central Texas Conference update – Rev. John Han.
- Election of Trustee Chair—Mike James.
- Agreed to increase the size of the dumpster.
- Church Organ: Repair to the organ in November 2023
- Playground Insurance: Endorsement acquired December 18.
- Research Security System – Jennifer Taylor.
- Research ONCOR Energy Audit – Lane Johnson
- Rev. Han’s family will visit his cousin in California from Feb. 9 – 11. Rev. Gordon Jordan will fill the pulpit. He is a retired Deacon now attending New World UMC, Arlington.

## FHUMC Board of Directors Report, continued

- Secretary moving to Alvarado. The drive will be about 50 minutes. Secretary to work from home 2 days a week and off on Fridays.
- Income – decrease budget for Estate Income. Increase budget for Insurance.
- End of Year Financial Statements approval.
- Check Out for the Conference was due January 22 (Stats and Finance Information).
- Stewardship Letter from Chairperson of Finance, Carolyn Spillers, and Rev. Han will be enclosed with the 2023 Year-to-Date Giving Statements. These will be distributed by January 31. They will be put in the Sunday School books to save on postage. Look in your Sunday School for your giving statement on February 4.
- Mercy Preparatory Academy—use of the youth room.
- Next Board Meeting: February 26, 6:00 p.m.

