



Ferris Heights

United Methodist Church, Waxahachie TX

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

March 2024

Our Staff

Rev. John Han

Pastor

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Office Hours

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Monday thru Thursday

Dawn Davis

Organist

Shannon Goretska

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Jennifer Taylor

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Children's Directors

Abby Machuca

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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 closed

Information

Church Office

108 Center St.

Waxahachie TX 75165

972-937-2344

FHUMC.org

Sunday School & Worship

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Pastor's Column

We are in the season of Lent, a time when we meditate and reflect on our brokenness and weakness, desiring Christ's forgiving grace through His sacrificial work. At the same time, we anticipate the Easter celebration this month, rejoicing in the Risen Christ. We recall the Easter narrative from Matthew 28. When the three women went to the tomb, they worried about who would roll the stone away from the entrance. However, Jesus had already resolved their problem. The stone was already rolled away! Then, the women received their mission from the angel: 'Go quickly and tell His disciples, "He has been raised from the dead."' Jesus also appeared to them, affirming the message and instructing them to tell His disciples to go to Galilee, where they would see Him.

In both encounters with the angel and Jesus, the women were told, 'Do not be afraid' before they received the mission. Everyone including me faces concerns, fears, struggles, or challenges in our life. You may think that some challenges are too big for us to handle, as the women worried about the stone. However, we know the stone was rolled away by the power of God even before they arrived at the tomb. God already has a great plan for us, even though we may not see it now. Therefore, let us not be afraid! Instead, let us focus on what the risen Christ calls us to do, for Christ is risen indeed! I believe this is a moment when we need to be still and begin to pray for wisdom. Let us see how God works through us.

Your Pastor, Rev. John Han



Easter Egg Hunt

Bring your kids or grandkids for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 31! The egg hunt will take place in the playground area after worship. In case of inclement weather, we will move inside to Wesley Hall. Be sure to bring your Easter baskets!

Candy Needed for Easter Egg Hunt!

We are in need of individually wrapped candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 31 after the worship service. Please leave your candy donations in the kitchen by the microwave. Candy donations are due by Monday, March 25 so that we have time to stuff the eggs before Easter Sunday! Thank you!



Sermon Series

- 3/3/2024 Galatians 6:1-10
UMC Next: Maximize Care and Healing
- 3/10/2024 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10
UMC Next: Tell Our Story
- 3/17/2024 Matthew 19:13-15
UMC Next: Champion Children and Youth
- 3/24/2024 Revelation 7:9-12
UMC Next: Pursue and Embrace Diversity
- 3/31/2024 Mark 16:1-8
Don't be afraid



LENTEN SCHEDULE:

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24, *worship service, 10:00 a.m.*

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.
"Living Lord's Supper"

Good Friday Prayer Vigil

Friday, April 30, 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.,
See Ann Moir to sign up to pray during vigil.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31:
No Sunday School this morning.
Youth Bake Sale.
9:00 a.m. Breakfast *Hosted by the Women's Service Guild.*
Worship service, 10:00 a.m.,
Bring fresh flowers for the cross.
Easter Egg Hunt, *after worship service.*
(bring wrapped candy now and place by microwave in the kitchen).

Youth News

by Shannon Goretska

The Youth Say Thank you! Thank you, for the love and support you showed us at the Valentine Luncheon. The youth raised \$811.00 for the Mission Trip and the youth activities.

This year's Mission Trip will be with U.M. Army and we will travel to Cleburne TX. The Trip will be June 23-29. This is one week later than usual.

The fee to attend the Mission Trip this year is \$260.00 per camper. The deposit of \$75 is due by the end of March. Make your check to the church. The balance of the mission trip fee is due to the church by April 21st. The church will cover some portion of the \$185.00 fee based on the number of campers and the results of the youth fundraisers.

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!

Now Hiring

Ferris Heights UMC is taking applications for a part time Church Secretary. To see the job description and/or pick up an application, please visit the church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.





Bus Trip

Discover the Beauty of Bluebonnets on a Spring Bus Trip!

Springtime in Texas is a magical season, with fields bursting into vibrant shades of blue as bluebonnets blanket the countryside. This year, we invite you to join us on an unforgettable van trip to immerse ourselves in the beauty of these iconic wildflowers.

Date and Time: We will depart from the church promptly at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17th, and expect to return around 2:00 p.m.

Transportation: Thanks to the efforts of Rev. Han, we have secured a comfortable 15-passenger bus for our journey. Rev. Han will graciously serve as our driver, and there will be room for 14 fellow adventurers to join us.



Route: Our excursion will take us along the scenic backroads of the Ennis, Palmer, and Bristol areas, where we'll have the opportunity to marvel at fields carpeted in bluebonnets. Along the way, we'll make a pitstop for lunch at a restaurant or Lake Bardwell for a delightful picnic lunch amidst nature's splendors.

Cost and Donations: To cover the cost of gas and contribute to the church's generosity in lending us the van, we kindly ask for a love offering from each participant of \$20.00. Any additional contributions will be gratefully received.

Avoiding Festival Traffic: By planning our trip for April 17th, we will avoid the hustle and bustle of the Ennis Bluebonnet Festival, which takes place from April 19th to 21st.

Sign-Up: If you're eager to embark on this enchanting adventure with us, please sign up on the kitchen counter. Spaces are limited, so be sure to secure your spot soon!

Don't miss this opportunity to embrace the beauty of spring and create cherished memories together. We look forward to sharing this special journey with you.

Youth Bake Sale

On Easter Sunday, March 31st the youth will have a table set up with all kinds of goodies for you. Donation will go to the youth mission trip and youth activities.



Thank you so much!

Women's Service Guild



On Easter morning, March 31, 9:00 a.m. the **Women's SERVICE GUILD** Women's Service Guild will provide breakfast in Wesley Hall before worship service. Please see Karen Lawton for information on what to bring.

Our business meetings are on the third Monday at 5:30 p.m. No meeting in May or December. We would love for you to join us!

Garage Sale

Mark your calendars and start saving your unwanted items. We will have a churchwide garage sale on Saturday, April 6, bright and early.



We will start to gather your items for sale on Monday, April 1, and through the week when the church is open. Please, no clothing or shoes. If you would like to help with organizing the sale, please contact Sherry Wright or Annie Johnson.



Thank you to Sherry & Annie for agreeing to be the coordinators of the sale. This will be Sherry's last year to be in charge of the church garage sale.

Member Care News



The Member Care Ladies will be meeting on the first Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. except September (because of Labor Day). We invite you to join us for fellowship, snacks and sending out cards and notes to our members.

Member Care will not meet in April.

Church Workday

Join us Saturday, March 16 at 8:00 AM for a church-wide workday! We have some cleaning, organizing, and small repairs that need to be done before Easter. We need everyone's help, and there are projects for all ages and abilities.



FHUMC Board of Directors Report

The Board met on February 26. Highlights from the meeting include:

The board is creating a strategic plan for increasing church membership and strengthening church programs. If interested in serving on the strategic plan subcommittee, contact Jennifer Taylor.

A larger dumpster was delivered and includes a lock bar to hopefully deter people from using the dumpster for personal use. To place trash in the dumpster, you will need to know the combination to the lock.

New emergency exit signs and a new electrical outlet are being installed to correct issues found during our annual Fire Marshal inspection. Cost: ~\$1,140

All restroom doors will be propped open to provide for easier ADA accessibility. If you close a door for privacy, please return it to its propped open position when exiting the restroom.

All Board members are encouraged to complete the MinistrySafe training.

The Board voted to renew our partnership with Mercy Preparatory Academy for the 2024-25 school year.



In addition, the Board gave approval for the following:



(1) Mercy Prep to install lockers upstairs to meet fire code requirements,

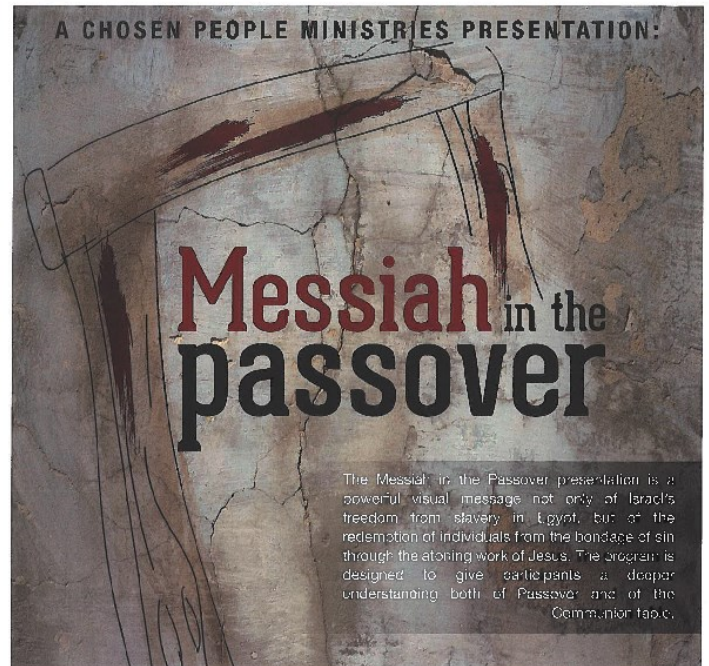


(2) Mercy Prep to change locks to their classrooms at their expense (a master key will be available in the church office), and



(3) Mercy Prep will use the troughs in the courtyard to allow their students to plant and tend to their own fruit/vegetable/flower garden.

The Board borrowed \$7,000 from the Permanent Endowment Fund in 2023 to pay for HVAC repairs. \$2,000 has already been paid back. The Board hopes to pay the remainder of \$5,000 back in equal installments in May and October of this year.



LOCATION: Ovilla UMC

DATE: 3/22/24 Friday TIME: 6:30 PM

CALL: 972-617-8840 for Reservations



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Living Lord's Supper Practice

Please join us !

March 13 and 20th
6:00 p.m.

"Living Lord's Supper"
practice and planning



Mercy Prep Royal Theatre Presents

March 29th 7pm

Chautauqua Auditorium
400 S Grand Ave, Waxahachie, TX

March 30th 2:30pm

Youth Flower Sale
April 6th & 7th
Ferris Heights UMC, 108 Center St., Waxahachie

We will be offering: begonias, petunias, impatiens and other selections

Most flats will be \$20.

Hours of operation:
April 6th- 9 a.m. - 12 noon
April 7th- after church (approximately 11:00 a.m.) - noon

All proceeds will benefit the youth mission trip in June and youth activities.

Sunday Leaders

Worship Leaders: Children's Time:

Mar. 3	Sherry Wright	Karen Lawton
Mar. 10	Ann Moir	Ruth Shugart
Mar. 17	Mary Canada	Shannon Goretska
Mar. 24	Nancy Cannaday	Dianna Robertson
Mar. 31	Karen Lawton	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 Karen Lawton, Lay Leader.

Church lock up schedule:

March: Karen Lawton & April: Billy Wright

MISSION SPOTLIGHT—March Third Sunday Special Offering

Mongolian Mission Initiative

THE NEED AFFECTING COMMUNITY

Mongolia has 3 million population and 1% Christianity. So, there's a great need for evangelism, new church planting, training of new national church leaders, and strengthening existing churches. Since half of the population lives in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar, MMI focuses on ministries within the UB. However, MMI also reaches out in the countryside. Currently, there are 10 Mongolian UMCs in UB and 2 MUMCs in the countryside. Mongolia is a developing country with a great gap between the rich and the majority poor. Due to the poor living conditions of most Mongolians, there's a great need for health, education, and necessary support.

HOW WILL THIS PROJECT HELP?

Until 2002, United Methodists never had a presence in Mongolia. UMC Mission in Mongolia began with a Hospice program. All our mission projects under the Global Ministries umbrella are in the ger districts, which have low-income residents, no running water, a high incidence of joblessness and alcoholism, and reduced access to health care. They have many social needs, which were not adequately met. Mongolia Mission Initiative's focus ministries include evangelism, church planting, church leaders and congregational development, education, healthcare, and community services.

Third Sunday Mission Giving

•Dec. 23	FHUMC Children's Ministry	\$511.00
•Dec. 23	Healthy Women Healthy Liberia	\$200.00
•Jan.	Beulah Harvest	\$462.00
•Jan.	Hope Health	\$20.00
•Feb.	Healthy Women Healthy Liberia	\$712.00
•Mar.	Mongolian Mission Initiative	
•Apr.	First Look	
•May	Sovola Shackelford Scholarship Fund	

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



April

Gary Fox	01
Blayne Wilson	01
McClain Lynch	04
Luke Taylor	03
Trent Stapleton	08
Dawn Davis	09
Tommy Johnston Jr.	11
Gerald Kelsey	12
Olivia Sell	11
Trenton Brown	15
Kristi Colvin	16
Shari Mutulo	20
George Lawton	21
Dianna Robertson	23
Marco Machuca	25
Ruth Shugart	25
Emmie Green	28

February 2024

Year to Date AVG Worship Attendance							YTD Connectional Giving Paid 0
	Sept. 2023	Oct. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	
In Person	59	59	59	59	58	58	Income \$13,697
Online	77	80	84	85	85	86	Expense \$14,386

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

- Mar. 8 WISD's 27th Annual D.E.A.R. Day.
- Mar. 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins, set your clocks ahead one hour.
- Mar. 13 Living Lord's Supper practice, 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 15 FYI: Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby, 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 16 Workday, 8:00 a.m.
- Mar. 18 Women's Service Guild mtg, 5:30 p.m. (They have changed the time to 5:30 for all their meetings.)
- Mar. 20 Living Lord's Supper practice, 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 24 Palm Sunday, Holy Week begins.
- Mar. 25 Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 28 Living Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 29 Good Friday, Good Friday Prayer Vigil. 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Mar. 31 Easter Sunday, Breakfast hosted by WSG, Youth Bake Sale, No SS, Worship Service: bring flowers for the cross, Easter Egg Hunt.
- April 1 Easter Holiday for the church. The office will be closed.
- April 1 Need tables set up in Wesley Hall for the Garage Sale.
- April 1-5 Garage Sale set up.
- April 6 Garage Sale.



Living Lord's Supper

On Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m., the church will host the 2024 "Living Lord's Supper," in Wesley Hall. Light refreshments will be served. Invite your friends.

The above photo is the 2023 Living Lord's Supper.



February 11th Children's Time, led by Ruth Shugart.



VALENTINE'S DAY 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY 2024

