



# Ferris Heights

United Methodist Church, Waxahachie TX

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

April 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

**Abby Machuca**

Nursery & Custodian

**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 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

Spring is here! Winter has gone, and we are enjoying warm breezes. We are seeing all different kinds of flowers blooming, including the bluebonnet. We are very excited to see bluebonnets soon during our bus trip! As you know, the bluebonnet is the state flower of Texas. Its name was chosen because the shape of the petals on the flower resembles the sunbonnet worn by people to shield themselves from the sun. It seems to be a perfect name for the Texas summer.

The bluebonnet is not just one species. The original state flower was *Lupinus subcarnosus* (Sandyland or Texas bluebonnet). The bill approving it as the state flower was signed on March 7, 1901, by Gov. Joseph D. Sayers. The debate then continued for 70 years, as there were a number of other species of bluebonnet native to Texas. On March 8, 1971, the Legislature amended the 1901 statute to include *Lupinus texensis* (Texas bluebonnet) "and any other variety of bluebonnet not heretofore recorded." Essentially, all bluebonnets found in Texas are now considered the official flower of the state.

God created the world and is continuously creating. That is why we can see all different kinds of flowers, trees, and animals. They make our world beautiful. As we grow, we will see all different kinds of people in the church. They will make our church beautiful. All people found in Christ should be considered the children of God. We are called to love, teach, and embrace them. However, we may need to re-focus on our current strategies to reach out to new people, just as the Texas Legislature amended the definition of the bluebonnet.

As we enter the season of renewal and growth, I would like to invite you to the new sermon series called "Re-Focus." We will journey together with the story of Noah described in Genesis 6-9, exploring how he re-focused on his faith during the terrific flood. This series will offer you a beacon of hope and inspire a renewed sense of purpose and faith in your life. I hope you will join us as we rediscover our spiritual path and refocus on our hearts and minds.

Your pastor, Rev. John Han

## FHUMC Board of Directors Report

The Board met on March 25. Highlights from the meeting include:

Effective July 1, Rev. Danny Tenney will become our District Superintendent, serving the Central and South Districts. Our current DS, Rev. Beverly Connelly, is beginning a new appointment as senior pastor of First UMC Killeen.



The United Methodist General Conference takes place in Charlotte, NC on April 23 - May 3. You can visit [www.ctcumc.org/psw](http://www.ctcumc.org/psw) for podcast episodes featuring clergy and lay leaders discussing what is on the horizon for this anticipated General Conference.

The board reviewed the survey responses from the congregation and will take all feedback/ideas into consideration as part of our strategic planning process.

The board approved a proposal to apply for a United Methodist grant to fund a new, weekday, worship service for children (babies to kindergarten) and their grown ups, called Wiggle Church. If funding is approved by the conference, the new ministry will begin in September.

The board approved changes to the administrative secretary job description. Applications are currently being accepted.

The next board meeting will be on Monday, April 22 at 5:00 PM.

## Welcome New Member



Welcome! Cathy Mitchell as a new member of Ferris Heights UMC.

Cathy is blessed with two sons who are grown now and have families of their own now, and grandchildren. Cathy resides in Midlothian. She quilts with the quilters Monday and Wednesdays. Cathy transfers her membership from a local United Methodist Church. Welcome Cathy!

## You Are Invited to a Wedding Shower

For: *Ty Campbell & Shannon Denney*

When: *Sat., April 20, 2:00 P.M.*

Where: *Ferris Heights UMC, Wesley Hall*

Hosted by: *The Betty Campbell Family*



## Children's Ministry Update

By Jennifer Taylor

Thank you so much for your support of our Children's Ministry! Kids Church is being well received, and we have been blessed to see an increase in the number of children attending each Sunday. On Easter, we had 14 children in Kids Church and others who stayed in the sanctuary to worship with their families.



Thank you to everyone who helped make Easter Sunday special for our children! Special thanks to everyone who donated candy for the Easter Egg Hunt; to Karen Lawton, Ann Moir, Annie Johnson, and Benita Brown for stuffing the eggs; and to Ruth Shugart, Dianna Robertson, Abby Machuca, and Ryan Taylor for helping in Kids Church!

If you are interested in getting involved in our Children's Ministry efforts, please contact me. We are gearing up for VBS in July and have other exciting opportunities in the planning stages!

## Thank you!!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Work Day last month! We were able to replace the toilet in the nursery, trim trees, clean the kitchen, organize the pantry, install kickstands for the restroom doors, and dust the pews and windows in the sanctuary and Wesley Hall. A special thank you to Mike James for taking care of several plumbing issues in the building. We appreciate you volunteering your time and energy to care for our church property!

*Thank You!*

## Thank you!

Even though we are very excited that our church renovation is finished, the ladies are sad that they won't be able to greet you each Wednesday morning.

We are, however, extremely grateful for your generosity in providing a place for our ladies Bible Study group to meet.

Your kindness will long be remembered.  
May God richly bless you is our prayer.

*Roger Martin,  
Waxahachie Seventh Day Adventist Church,  
301 E Criddle St, Waxahachie, TX 75165*

Note from Angie Heck. The 2 flower arrangements on the office window sill are from the ladies bible study group. Thank you.

# Sunday Leaders

Worship Leaders:      Children's Time:

April 7	Gerald Reed	Karen Lawton
April 14	Billy Wright	Ruth Shugart
April 21	Sharon McIver	Shannon Goretska
April 28	Sherry Wright	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 Karen Lawton, Lay Leader.

Church lock up:  
April: *Billy Wright*

## MISSION SPOTLIGHT—April Third Sunday Special Offering

### First Look—Waxahachie

*A sexual Health & Pregnancy Center,  
213 YMCA Drive, Waxahachie*

FirstLook does not perform abortions, nor do they offer abortion referrals.

Nov '23 - Jan '24 Revenue through The Thrifty Lark  
\$44,442.69

Thank you for your donations and purchases that all further the mission of FirstLook!

### 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 **\$285.00**
- Apr. First Look
- May Sovola Shackelford Scholarship Fund



- 4/7/2024 Genesis 6:5-9  
*Re-Focus: Walking with God*
- 4/14/2024 Genesis 6:11-22  
*Re-Focus: God said*
- 4/21/2024 Genesis 7:1-5  
*Re-Focus: Going into the Ark*
- 4/28/2024 Genesis 8:1-5  
*Re-Focus: Waiting for God's Timing*

## April

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



**Happy Birthday**

<b>May</b>	Christian Daughtry	01
	Felix Reina	03
	Chelsea Daughtry	05
	Wendy Sanders	06
	Lisa Lasater	09
	Denise Campbell	10
	Charla Kitchens	16
	Cashlee Fox	21
	Nathan Quigley	22
	Larry Dantic	24
	Billy Wright	25



## March 2024

### Year to Date AVG Worship Attendance

	Oct. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024
In Person	59	59	59	58	58	66
Online	80	84	85	85	86	104

### YTD Connectional Giving Paid 2—10ths

Income	\$21,678
Expense	\$11,907

Not included is Connect. Giving of \$1,704.

## 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

- 04/06 Garage Sale set up.
- 04/06 Garage Sale, 8:00 a.m.
- 04/10 MinistrySafe committee mtg, 1:00 p.m.
- 04/15 Women's Service Guild, 5:30 p.m.
- 04/20 Wedding Shower for Ty Campbell & Shannon Denney, 2:00 p.m.  
Campbell Daughters hosting & church is invited.
- 04/22 Board meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- 04/25 MP: Elementary Field Day.
- 05/04 CTC District Conference, 4:30 p.m.  
Cogdell Memorial UMC (Waco).
- 05/06 Member Care meeting, 1:30 p.m.
- 05/07 Emmaus Gathering here at FHUMC, 7:00 p.m.

# Spring Bus Trip to see the Bluebonnets!



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: We have secured a comfortable 15-passenger bus. There will be room for 14 people.

Route: Our excursion will take us along the scenic backroads of the Ennis, Palmer, and Bristol areas. We'll make a pitstop for lunch.

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.

Sign-Up: If you're interested, please sign up in the kitchen.

# Now Hiring



Ferris Heights UMC is taking applications for a part time Church Secretary, (20 hours, M-TH). Visit our website to see the job description and to fill out an application, or you can pick up an application in the church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

# Women's Service Guild



Thank you to everyone for bringing, serving & cleaning up for the Easter morning breakfast gathering. You all are so wonderful to come together serving the church.

Our business meetings are on the third Monday at 5:30 p.m. Our April meeting will be Monday, April 15. No meeting in May or December. We would love for you to join us!

**Kids Church**  
March 17, 2024



## MORE PHOTOS

**TO SEE MORE PHOTOS: LOOK IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING HALLWAY BULLETIN BOARDS.**  
Thank you to everyone that sent photos.

