



Ferris Heights

United Methodist Church, Waxahachie TX

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

December 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

Dianna Robertson

Youth Director

Children's Directors

Abby Machuca

Nursery & Custodian

Angela Carson

Secretary

FerrisHeightsUMC@gmail.com

Greg Aday

Online Greeter

Office Hours

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Monday –Thursday

Friday closed

Church Office

108 Center St.

Information

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

Merry Christmas!

As we enter the season of Advent and the last month of 2024, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for each of you who has faithfully served and worshiped with joy and dedication throughout this year. Your faithfulness is a testimony of God's grace at work among us. Thank you for your faithfulness by loving one another, reaching out to our community, and standing firm in the Word of God.

This season reminds us why we welcome and love one another—because Christ was born for us! The angel declared to the shepherds in Luke 2:10-11(NRSV): “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

December is a busy month with Christmas parties and gatherings. It is easy to lose sight of the incredible gift of Jesus. But this is a season for joy—not because our life is perfect, but because our Savior has come to redeem and restore us. His birth brings peace to our hearts and hope to the world.

As we celebrate, let us continue to be joyful in all we do, knowing that we are part of God's story. Look for opportunities to share His love with others, just as the shepherds shared the good news they had seen. Let us rejoice together, for Christ is born, and He is with us!

May the joy of Christ fill your hearts and homes this Christmas. Merry Christmas to you all!

Your Pastor, Rev. John Han



Sunday Leaders

Worship Leaders: Children's

Time:

December 8	Karen Lawton	Ruth Shugart
December 15	Sharon McIver	Shannon Goretzka
December 22	Nancy Cannaday	Dianna Robertson
December 29		
January 5		

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 Angela Carson, Lay Leader.

Church lock up for December: Nancy Cannaday
For January: Ann Moir

MISSION SPOTLIGHT—December

There are no mission spotlights for December. We encourage you to pray for and support local and global charitable organizations during this season of Christmas and the New Year. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

Dear Ferris Heights Family,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to inform you of a recent decision made on November 25, 2024, regarding our church secretary position.

As you know, Angela Carson was hired as an interim financial secretary about two months ago to assist our church secretary, Kaylee Lawton. During this time, Angela has worked diligently and has shown eagerness to train Kaylee in her duties and responsibilities. However, due to our current financial challenges, we are unable to sustain two office staff positions.

It is with a heavy heart that we share the difficult decision made by the board during our meeting last Monday to eliminate Kaylee's position as church secretary, effective December 1, 2024. This decision was not made lightly, as we deeply value Kaylee's dedication and service to our church. We ask for your prayers for Kaylee as she transitions into this next chapter of her journey.

In light of this decision, the board has also decided to appoint Angela Carson as our new church secretary, effective December 1, 2024. Angela has served faithfully with us for nearly four months and brings extensive experience as an office manager. Please join us in welcoming Angela into this new role.

We understand this news may raise concerns, and we want to assure you that our commitment to our mission and ministry remains steadfast.

Please join us in prayer for all those impacted by this decision. If you have any questions or need further support, we are here to assist you.

In Christ,

Rev. John Han, Pastor
Ann Moir, Chair of the Board

12/15/2024	<i>Christmas Story From Joseph: A Stepson</i>	<i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>
12/22/2024	<i>Christmas Story From Joseph: The Journey to Bethlehem</i>	<i>Luke 2:1-7</i>
12/24/2024	<i>Let Us Go Now!</i>	<i>Luke 2:8-20</i>
12/29/2024	<i>A Light to Everyone!</i>	<i>Luke 2:4-20</i>
01/05/2025	<i>A New Beginning</i>	<i>Psalms 8</i>
01/12/2025	<i>The Chosen 4 ; Promises</i>	<i>Luke 1;67-69</i>
01/19/2025	<i>The Chosen 4 ; Confessions</i>	<i>Mathew 16;13-20</i>
01/26/2025		<i>John 9;1-12</i>

FHUMC Board of Directors Report

The Board met on Monday, November 25th. Mercy Prep gave a presentation about their growth as well as their current and future relationship with us here at Ferris Heights UMC. The Board had to come to a difficult decision regarding the Church Secretary position, due to our current financial challenges, the difficult decision was made to release Kaylee from the Church Secretary position and welcome Angela Carson to the role of secretary, effective Dec 1st. The Board wants to assure you that their commitment to our mission and ministry remains steadfast. The next Board meeting will be held on January 27th at 5pm.

Previous Special Mission Offerings:

- **Aug:** *Waxahachie Care* \$189.00
- **Sep:** *73 total boxes and tubs of Cake and Icing for Waxahachie Care*
- **Oct:** *18 Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse*
- **Dec** *Night of Wonder* \$390

December 2024						
Year to Date AVG Worship Attendance						
	June 2024	July 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024
In Person	52	45	47	36	38	55
Online	69	104	67	87	97	89

Income	\$23,316.34
Expense	\$8,198.65
YTD	
Connectional Giving	
Paid \$4,368	
\$12,469 due	

Part-time Pianist Wanted:

We are looking for a new Pianist. If you know someone that would like to apply, that person may send a resume to Rev. John Han at PastorFHUMC@gmail.com. The job description is on Facebook and the church website, FHUMC.org.



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!

The office staff of the church wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Church office will be closed December 25th, December 26th and January 1st in observance of the holidays.

December

Charles Campbell III 02
 Jimmy Lewis 02
 Keeley Robertson 03
 Justin Fox 06
 Leda Lewis 08
 Nick Machuca 09
 Jackie Aday 10
 Mary Lou Shipley 10
 Carolyn Jenkins 11
 Ann Moir 11
 Bob Robertson 13
 Aliza Thomas 15
 Charles Waller 19
 Lennox Wilson 20
 Sally Baker 22
 Ruth Blanton 22
 Gary Bishop 29
 Scarlett (Jo Jo) Wilson 29
 Saylem Wilson 29
 Shane Carson 30
 June Garrett 31

Happy Birthday

January

Gracen Daughtry 04
 Sierra Tartan 05
 Helen Brock 06
 Jordan Lynch 06
 Helen Brock 06
 Erik Lawton 06
 Kris Alden 09
 Lane Johnson 09
 Ross Clayton 11
 Vicki Kelsey 12
 Sam Goretska 16
 Steve Loftis 18
 Angie Merrell 29

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:

12/10 Searcher's Christmas Party 6 pm in Wesley Hall
 12/16 Women's Service Guild Meeting at 5:30 pm in Wesley Hall
 12/22 Photo with Santa and Youth Christmas party after service
 12/24 Christmas Eve Service at 2:00 pm
 12/25 Church Holiday Office will be closed
 12/26 Church Holiday Office will be closed
 12/29 Blue Christmas Service
 01/01 Church Holiday Office will be closed
 01/05 Christmas Decoration Removal
 01/06 Member Care Meeting in room 107 at 1:30 pm
 01/08 Weekly Bible Study begins Wednesdays at noon.



Beginning on Wednesday, January 8, 2024, we invite you to a special opportunity to watch the Chosen TV series Season 4 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. 8 thru Feb. 26, 2025, 12 PM

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

For more information visit FHUMC.org



Women's SERVICE GUILD

Christmas Party 2024



Christmas Party Pictures

