



Ferris Heights

United Methodist Church, Waxahachie TX

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

January 2025

Our Staff

Rev. John Han

Pastor

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

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

Monday –Thursday

Friday closed

Church Office

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Information

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

Happy New Year, Ferris Heights! As we enter the first month of 2025, I am so thankful for God's continuous love that has been shown through our church last year. I am also looking forward to seeing God's amazing works through us in 2025. This season of a year may allow us to reflect on God's blessings and look forward to our renewed hope and purpose. I pray this year we will grow together not only in numbers but in our faith, hope, and love to the Lord.

I am very excited to share that we are relaunching a Bible study series this month, and I would like to personally invite each of you to join. Every Wednesday at noon, we will dive into *The Chosen 4*, an engaging study based on the life of Jesus as portrayed in the fourth season of The Chosen TV series. This study will help us connect more deeply with the Scripture by exploring the stories of Jesus' ministry in a fresh and meaningful way.

I believe this is a great opportunity to grow in our understanding of the Word of God as well as to reaffirm our calls in Christ. Whether you have been with us for years or are just looking for a place to belong, this study is for each of you. We will meet in the Wesley Hall and watch the episodes of the fourth season.

Let us make 2025 a year of strengthening our faith and building our community. I can't wait to see how God moves through this series and through our church in the coming months. May the Lord bless you abundantly in the new year. Let us step forward together in faith, trusting God every step of the way.

In Christ's love,

Your Pastor, Rev. John Han



A New Beginning

01/12/2025	<i>The Chosen 4 ; Promises</i>	Luke 1:67-69
01/19/2025	<i>The Chosen 4 ; Confessions</i>	Mathew 16:13-20
01/26/2025	<i>The Chosen 4; Moon to Blood</i>	John 9:1-12
02/02/2025	<i>The Chosen 4; Calm Before</i>	Mathew 8:5-13
02/09/2025	<i>The Chosen 4 ; Sitting, Serving, Scheming</i>	Luke 10:38-42
02/16/2025	<i>The Chosen 4; Dedication</i>	John 10:22-30
02/23/2025	<i>The Chosen 4; The Last Sign</i>	John 11:38-44

Special Mission Offerings:

January	Canned goods for the Pantry
February	Healthy Women Healthy Liberia
March	Methodist Home
April	First Look
May	Shackelford Scholarship
June	Children's Ministry
July	Youth Ministry
August	Beulah Harvest
September	Waxahachie Care Thanksgiving Items
October	Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
November	Night of Wonder
December	To be announced

Sovola Shackelford Scholarship

In memory of Sovola Shackelford, who was the distinguished educator and dedicated disciple of Christ, we are looking for scholarship recipients.

- Applicants must meet ONE of the following criteria to qualify:**
- Current member or active participant in Ferris Heights UMC who is a graduating senior or who is enrolled in an institution of higher learning.
 - Current graduating senior from Waxahachie ISD.
 - WISD alum currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning.

Priority will be given first to active participants at Ferris Heights UMC, second to WISD graduating seniors, and finally to WISD alumni. Individuals may only receive the scholarship one time.

Application deadline is March 15

For more information, visit the church webpage at FHUMC.org.

Shackelford Scholarship

We received the following letter from one of our 2024 Shackelford recipients with an update that we wanted to share with the congregation.

December 15, 2024

Good morning,
 As quickly as it came, it was over. I just completed my first semester at the University of Arkansas. I absolutely loved every single moment of it. I am excited to report I made the Dean's List with a 4.0 and have found my church at Mt. Comfort Church of Christ. I was initiated into the Pi Beta Phi sorority and it has been an absolute blessing. I was able to get in 15+ volunteer hours by being a lunch buddy, reading at a local elementary school, volunteering at a thrift store for women who come from abuse and also at several other events hosted by my sorority. I am forming lifelong friendships I never imagined were possible. My circle is so great and I have made some amazing friends who push me to be a better person every day. I am excited to be home with my family and friends for the next month before heading back to Fayetteville to tackle the second semester, which will prove to be more challenging than the first. It will be a nice break with a little rest so that is exciting. I have started advertising again for my baking/holiday treat business to earn a little extra money and will be working part-time at a boutique in downtown Waxahachie where I worked in high school. I will definitely not get bored!
 I just wanted to give you a little life update and thank you again for the scholarship this fall. It put a big dent in helping pay for my first semester and I am eternally grateful. I am actively applying for any and all new or renewable scholarships to help with the remainder of my school term before I begin taking out student loans. I can only imagine what a 8-10 year degree is going to set me back, but I am excited about the work I will get to do helping children.
 Again, thank you so much for your love and support. I pray you enjoy the holidays with your family. God bless and take care.

Calli Fletcher

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.



Sunday Leaders

Worship Leaders: Children's

Time:

January 5th	Karen Lawton	Karen Lawton
January 12th	Ruth Shubert	Ruth Shugart
January 19th	Sharon McIver	Karen Lawton
January 26		Dianna Robertson
February 2nd	Ruth Shugart	Karen Lawton

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 for January: Ann Moir and Carolyn Jenkins

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:

- 01/06** Member Care Meeting in room 107 at 1:30 pm
- 01/08** Weekly Bible Study begins Wednesdays at noon.
- 01/13** Board meeting at 5:00 pm
- 01/14** Mercy Prep back on campus for the start of Spring semester
- 01/20** Brave Like Ellie service project in rooms 107, 108, and 109
- 01/20** Martin Luther King Holiday
- 01/20** Women's Guild Meeting will be held in Wesley Hall at 5:30 p.m.
- 01/27** Board meeting at 5:00 p.m.
- 02/09** Valentine's Day Dinner, Youth Fundraiser.

Upcoming Birthdays

January

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

February

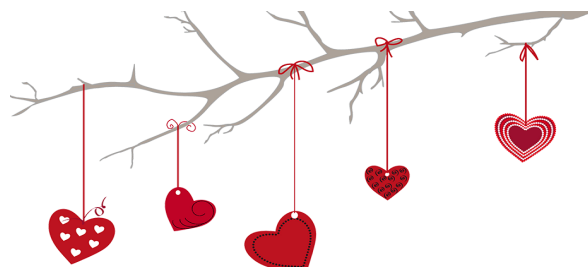
Sunny Yu	03
Benita Brown	03
Landry Taylor	04
Yvonne Odom	07
Deborah Green	14
Scott Green	15
Ashley Dantic	17
Caitlin James	18
Wylinda Brown	19
Shannon Goretska	22



YOU ARE INVITED VALENTINES DINNER

FEBRUARY 9
AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE

FUNDRAISER BY THE
YOUTH OF FERRIS HEIGHTS



Youth Christmas Party 2024



Youth Christmas Party Cont.

