



# Ferris Heights

United Methodist Church, Waxahachie TX

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

February 2025

## 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**

Children's Directors

Youth Director

**Angie Carson**

Secretary

FerrisHeightsUMC@gmail.com

**Office Hours**

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

Monday thru Thursday

Friday closed

**Abby Machuca**

Nursery

**Abby Machuca**

Custodian

**Greg Aday**

Online Greeter

**Church Office**

108 Center St.

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## Information

FHUMC.org

**Sunday School & Worship**

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

## Pastor's Column

February is the month of love with Valentine's Day. We cherish our family members and friends with cards, chocolates, and flowers. These are expressions of how much we love them. As we know, God has also shown unconditional love through sending Jesus Christ to the earth. As the followers of Christ, we are called to express love in actions.

We live in a world filled with uncertainty of political shifts, economic challenges, and cultural changes. However, God's love remains steadfast. Romans 8:38-39 reassures us that "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." No matter what happens in Washington, D.C., Austin, our local community, or our lives, nothing can separate us from God's love.

As we look around, we see division and tension in our nation. Some are anxious about the future, while others are hopeful for change. Regardless of political perspectives, our calling as the followers of Christ remains the same. As Christ taught us in Matthew 22:37-39, we are called to love our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind. We are also called to love our neighbors as ourselves. This means that we show God's love by showing kindness to those we disagree with, by praying for our leaders, and by being peacemakers in a world that desperately needs Christ's love.

This Valentine's season, I encourage you not only to celebrate love in our families but also to reflect on God's love for us. It is a love that calls us to extend grace to our neighbors, and to trust in God's sovereign plan. May we be a church that radiates God's love, no matter what changes around us.

Happy Valentine's Day, and may you dwell within the unfailing love of Christ.

Your Pastor, Rev. John Han

## March Sermons



03/02/2025	John 12:1-8
	The Chosen 4; Humble
03/05/2025	Ash Wednesday
03/09/2025	Mathew 6:9-13
	The Lord's Prayer: Our Father
03/16/2025	Mathew:6:9-13
	The Lord's Prayer: Thy Kingdom
03/23/2025	Mathew6:9-13
	The Lord's Prayer: Our Daily Bread

## 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.

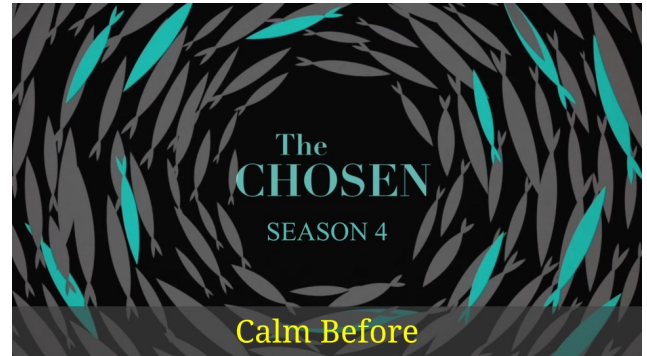
Current graduating senior from Waxahachie ISD. · WISD alum currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning.

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.



## The Chosen Bible Study

Meets every Wednesday at noon in the Parlor



02/16/2025	John 10:22-30
	The Chosen 4; Dedication
02/23/2025	John 11:38-44
	The Chosen 4; The Last Sign

## Women's Service Guild

At our first meeting for 2025, we planned out the year. The dates and info will be updated on the church calendar and on the church's website by the end of the month. 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 5:30 p.m. 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, March 15th, bright and early, 7:30 a.m.. We will start to gather your items for sale on Sunday after church service, March 9th 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 Karen Lawton.



# Sunday Leaders

Worship Leaders:      Children's Time:

Feb. 2	Ruth Shugart	Karen Lawton
Feb. 9	Karen Lawton	Ruth Shugart
Feb. 16	Nancy Cannaday	Shannon Goretska
Feb. 23	Annie Johnson	Dianna Robertson

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: Karen Lawton, March: Lane Johnson & April: Nancy Cannaday

## 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

- Feb. Healthy Women Healthy Liberia
- Mar. Methodist Home in Waco
- Apr. First Look
- May. Shackelford Scholarship
- June. Children's Ministry
- July. Youth Ministry
- Aug. Beulah Harvest
- Sep. Waxahachie Care Thanksgiving items
- Oct. Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
- Nov. Night of Wonder
- Dec. Special Mission

## February

Sunny Yu	03
Benita Brown	03
Landry Taylor	04
Yvonne Odom	07
Harley Vega	12
Deborah Green	14
Scott Green	15
Ashley Dantic	17
Caitlin James	18
Wylinda Brown	19
Shannon Goretska	22

## March

Ervin Brown	01
Kelly Wilson	03
Kaylee Machuca	07
Charlene McPherson	10
Sharon Lynch	12
Kathryn Harriman	13
Betty Campbell	14
Scott Carson	16
Nick Russell	19
Zaxton Wilson	22
Kristina Han	24
Ryan Taylor	27
Abby Machuca	28

Happy Birthday



## January 2025

### 6 Months AVG Worship Attendance

	Aug 2024	Sept. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2024	Dec. 2024	Jan 2025
In Person	49	41	35	55	44	31
Online	87	77	86	74	35	41

### YTD Connectional Giving Paid \$

Income	\$5,941
Expense	\$15,177

## Monthly FHUMC Activities:

Cut out and place on your fridge.

### Calendar

- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb. 16 Third Sunday Mission Giving: Healthy Women Healthy Liberia.
- Feb. 17 President's Day.
- Feb. 17 Women's Service Guild, 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 24 Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
- Mar. 1 DIY DIVA from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Mar. 3 Member Care meeting at 1:30 p.m.
- Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday service at Noon, 12:00 p.m.
- Mar. 9 Daylight savings
- Mar. 15 Garage Sale
- Mar. 15 Shackelford scholarship application deadline

Sunday	Youth 11:15 a.m.
Monday	Quilting 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Quilting 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study, "The Chosen" 12:00 p.m.

## FHUMC Board of Directors Report

**The Board met on January 13. The following is an outline of the meeting:**

The Board met on January 13th with Mid-South District Superintendent, Rev. Danny Tenney.

Rev. Han introduced the Simplified board and explained why this type of the board was chosen for our need.

Erica Phillip, the founder of Mercy Prep Academy, presented a proposal for the 2025-2026 academic year. The school has currently about 110 students. The school would like to expand it to 150 students in 2025-2026. To make it happen, the school proposed the following items:

- Converting room 204 in the upstairs and room 105 (old kitchen) into classrooms. Items from those two rooms will be stored in the outside storage and other places.
- The outside storage will be renovated by adding a door, air circulation, and light.
- Developing the balcony of the sanctuary by adding two classrooms and stairs. The renovation of the outside storage and the balcony is estimated to be \$30,000, of which Mercy Prep had agreed to assist with \$20,000.
- The project needs to be approved by the city.

After a lengthy discussion, the board approved \$10,000 towards the renovation but to cap the renovation cost at \$33,000. Our portion of the project will be used from Mercy Prep Designated fund. It means that it does not affect our operating expense. The board is currently waiting for the city's approval.

**The Board met on January 27. The following is an outline of the meeting:**

- The board elected Carolyn Jenkins as the chair of Trustees.
- There are three areas to be fixed.
  - Replace and paint Exterior boards at the foyer of Wesley Hall.—Karen will hire a handyman to fix.
  - Replace and paint exterior carport roof at the parsonage.—the handyman will fix.
  - Roof leak in the foyer of Wesley Hall.— Rev. Han will contact Roofing companies to get bids.
- The board approved the budget of 2025.
  - The board expected that the annual income will be \$150,400. It does not include the income from Mercy Prep Academy, which is estimated to be \$41,400.
  - The annual expected expense will be \$201,130.
- Next Board Meeting: February 24, 5:00 p.m.



## DIY DIVAS

We are starting a Crafting Day! Bring a friend and a donation for the food pantry. The 1st Saturdays of the month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bring any craft or Work In Progress (WIP) to enjoy fellowship with new and old friends. All crafts are welcome... painting, crochet, knitting, diamond art, quilting, jewelry making, whatever you like! For our first meeting on March 1, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. we ask that you bring a salad of your choosing to share for lunch.

Any questions please call Shannon Goretska 972-825-2335 or Ashley Dantic 469-285-8908.

## 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](mailto:PastorFHUMC@gmail.com). The job description is on Facebook and the church website, FHUMC.org.



# FERRIS HEIGHTS UMC PICTURES



January Board Meeting in the Parlor Room; Texas Nameplate Company generously donated the table and chairs to our Congregation.

Mrs. Dawn Davis was honored for all her service and dedication throughout the years. We all appreciate her so much!!



Karen Lawton helping students with Mercy Prep.



# 2025 VALENTINE DINNER

