



Ferris Heights

United Methodist Church, Waxahachie TX

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

March 2025

Our Staff

Rev. John Han

Pastor

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Office Hours

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Monday thru Thursday

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Dianna Robertson

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Youth Director

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9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Monday thru Thursday

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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

We are in the season of Lent. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, which is the Saturday before Easter Sunday. During Lent, we focus on praying and fasting, while we remember Christ's public ministry, suffering, death on the cross, and resurrection. In other words, It is a time to draw closer to God, seeking God's presence and guidance as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's triumphant resurrection.

One of the most powerful prayers we can turn to during this season is the Lord's Prayer. It is a prayer which our Lord taught us. It is a prayer which has been inherited from early Christians. It is not merely a prayer to be recited during Sunday worship services but a model for how to pray. The Lord's Prayer serves as a spiritual anchor in our life. It reminds us that our God in heaven is holy and sovereign. It realigns our hearts to seek the kingdom of God rather than our own desires. It humbles us to ask for our daily needs, both physical and spiritual, and it strengthens us to resist temptation.

As we explore the Lord's Prayer that Jesus gave us, I hope that you will be closer to God. Let us embrace this season as an opportunity to pray more intentionally, allowing the Lord's Prayer to shape our hearts and lead us into a closer walk with Christ.

May this Lenten season be a time of renewal, drawing us into the presence of God through the gift of prayer.

Your Pastor, Rev. John Han

March & April Sermons



- 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
- 03/30/2025 **Mathew 6:9-13**
The Lord's Prayer: Forgiveness
- 04/06/2025 **Mathew 6:9-13**
The Lord's Prayer: Temptation
- 04/13/2025 **Mathew 6:9-13**
The Lord's Prayer: Kingdom, Power, and Glory
- 04/20/2025 **John 20:19-29**
Easter For All People
- 04/27/2025 **Jonah 1:1-3**
Jonah: Running From God

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.



Women's SERVICE GUILD

Women's Service Guild

Women's Service Guild Meeting will be on March 17th at 5:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK will be on March 30th after worship service in Wesley Hall, bring your favorite dish. Thank you to the Women's Service Guild for hosting this event.

We are cordially invited to a musical that Mercy Prep is hosting on April 4th and 5th at Chautauqua!

SHREK THE MUSICAL JR
April 4 7pm
April 5 2:30pm
Chautauqua

Freak Flash By: Lyla Baca (8th)

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 or Benita Brown.



Sunday Leaders

Worship Leaders: Children's Time:

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| 3/02/2025 | Ruth Shugart | Karen Lawton |
| 3/09/2025 | Sharon McIver | Ruth Shugart |
| 3/16/2025 | Karen Lawton | Shannon Goretska |
| 3/23/2025 | Nancy Cannaday | Dianna Robertson |
| 3/30/2025 | | Shannon Goretska |

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: Lane Johnson & April: Nancy Cannaday

Third Sunday Spotlight Methodist Children's Home in Waco

Founded in 1890, by Bishop Joseph Key, MCH is a nationally accredited, nonprofit childcare ministry which empowers all they serve. Today, they serve children and youth through residential programs on the Waco campus and Boys Ranch as well as foster care transition services in communities throughout Texas and New Mexico.

MCH is committed to serving youth regardless of race, religion and financial status who experience various levels of hardship, school-related issues and homelessness.

Their mission statement says it all: "We equip children, youth and families to flourish by offering hope through Christ-centered relationships, service and support. And we empower all we serve to experience life to the fullest."

Third Sunday Mission Giving

- Jan. Food Pantry \$121.00 (in conjunction with canned & non-perishable food items)
- Feb. Healthy Women/Healthy Liberia \$ 867.00
- Mar. Methodist Children's 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

March

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| 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 |

April

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| Gary Fox | 01 |
| Luke Taylor | 03 |
| Dawn Davis | 09 |
| Tommy Johnston Jr. | 11 |
| Olivia Sell | 11 |
| Greg Caldwell | 13 |
| George Lawton | 21 |
| Andrew Smith | 22 |
| Dianna Robertson | 23 |
| Marco Machuca | 25 |
| Ruth Shugart | 25 |

Happy Birthday



March 2025

6 Months AVG
Worship Attendance

| | Sept. 2024 | Oct. 2024 | Nov. 2024 | Dec. 2024 | Jan 2025 | Feb 2025 |
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| In Person | 41 | 35 | 55 | 44 | 31 | 32 |
| Online | 77 | 86 | 74 | 35 | 41 | 47 |

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Monthly FHUMC Activities:

Cut out and place on your fridge.

Calendar

- Mar. 15 Garage Sale
- Mar. 15 Shackelford scholarship application deadline
- Mar. 16 Third Sunday Giving, Methodist Children's Home in Waco
- Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 17 Women's Service Guild will meet at 5:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall
- Mar. 24 FHUMC Board Meeting
- Mar. 30 5th Sunday Potluck hosted by the Women's Service Guild
- Apr. 4/5 Mercy Prep's Shrek the Musical at Chautauqua
- Apr. 5 DIY Divas will be held in Wesley Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Apr. 7 Member care meeting at 1:30 p.m. in room 107
- Apr. 13 Palm Sunday
- Apr. 17 Maundy Thursday
- Apr. 18 Good Friday Prayer Vigil
- Apr. 20 Easter Sunday
- Apr. 23 Bluebonnets Trip

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| Sunday | Youth 11:15 a.m. |
| Monday | Quilting 10:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday | Quilting 10:00 a.m. |

FHUMC Board of Directors Report

The Board met on March 3rd The following is an outline of the meeting:

- Developing the balcony of the sanctuary is still waiting for the city's approval.
- To know about the project, see the newsletter of the previous month or ask the Board.
- There are three bids to fix roof leak in the foyer of Wesley Hall. The board decided to use Murhead roofing to fix it. Its estimated cost is \$4,760. They will request the permanent endowment committee to discuss this matter.
- The permanent endowment committee met on March 9 and approved to use funds from Permanent endowment fund gain/loss to fix the roof leak.
- Next board meeting: March 24, 5:00 p.m.



Youth News

The Youth Say Thank you! Thank you, for the love and support you showed us at the Valentine Luncheon. The youth raised \$ 810.75 for the Mission Trip and the youth activities.

This year's Mission Trip will be with U.M. Army and we will travel to Dallas, TX. The Trip will be June 22-28.

The fee to attend the Mission Trip this year is \$260.00 per camper. The deposit of \$75 is due by the end of April. Make your check payable to the church. The balance of the mission trip fee is due to the church by May 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!



DIY DIVAS

Just a reminder that the first Saturdays of every month the DIY DIVAS meet in Wesley Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., you do not have to stay the whole time.

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 next meeting on April 5, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. we ask that you bring a dish/snack of your choosing to share for lunch.



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.

Candy Needed for Easter Egg Hunt!

We are in need of individually wrapped candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 20 after the worship service. Please leave your candy donations in the kitchen by the microwave. Candy donations are due by Monday, April 14 so that we have time to stuff the eggs before Easter Sunday! Thank you!

FERRIS HEIGHTS UMC



A big thank you to Kris Alden for volunteering her services and getting our flower beds ready for spring. She always does a wonderful job!



MercyPrep students outside witnessing the Haboob on March 5, 2025. A Haboob is a severe dust storm caused by powerful thunderstorm winds that carry a wall of dust and debris.

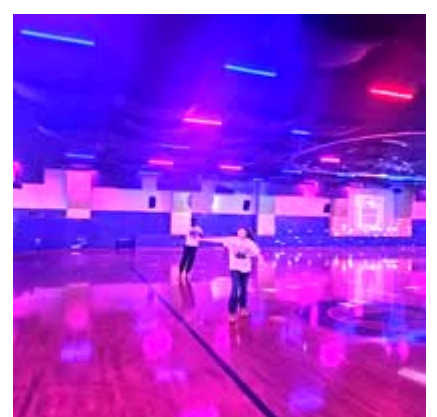
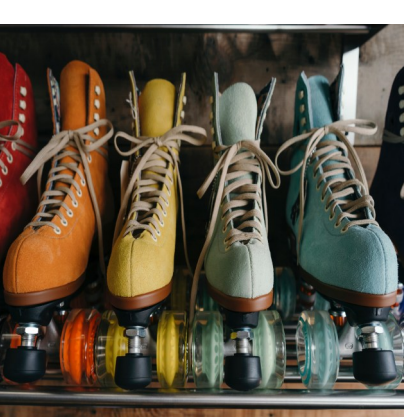
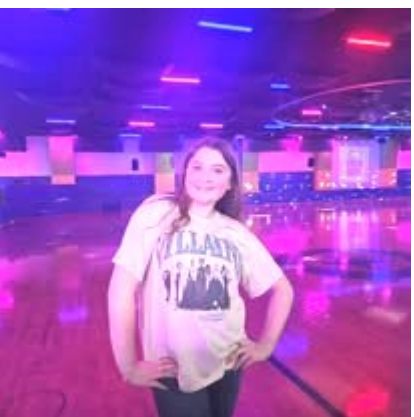
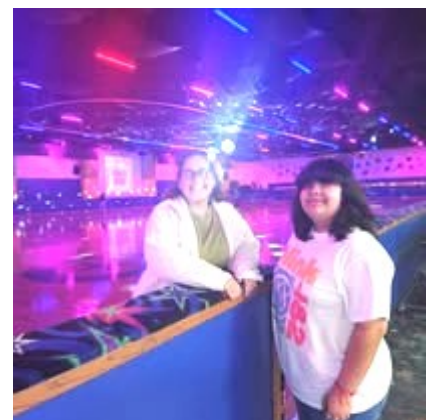
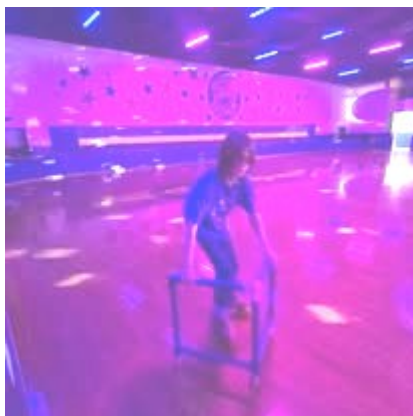
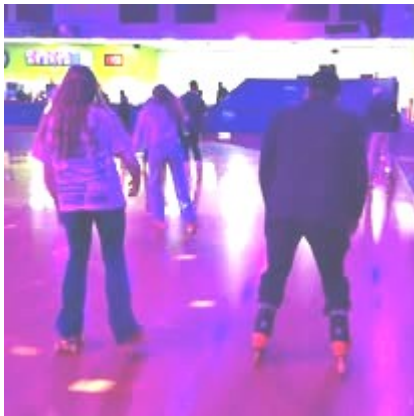


MercyPrep students outside enjoying the grounds and playground in this lovely weather.

Reverend Han visiting Sam in San Marcos. He is doing great and missing his family and Ferris Heights United Methodist Church!



2025 Youth Night Out 3/16/2025



DIY DIVAS 3/1



From left to right: Betty Campbell, Kathryn Harriman, Dawn Davis, Lane Johnson, Sharon McIver, Karen Lawton.



From left to right: Thomas Cannaday, Ann Moir, Nancy Cannaday, Cathy Mitchell, Ruth Shugart, Ashley Dantic, and Guest.

