



Ferris Heights

United Methodist Church, Waxahachie TX

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

April 2025

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Information

FHUMC.org

Sunday School & Worship

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Pastor's Column

As we enter April, I would like you to join this season of hope, renewal, and resurrection. We will celebrate Easter together as a church family! Easter Sunday reminds us that the grave could not hold our Savior. Jesus Christ Is Risen Indeed! And because He lives, we have hope beyond this life and strength for each new day.

This month, as we rejoice in the power of the resurrection, we're also beginning a new sermon series on the book of Jonah. You may wonder how the story of Jonah will connect to the Easter story. But as you follow Jonah's journey, you will find yourselves who are called to follow our Risen Christ wherever He leads. It is a tough call because our journey can be marked by running, resisting, repenting, and ultimately being redeemed just as Jonah did.

Jonah's story teaches us powerful life lessons. God's call is often unexpected and sometimes challenged. However, it is a great opportunity for us to experience God's mercy as we respond to the call. God's purposes will prevail even when we try to go our own way. As we walk through this series, we'll explore what it means to live a life shaped by grace and obedience, fueled by the truth that Christ is risen and reigning.

I encourage you to enjoy this season beyond a simple celebration of an empty tomb. Let it be a time of personal renewal and recommitment. Whether you're in the belly of a storm, running from God, or returning to God, there is always room at the foot of the cross and a fresh start because of the power of resurrection.

Christ is risen indeed! And because He is risen, we can rise too, into purpose, into calling, and into the abundant life He promises.

In Risen Christ,

Your Pastor, Rev. John Han

March & April Sermons



04/20/2025	Easter For All People	John 20:19-29
04/27/2025	Jonah: Running From God	Jonah 1:1-3
05/04/2025	Jonah: The World's Storms	Jonah 1:4-10
05/11/2025	Jonah: Grace in the Belly	Jonah 2:1-10
05/18/2025	Jonah: Conversion of Nineveh	Jonah 3:1-10
05/25/2025	Jonah: Heart Storms	Jonah 4:1-5

Sovola Shackelford Scholarship Award Ceremony

The Sovola Shackelford Scholarship Recipients in 2025. will be honored following our worship service and our End of School Luncheon on May 18th.

We will announce the recipients in next months newsletter, after all the recipients and their schools are notified. We will also have our special offering on May 18th for the Shackelford Scholarship Fund.



On Easter morning, April 20th, at 9:00 a.m. the Women's Service Guild will provide breakfast in Wesley Hall before worship service.

The Women's Service Guild Meeting will be on April 21st at 5:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

We would also like to thank them for hosting our fifth Sunday potluck and our boxed lunches after Ash



Van Trip!



Spring Van Trip to see the Bluebonnets!

Date and Time: We will depart from the church promptly at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23rd, and expect to return around 2:00 p.m.

Transportation: We have secured a comfortable 15-passenger van. 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 \$10.00.

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

Garage Sale Report

The Garage Sale was a great success. Thank you to the everyone that volunteered.

Congratulations to Dawn Davis for winning the door prize. (photo to the right).

The Garage Sale raised \$ 2068.04.



The Board decided to give a special gift offering of \$ 250.00 each to First Look of Waxahachie and to Beulah Harvest. and with the remainder of the funds going to improvements on the parking lots, Wesley Hall foyer and to the general operating fund.

Sunday Leaders

Worship Leaders: Children's Time:

04/06/2025	Karen Lawton
04/13/2025	Ruth Shugart
04/20/2025	Shannon Goretska
04/27/2025	Dianna Robertson
05/04/2025	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 schedule:

April: Nancy Cannaday and May: Gerald Reed

Third Sunday Spotlight

FirstLook of Waxahachie

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

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

FirstLook serves men and women in unplanned pregnancies who face the toughest decisions of their lives. The organization was founded in 1995 and will celebrate 30 years of transforming lives in September of this year. Here's a look at some of their accomplishments over the past 3 years.

- Provided 6,967 ultrasounds, giving mother and fathers the FirstLook at life in the womb.!
- 1085 mothers who were at risk for abortion chose life!
- 2,659 man and women were presented with the Gospel!
- 1,088 fathers participated in services at FirstLook!

We will collect the baby bottles on April 27th!

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 \$ 240.00
- 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

April

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

May

Christian Daughtry	01
Felix Reina	03
Chelsea Daughtry	05
Wendy Sanders	06
Denise Campbell	10
Larry Dantic	24
Billy Wright	25
Dede Smith	27



April 2025

6 Months AVG Worship Attendance

	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2024	Dec. 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar. 2025
In Person	35	55	44	31	32	37
Online	86	74	35	41	47	53

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Monthly FHUMC Activities:

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Calendar

Apr. 17	Maundy Thursday
Apr. 18	Good Friday Prayer Vigil
Apr. 20	Easter Sunday
Apr. 23	Bluebonnets Trip
Apr 28	FHUMC Board Meeting at 5 p.m.
May 2&3	Town & Country Retreat
May 3	DIY Divas 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
May 8	Titanic Exhibition
May 8	Last Day of School for MercyPrep
May 18	End of School Luncheon
May 19	Women's Guild Meeting
May 26	FHUMC Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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



Maundy Thursday service starts at 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday Prayer Vigil Friday, April 18, 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The sign up sheet is posted in the Foyer or see Ann Moir for a timeslot.. There are a lot of times still available!

Easter Breakfast sponsored by the Women's Guild will be served at 9:00 a.m., before worship service.

Easter Worship Service starts at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, We are looking forward to seeing everybody!

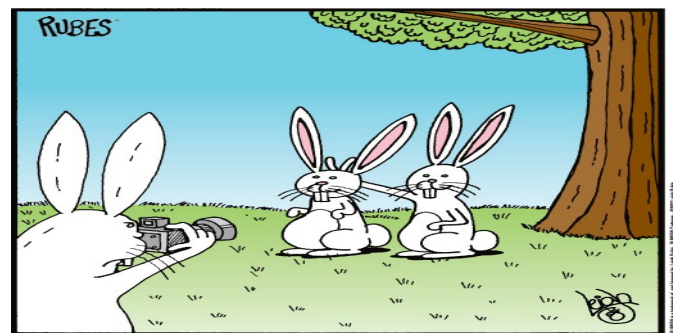
Easter Lilies

Each year we look forward to the Sanctuary being decorated with Lilies paying tribute to our loved ones. The Lilies can be purchased in honor of/or in memory of your loved ones. There are sign up sheets in the Foyers and in your Sunday School class. The lilies are \$15.00.



Easter Egg Hunt

Bring your kids or grandkids for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 20th! The egg hunt will take place in the playground area after worship. In case of inclement weather, we will move inside to Wesley Hall. Be sure to bring your Easter baskets!



Candy Needed for Easter Egg Hunt!

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

Thank you!



Church wide Group Photo Easter Sunday

After Easter Worship Service and before the Egg Hunt we will have a churchwide group photo. Everyone stand between the piano and organ.

FHUMC Board of Directors Report

The Board met on March 24th. The following is an outline of the meeting:

- Developing the balcony of the sanctuary is still waiting for the city's approval, only 1 departments approval is still needed.
- It was decided to open a claim on the storm damage the Church as well as the parsonage sustained during on March 7th.
- A 12 month Covenant agreement between FHUMC and MercyPrep was approved with the addition of 2 classrooms (resource room and the old kitchen).
- The container remodel went ahead as planned and approved at the last meeting.
- Next board meeting: April 28th at 5:00

We would definitely like to thank MercyPrep as well as the Board for spearheading this remodel. This upgrades to the container will continue to benefit us for years to come.



A small fan was installed to help ventilate the container to help alleviate moisture build up.



As you can see electricity has been routed to the container and throughout the interior of the container. This allowed us to install new lighting fixture inside as well as make the newly installed ventilation fan operational.



The 2025 Horizon Texas Conference Town & Country Retreat is an enriching event designed for both learning and connection. This 2 day gathering of clergy and laity offers participants the opportunity to engage with Rev. Allen Stanton, a United Methodist pastor and Executive Director of the Turner Center at Martin Methodist College in Tennessee, while also fostering relationships with others serving in Town & Country Churches.

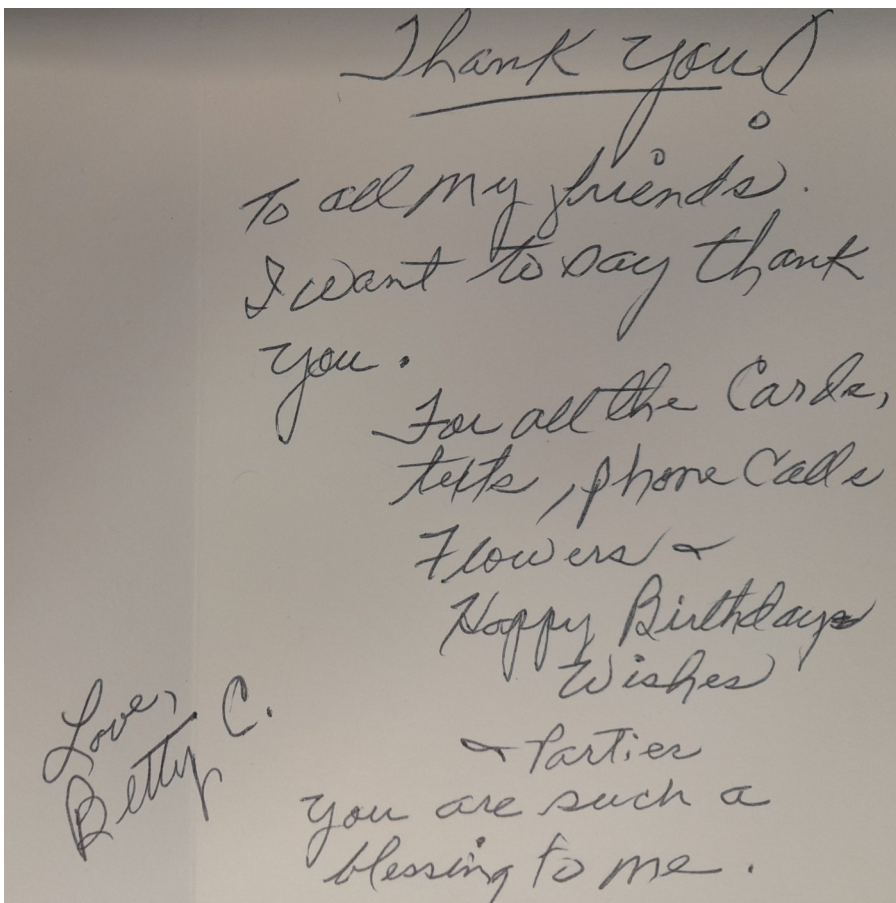
When: May 2-3, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. on Friday to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday

Where: Lakeview Camp and Retreat Center in Waxahachie, TX

Registration includes hotel style lodging and all meals for both days.

Please let us know if you are interested and we can forward you the link. Thank you!

A Special Thank you...



NOW HIRING

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.



Betty Campbell's 95th Birthday Celebration!!



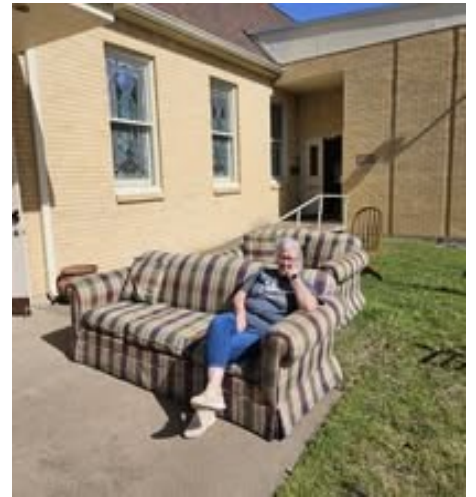
Ferris Heights in Pictures



Kathryn Harriman and Dawn Davis!



Our DIY DIVAS enjoying a morning of crafting and fellowship!



Garage Sale Time! Thank you to all our volunteers!

Spending time with the Youth!

