



Ferris Heights

United Methodist Church, Waxahachie TX

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

May 2025

Our Staff

Rev. John Han

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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

As we continue the sermon series of Jonah in May, I encourage you to remember God's mercy through the story of Jonah. Jonah was a prophet who ran from God's calling. Due to his disobedience, he found himself in the belly of a great fish. The place must be full of darkness and fear, but allowed him to reflect himself. In the belly of the fish, Jonah cried out, trying to reconnect to the Lord. Then, God heard him. After three days, the fish spit him out onto dry land. God gave Jonah a second chance. His story reminds us that no matter how far we stray, God's mercy is available to us. God can find us, rescue us, and restore us even though we are in the darkest place.

In a similar way, a mother's love often reflects the heart of God. How many times has a mother forgiven, nurtured, and prayed for her children even in their worst moments? A godly mother stands in the gap with love that endures through rebellion, fear, and failure. Like Jonah in the belly of a big fish, we all have times when we are lost or overwhelmed. We do not see the way to go out. But we realize we are still in love from our mothers or mother-figures.

This Mother's Day, let us honor the women who have shown us what mercy looks like in action. And let us also remember that the God who spared Jonah continues to offer grace to us all.

May is a beautiful time to celebrate both divine grace and earthly love. May God grant you to dwell within God's mercy and love!

Your Pastor, Rev. John Han

May & June Sermons



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
06/01/2025	Jonah: Grace in the City	Jonah 4:6-11
06/08/2025	The Beginning	Acts 2: 1-13
06/15/2025	To Be Continued	Acts 28: 23-31
06/22/2025		Guest Speaker
06/28/2025		Guest Speaker

Sovola Shackelford Scholarship Award Ceremony

Congratulations to our 2 Sovola Shackelford Scholarship Recipients for 2025. We will honor them at our End of School Luncheon on May 18th.

Congratulations to all for your hard work and dedication and good luck to you in your future endeavors!
The Recipients are:

Kenley Grace Farris **Southeastern University**

William Harrison Ludwig **University of Arkansas**



Mother's Day—May 11



Join us Sunday, May 11th for Mother's Day Service. Member Care Team will have a special during worship service and we will have a photo booth set up for you to take a family photo with your mother before or after worship service.

Happy Mother's Day



VBS - Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be on Saturday, July 12th from 9 AM to 2 PM. This year's theme is Yee-Haw! Where Kids will stampede through the wild frontier discovering –God is good! Child registration will open in June.

We are in need of volunteers who are willing to teach a lesson, help with lunch or snacks, assist with crafts, or lead games and activities. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karen Lawton .

“End of School” Potluck Luncheon May 18



Join us on Sunday May 18 for our Annual “End of School” Luncheon. We will have a potluck luncheon. The Women's Service Guild will be our hosts for the day. We will celebrate all 2025 graduates and the 2 Sovola Shackelford Scholarship Award recipients. There will be a card basket available Sunday morning, May 18th.

Sunday Leaders

Worship Leaders: Children's Time:

05/04/2025	Nancy Cannaday	Karen Lawton
05/11/2025		Ruth Shugart
05/18/2025	Ann Moir	Shannon Goretska
05/25/2025		Dianna Robertson
06/01/2025		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:

May: Gerald Reed and June : Sharon McIver

MISSION SPOTLIGHT—May

Third Sunday Special Offering

Sovola Shackelford Scholarship Fund

Ferris Heights is dedicated to keeping the memory alive of Mrs. Sovola Shackelford. The Shackelford family were members of FHUMC.

FHUMC has a Scholarship fund in her memory. Contributions are accepted year round to the fund. This month we are recognizing the fund as a Third Sunday Mission Spotlight. The fund balance as of April 30th is \$4616.60.

This fund helps young adults in a financial capacity with their college or technical vocation schooling. To see the requirements visit our webpage at www.FHUMC.org.

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 \$ 250.00 plus baby bottles collected
- May Shackelford Scholarship
- June Children's Ministry
- July Youth Ministry
- Aug. Beulah Harvest \$ 250.00
- Sep. Waxahachie Care Thanksgiving items
- Oct. Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
- Nov Night of Wonder
- Dec. Special Mission

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

Happy Birthday

June

Angie Carson	04
Kenny Johnson	09
Richard Buse	13
Laura Huggins	19
John Mark Goretska	21
Mike James	23
Sherry Wright	23



Happy Birthday



MAY 2025

6 Months AVG Worship Attendance

	Nov. 2024	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr2 2025
In Person	55	44	31	32	37	31
Online	74	35	41	47	53	43

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Monthly FH₃UMC Activities:

Cut out and place on your fridge.

Calendar

May 11	Mother's Day
May 18	Sovola Shackelford Scholarship Awards
May 18	End of School Luncheon and Celebration
May 19	Women's Service Guild Meeting
May 26	Memorial Day
May 26	Church office will be closed in observance of the holiday, FHUMC Board meeting
May 27	Member Care meeting at 1:30 p.m.
June 2	2025 HTC Annual Conference
June 8-10	Flag Day
June 14	Father's Day
June 15	Women's Service Guild meeting at 5:00 p.m.
June 16	

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

Welcome New Member !

CoCo joined as a professing member on April 20, 2025 and we are so proud of her faith and to be a part of her continuing journey with Christ. Please take a moment to welcome her to our family.



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.



Mid-South District Conference

May 18 – 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. - Mid-South District Conference, Central UMC (Waco)

Annual Conference Clergy Session

June 8, 3:30 p.m., First UMC Plano

Annual Conference Laity Session

June 8, 3:30 p.m.,
First UMC Richardson

Please register online at :
<https://htcumc.org>

Annual Conference

June 8th-10th is Annual Conference for the Texas UMC at McFarlin Auditorium, SMU. Please be in prayer for those attending the Annual Conference.

FHUMC Board of Directors Report

The Board met on April 28th. The following is an outline of the meeting:

- MercyPrep Sanctuary conversion had no new updates, we are still waiting for one department to make a decision.
- MercyPrep projector installation. MercyPrep would like to donate 4 projector's to the church in the downstairs classrooms and provide the installation at no additional cost to us. The board voted and approved installation of the projectors in both the Fellowship classroom, the Searchers classroom and in the old kitchen.
- It was also decided to decline filing a claim with our insurance for the Church and the parsonage damage that was sustained in March of this year since the deductible is based on 2 percent of the actual value of the Church and not the damage. Due to this decision we will go ahead with the previous repairs that were approved in February.

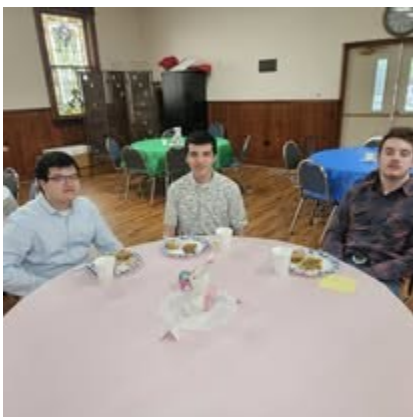
Youth Night Out!



Group Photo 2025



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FHUMC in Pictures



We definitely want to say thank you to everyone who has volunteered to plant, weed out and continuously maintain our little garden and flower beds. Big shout out to Mike James for helping water when Ruth wasn't able to come out, thank you all again for all you do to make it more inviting.



Rev. Han delivered our baby bottles as well as the additional \$ 250.00 that we donated from the garage sale.



Our quilters hard at work! From left to right is Ahley Dantic, Ruth Shubert, Cathy Mitchell, Betty Campbell and Janice James.