



# *The Inman Informer*

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## Labyrinth

### Matthew 4:1

I encountered the labyrinth about a few years ago as a physical representation of the spiritual journey along life's path. The labyrinth is a single path to the center, convoluted to be sure, but without branches and dead ends as a maze has. One follows the single path of the labyrinth from the start to the center, then back out to the starting point.

My first Labyrinth that I walked was on the Island of Iona off the coast of Scotland. I had no particular purpose in mind, I was just curious to see what insights I might gain from the experience. It was a lovely afternoon and I had the place to myself. I decided I would take my time and walk slowly and carefully and started out. I noticed right away that I felt anxious to get to the center, the destination. I was tempted to walk faster, to move along, to make progress. I found myself gauging how far I had come and how far I had yet to go, and worrying about getting there in time. In time for what, I wondered?

But, the labyrinth is deceiving this way. As I moved along, I came tantalizingly close to my destination; only to drift away again as my path led away in another turn, another direction. I felt a pain of frustration, even discouragement. I did not speed up or simply step over the lines (I thought about it), I continued to follow the path with deliberate steps. I eventually reached the center. I was there. I made it; now to get back out. I started the return path, using the same unhurried pace.

Back at the starting point, I reflected on my experience. I had approached the labyrinth as I had approached most goals in my life, with goal-oriented determination and discipline. But, when I reached the goal, the center of the labyrinth, and the journey paused, I felt...well... kind of hollow, incomplete, empty. And, I had to continue. There were many steps to go before I reached the end, which was really the starting point anyway.

What had I accomplished? All I had was the recollection of the journey itself, and the feeling that I had maybe missed something along the way while I was focused and worried about getting to the "destination." The labyrinth taught me how misleading my striving is, that there is really no "there" there. What counts is the journey itself.

### Prayer:

Holy One, teach me to walk humbly with you, and when I ask "Are we there yet?" comfort me, reassure me, and lead me on. Amen.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tommy

If you would like to experience a labyrinth journey, there is one located near us, at Episcopal Church of the Nativity. The address is 130 Antioch Rd. It is open to the public and is found on the church grounds. If you have questions or want to set up an appointment, email [info@nativityepiscopal.org](mailto:info@nativityepiscopal.org).

# HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

There will be several services for the Easter season. Please see the schedule below and mark your calendars to attend. All are welcome to participate in all services.

- **Palm Sunday:** Sunday, March 25th. All children are invited to participate in the procession of palms.
- **Maundy Thursday:** Thursday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m. Communion will be served.
- **Easter Sunrise Service:** Sunday, April 1st at 7:15 a.m. at the Brush Arbor for a short sunrise service.
- **Easter Morning Services:** We will celebrate Easter during our normal 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. services.

*Don't forget to attend the Easter Breakfast provided by the United Methodist Men. Details on another page.*

### Joy & Sharing

Joy & Sharing will meet Tuesday, March 13th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share. For more information, see Gloria Reid. We hope to see you there!

### Primetimers

The Primetimers will meet Tuesday, March 27th at 11:30 a.m. The location (a local restaurant) will be announced in the bulletin and on the church calendar online. Please join us! For more information, please see Jean McChargue.





We are excited to announce our first annual  
**Spring Fling and Easter Egg Hunt**  
 on March 31st  
 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Minter Farm

The egg hunt will begin at 11:15 a.m. with staggered start times for different age groups. The egg hunt will be followed by games and crafts. We invite you to pack a picnic lunch and blanket and bring your entire family for a fun afternoon of egg hunting, crafts, music, and games. Drinks and dessert will be provided by Inman United Methodist.

**DONATIONS NEEDED**

We are asking for donations of canned drinks and Little Debbie (individually wrapped cakes) or desserts. A box for donations will be available in the Children and Youth office for drop off.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

There is a volunteer sign up sheet outside of the Children and Youth office for set up, games, music, first aid, drink and dessert table, craft area, and egg hunt.

*Thank you all in advance for your service.*

## Landing Get-Togethers

Each Sunday, following the 8:45 a.m. service and again between Sunday School and the 11:00 a.m. service, a group in our church will sponsor a brief time of hospitality on the stair landing. During the month of March, the Youth and Adult volunteers will be promoting our Appalachian Service Project trip. Stop by to see how you can get involved.

The Outreach Committee has planned for the followings groups to host the Landing Get-Togethers for the coming year:

March	ASP
April	Special Needs
May	Outreach Committee to promote Missions
June	VBS Sign up



# Fellowship Groups

Inman has a few small groups that each gather for a meal and fellowship once a month. In January, the times for the group meetings are as follows:

- The 1st Monday/Tuesday Dinner Group will meet March 6th at 6:30 p.m. at Thai Jasmine in Fayetteville.
- The 3rd Friday Dinner Group will meet March 16th at 7:00 p.m. Location will be announced soon.

Wednesday Evening Fellowship Meals are at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Adults and Teens are \$7.00 and Children ages 3-12 are \$3.00. Please fill out a form found in the pews in the sanctuary or call the church office by Tuesday with your reservation. Please join us for a meal and time of fellowship together, and maybe stay for Choir practice, Adult Bible Study, TeamKID, or Youth Ensemble.

The meal schedule for January is as follows:

3/7	Mexican	Trustees
3/14	Spaghetti & Meatballs	SPRC
3/21	Chicken	Finance
3/28	Lasagna	Worship



## Fellowship Meal

# Outreach

The Outreach/Missions Committee will be having a raffle for a \$50 Honey Baked Ham gift certificate. Raffle tickets will be 50 cents each. Tickets will be available for purchase at Wednesday night suppers, the Potato Bake, Joy and Sharing, Primetimers' luncheon, church work days, and as requested. See an Outreach committee member if interested in purchasing tickets. The proceeds will be for outreach/mission projects. Gabriel Ross will draw the winning ticket at the March 28th Wednesday night supper, so be sure to join us.

There will be an adult Mission trip along with Senoia United Methodist Church to the UMCOR Disaster Warehouse in Decatur, Alabama, on June 24th through 28th, 2018. UMCOR Warehouse is an ongoing ministry that is continually open for disaster response. Kits for tornados, floods, health/hygiene, medical, schools, as well as infant caskets are prepared at the warehouse and provided as ministries. There will be stand up and sit down jobs so all adults are welcome to participate. More specific information and registration forms will be forthcoming. If you would like more information, please see Donna McChargue.

# Church Yard Sale

We will be holding a Church Yard Sale on  
**Saturday, March 10th**  
**8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

All proceeds will go towards our Outreach Ministry to be used for their several mission and community projects throughout the year. You are welcome to donate your gently used items to the sale.

*Please no large furniture items.*

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help during set up or on the day of the sale, please see Donna McChargue.







Inman is in full preparation for IMPACT on June 6th through 8th in Griffin. This is a project of Square Foot Ministries. Please prayerfully consider having your youth (6th grade and up) join us in this very worthy community service building project. Please contact Dena Anderson at [youth@inmanmethodist.org](mailto:youth@inmanmethodist.org) with any and all questions.

We are looking ahead to summer. There are several opportunities to serve and play together in our Youth and Children's Departments. Be on the look out for what all will be offered.

Children's Church is thriving! We have been having so much fun learning new scripture, songs, Bible stories, learning about God and how we can serve Him and others. We would love to have you come volunteer with us in this ministry.

The Children's Department is in need of several things during the month of March. Any of the below mentioned items you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Items needed: Egg cartons, plain sponges, purple cloth, boxes of nails, cotton balls, boxes of toothpicks, containers of whole cloves, containers of cinnamon sticks, small rocks, dice, washcloths, purple ribbon, bottle of white vinegar.

Dena Anderson, Children & Youth Coordinator

## Inman United Methodist Men



As has been a tradition at Inman, the men of the Church will host an "Old Fashioned" country breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The times will enable folks attending the Sunrise, 8:45, or the 11:00 a.m. services an opportunity to attend with their families, friends, and neighbors.

This year all donations will be used to help fund the "Inman UMC Scholarship Fund."

# Our Prayer List

## **For healing from health concerns**

Jayne Akeman  
Carlos Allen (Gloria Reid's brother)  
Wanda Anderick (Nancy Allgood)  
Anna Anderson (Angus Anderson)  
Sara Ballard  
Ray Barday (Charles Cox)  
Liz Beardon (Judy Becco's sister)  
Judy Becco  
Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)  
Charlotte Booth (Martha Kozisek)  
DeLois Casebier, kidney disease  
Brad Cook  
Nancy Dunaway (Mary Jane Fortner)  
Brenda Durkee  
Cheryl Gibbs, aneurysm (Tommy Peacock)  
Luke Gilliam (Jane St. Amour)  
Ed Goins (Kay Cox)  
Junior Hale, stroke  
Charles Harp  
Gayle Harp  
Sophia Harron, heart surgery  
(Linda Chaffin)  
Nicole Henry, colitis  
Jean Hilten (Claire Starkey's aunt)  
Gavin Howell (Ruth Sitton)  
Bill LaTerre (Martha Kozisek)  
Tiny Peebles  
Miriam Schmidt  
Elsie Sellman (Arlys Ferrell)  
Thelma Shackelford  
Claire Starkey  
John Stevens  
Ursala Strickland (Linda DeLisle's mother  
and Eve's grandmother)  
Katy Swanger  
Lee Wagner (Brad Wagner's father)  
Jeff Wedge

Rhonda Wheeler (Daughter-in-law of  
George & Lynn Wheeler)  
Don Whiteside

## **For healing from cancer**

Terri Adams (Virginia Adams' daughter)  
Ben Akeman  
Brandon Brown (Claire Starkey)  
Wayne Byrd (Cyndie Hogeland)  
Barbi Charles (Dena Anderson)  
Nancy Cox (Cox's sister-in-law)  
Marcie Daudry (Brenda Neupert)  
Walter Delia (Martha Kozisek)  
Dan Dudley (Pat Pratt)  
Mary Lee Giddings  
Susan Hale (Janet Hilten's sister)  
Gina Henderliter (step-daughter of Carolyn  
Kramlich)  
Donna Hilton (Claire Starkey)  
Matt Kirkindall  
Marvin Markham  
Harry Martin (George & Lynn Wheeler)  
Agnes McChargue  
Carrie Ann Pitts  
Barbara Redmon (Nancy Allgood)  
James Rideout, bone marrow  
transplant  
Katie Schmidt (Brenda Schachle)  
Ann Talant (Caroline Akeman)  
Brent Taylor (Jim & Karen Blue)  
Lee Turner (Dean Turner)  
Louise Woods (Ann Hembree)

## **Other Concerns**

For the children and youth programs of  
Inman  
Unspoken prayers of the congregation

# MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	1	2 Disciple Now	3 Disciple Now
4 Holy Communion Noisy Buckets	5	6 11:00 a.m. Membership Care Committee 6:30 p.m. 1st Tuesday Dinner Group 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	7 5:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble 5:30 p.m. Evening Supper (Mexican- Trustees) 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. TeamKID	8 3:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting	9	10 Church Yard Sale
11	12	13 11:30 a.m. Joy & Sharing 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	14 5:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble 5:30 p.m. Evening Supper (Spaghetti & Meatballs- SPRC) 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. TeamKID	15	16	17
18 12:15 p.m. Children/Youth Council ASP Potato Bake	19	20 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	21 1:30 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting 5:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble 5:30 p.m. Evening Supper (Chicken- Finance) 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. TeamKID	22 3:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting	23	24
25	26	27 11:30 a.m. Primetimers 6:30 p.m. UMM 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	28 5:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble 5:30 p.m. Evening Supper (Lasagna- Worship) 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. TeamKID	29 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service	30	31 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Spring Fling



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## United Methodist Women

On February 20<sup>th</sup> five of us volunteered at the Bloom Closet and plan on volunteering again in the fall.

There will not be a UMW meeting in March.

**Easter baskets for DFCS:** Information about the baskets is available in the bulletin and the Landing. If you would like to take an Easter basket to fill, donate items, or would like for us to shop for you that is fine. Any questions please call me at 770-468-8947. The baskets will be filled on March 11<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 service. All are welcome to participate!

### Easter Lilies

The Inman United Methodist Women's Circle - Love and Fellowship will again be sponsoring the placement of lovely Easter lilies in our church sanctuary in honor or memory of your loved ones. The cost of the lilies is \$10.00 each, with the proceeds going to help with various projects and missions during the year. Order forms will be in the bulletin during the month of March.

Blessings,

Joni Janssen, President



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Charles Harp	03/03
Brenda Schachle	03/07
Nancy Allgood	03/10
Roland Ivey	03/14

If you see that a birthday is missing, please notify the church office so that we can make the correction in our database.