

Inman Informer

April 2023



A Note From The Pastor

Walking the Road

As we prepare to enter Holy Week and the season of Easter (yes, it's not just a day), it can feel as though we are entering an emotional roller coaster. During Holy week alone, we travel from the triumphant entering into Jerusalem, to the intimacy of the upper room, to the agony of the garden, to the horrors of Golgotha, to the waiting of Saturday, to the celebration of the Resurrection! That's a lot to pack in 7 days.

In the same breath, that's one of the things I love about Holy Week. We all can find ourselves within the story. Some of us feel as though we are in the upper room, fellowshiping and sharing a meal with Jesus, while others may feel as though their lives are Holy Saturday- just grieving and waiting. The beauty of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter is we are reminded that Jesus is triumphant. No matter where we find ourselves in this season, we trust and know that because of the resurrection, there is hope! I pray you will join us for our services during Holy Week so that we may journey towards the empty tomb together!

Join Us For Easter

April 2: Passion Sunday (8:45am & 11:00am)

April 7: Good Friday service at 6:30pm

April 9: Easter



Sunrise Service at 7:00am (Inman Cemetery)

Country Breakfast by Men's Club 7:30-10:30

Services at 8:45am & 11:00am



Bring a bell on
Easter Sunday morning to the
traditional services
to "Ring in the Resurrection"



Happening this Month

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

5th Sunday Social:

April 30

We will have one combined service at 11:00am on Sunday, April 30.

Following the service, we will have a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

The church will provide the meat. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

Community Card & Game Night:

Come out on Saturday, April 15 from 5-7pm for an evening of fun! Bring your favorite card game or board game to play with others. A hot dog dinner will be served.

Mark your Calendars- Holy Humor Sunday on April 16:



What is it?

From the early days of Christianity, the week after Resurrection Day was a time of joy and laughter. Churches actively encouraged the faithful to be merry and celebrate the miracle of Christ's Resurrection. Communities would often throw parties with dances, jokes and even pranks. After all, what bigger celebration than thinking all was lost, only to have everything restored? The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. "Risus paschalis - the Easter laugh," the early theologians called it. When we tell jokes and celebrate joy on Holy Humor Sunday, it's not because we don't take our faith seriously, but because we do—we rejoice in the God who delights in us, who gives us cause for celebration. We use this day to celebrate God's gift of laughter, recognizing that joy and delight are not separate from our faith, but part of it. We offer our joy and laughter as acts of worship, celebrating the resurrection, praising our God for the gift of joy!

How can I participate?

Plan to wear "an outfit that brings you joy"! This can be your comfy clothes, the fanciest outfit in your closet, or an outfit that just makes you laugh. We'll have a few surprises planned during the service. Come prepared to share the "Easter laugh" of resurrection joy.



Love & Fellowship Circle (United Women in Faith)

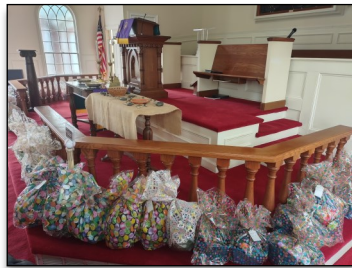
Easter Baskets

A BIG thank you to our Church congregation for your help both filling a basket and your generous donations to help us shop for the baskets, therefore, making it possible for 38 foster children in DFACS have an Easter basket.

Mother's Day

In honor of Mother's Day on May 14th, the Inman United Women in Faith, Love and Fellowship (LAF) Circle is preparing a list of loved ones that you would like to remember or honor in our church bulletin that Sunday. The cost is \$1.00 per name, with the proceeds going to help with projects and missions in the coming year. Please make check payable to LAF. Check or cash must be included with your form. Forms may be turned in to any LAF Circle member or dropped in the offering plate by May 7th.

Blessings,
Joni Janssen, President



Easter Baskets packed and ready for DFACS

Inman United Methodist Men

We had a great turnout of seventeen folks on March 15. We finalized the plans for our traditional "Easter Country Breakfast" fundraiser on Sunday, April 9th. The serving times will be from 7:30 until 10:30 AM.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19th at 9:00 AM. A light breakfast will be served.

-Ed Roehm



Missions and Outreach

Altar Rail Offerings for the month of April are for Bloom Closet.

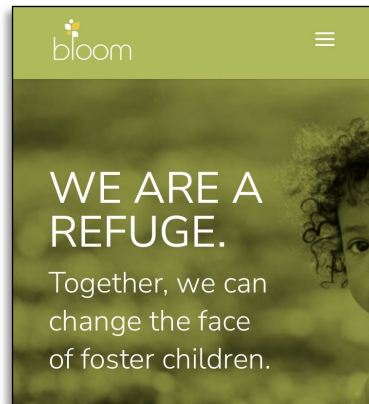
A boutique-like shopping experience for foster children and their families. When children enter foster care most are empty handed, with nothing but the clothes on their backs to call their own.

In The Bloom Closet, we fill their hands with free clothing, toys, school supplies, and more. And we fill their hearts with encouragement and love.

BIG or SMALL, All DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Info: bloomouryouth.org

"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." Mark 9:37



Blessings,
Deborah Morris



**2023
Altar Rail
Offerings**

May
United
Methodist
Student Day

June
TBD

July
Murphy-Harpst

August
Homeless

The Southwest District of the North Georgia Conference is hosting a 5-week series Doing the Work Together as we learn and grow together doing the work of racial reconciliation. There will be a time to hear from experts and a time for small group discussion & sharing. Pastor Whitney is part of the planning committee, and she is excited for the conversations that will come out of this series.

The workshops will be held on April 2, April 16, April 30, May 21, and June 11 from 3-5pm at Fayette Friendship Community Church (847 New Hope Road, Fayetteville).

To register, check out the QR code located outside Whitney's office or by calling the Southwest District office at 770-227-1074. If you have any questions, you can talk with Pastor Whitney.

That we may be
ONE
John 17:11

Doing the Work Together

Learn. Share. Heal.

5 SESSIONS
APRIL 2
APRIL 16
APRIL 30
MAY 21
JUNE 11
3:00 - 5:00 PM

education stories dialogue

Join with others in racial reconciliation as we learn and grow together during five interactive workshops.

Topics include healthcare, education, criminal justice, business, church, and more.

Hear experts and engage in projects and group experiences designed for adults of all ages.

Leader Elaine Robinson Beattie
For more information, contact Denise Wilson
770.227.1074, southwest@ngumc.net

REGISTER BY
MARCH 27
CLICK HERE

All sessions held at
Fayette Friendship Community Church
847 New Hope Road, Fayetteville, GA

Music Ministry

A big "THANK YOU" and "Wow!!" goes out to Zack and Kirk for blessing us with their worshipful guitar duet of "Shout to the Lord!" It was a real treat for all to hear this Praise music for the Lord, and we hope to hear more from these talented musicians in the future for our services.

We appreciate you!



Finance Committee

Griffin Spalding Tornado Relief Fund 2023

Many of you have expressed a desire to donate directly to those affected by the tornadoes that went through Spalding county recently. The Finance Committee, after looking into several options, has settled on making donations to the Griffin Spalding Tornado Relief Fund 2023. For those of you wishing to make a financial donation to help our neighbors in Spalding County as they recover, you can send in your designated donations to the church and we will send a check to the fund in May.

Please put your donations in the offering plate on Sunday and mark them for "Griffin Tornado Fund" or "GSTRF" by April 30th and we will make sure the funds get where they need to be. Thank You!

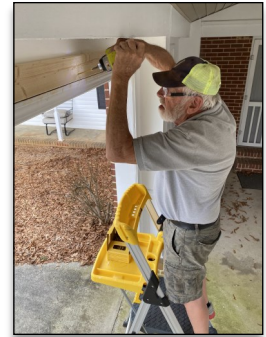


Trustees

Spring is here and that means it is time to start doing all the things we do in warm weather; cutting the grass, killing weeds AND trying to prevent insects & wildlife from moving into places we don't want them. This month, Herm J. & Ed R. spent the day working at the parsonage to make the carport less inviting to the birds that decided it was a great place to spend last summer.

We also want to give a special shoutout to Joe G. who has been working tirelessly over the last few weeks cutting the grass and getting rid of all the leaves in the parking lot!

Just a reminder - our church workday is Saturday, April 1 & we have projects for all skill levels. Come join us! If you can't make it on the 1st, feel free to ask Ed or Herm how you can pitch in and help out some other time!



A Message From Frank Stemberidge

You may have noticed that my wife has not visited Inman in a few months. She has been hired as the music director/musician at St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church in Morrow. Her Sunday mornings are rather busy these days, learning the Episcopal way. In addition to a new music director, the church's longtime priest has recently retired and before a new priest was hired; a series of substitute folks filled the pulpit each week. All that to say that one of the substitutes was a man who spoke about Koinonia Farms, the place near Americus where about 80 years ago a man named Clarence Jordan started the farm as an experiment in agriculture and in living. Clarence had a UGA degree in Agriculture as well as seminary degree in Biblical Greek. I was introduced to his work while at the GA Tech Wesley Foundation when the pastor there used his translations of the Gospels each Sunday. His translations are unique in that they are written in the Southern vernacular and transposed to rural Georgia, using the familiar cities in Georgia we folks born in GA are familiar with. They were brought to life with the music of Harry Chapin and actor Tom Key back in the 90's in many theaters in NY, Atlanta, and elsewhere as "The Cotton Patch Gospels". Habitat for Humanity is an organization that started at the farm building homes for poor folks. It was spun off the farm as it grew.

The farm has had its ups and downs over the years, and presently survives with a number of pecan orchards of the Elliot variety, renowned as the best pecans on the planet. They have a kitchen and facilities to manufacture and distribute delicious confections with these nuts.

The congregation decided to make a field trip so Lucy and I decided to go along. We spent a wonderful Saturday driving down to the farm, breaking bread with the Episcopalians, and touring the fields and the facilities. We even visited the very small building - 10 X 12 or so - containing the desk where Clarence worked on his translations. The Episcopalians spent the night, but as I had other obligations here we purchased a few sweets and returned home. It is a great place to visit with a lot of interesting exhibits, pictures, and facilities.

For Our Prayers

For Healing From Health Concerns

Carlos Allen (Gloria Reid's brother)
Michael Barb
Roger Barnhill
Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)
Cheryl Chance
Darleen Cornelison
Katy Fowler
Don Harp
Kenny Harp
Nicole Henry
Robin Hewell
Leigh Ann Hicks
John Kozisek
Tom Majewski (Mary Jane Fortner)
Sarah McCart (Jane St. Amour)
Sara Jane Overstreet
Pat Parker (Nancy Allgood)
James Pompey (Ed Hicks)
Eugene Pritchard
Gloria Reid
Ruth Sitton
Miriam Schmidt
Lisa Spears (Nancy Allgood)
Jane St. Amour
Bobby Swanger
Marvin Tidwell
Patricia Vaughn
Billy Ward
Luz Webster (Gloria Reid)
Jeff Wedge
George Wheeler
Rhonda Wheeler (George & Lynn Wheeler)
Mark Wilkerson (Mary Jane Fortner)
Chance Whittington (Will Chance)
Kathey Young

For Healing From Cancer

Denise Anderson (Joni Janssen)
Justin Bennett (Ruth Sitton)
David Booth (Martha Kozisek)
Jackie Clayburn
Walter Delia (Martha Kozisek)
Dan Dudley (Pat Pratt)
Ashley Edwards (Katy Swanger)
Mary Lee Giddings
Bill Haleday
Greg Harp
Leigh Hawkins
Daniel Houghton (Martha Kozisek)
Burl Hurley
Lee Jackson (David Cathey)
Matt Kirkindall
Deborah Morris
Wendy Rogers
Bobby Smith (Tammy Cox)
Diane Tankersley (Donald Whiteside)
Brent Taylor (Jim & Karen Blue)
Jerry Wagner
Ruth Williams
Louise Woods (Ann Hembree)
Kay Young

For Those Mourning the Death of Loved Ones

Charles Harp
Julie Ward (Joni Janssen)
Anne Drake
Pat Reeder (Barbara Ponzio)
Griffin Lunceford
Tom Rush
Allen Chance (Will Chance)
Roger Allgood (Nancy Allgood)

Other Concerns

For the children/youth programs of
Inman UMC
Unspoken prayers of the congregation

Birthdays & Reminders

Rondell Henry, Joanne Minter	April 6
Joni Janssen	April 11
Luke Allen	April 12
Stephanie Vogel	April 13
Jane St. Amour	April 15
Aiden Pitts	April 18
Jean Allen, Ed Roehm	April 23
Steven Kosanke	April 25
Katy Fowler	April 26
Frank Stenbridge	April 29

*If you see a birthday is missing,
please notify the church office
so we can update our records.*

Offering Counters

April 2	Linda W. & Jeff W.
April 9	Brenda N. & Helen B.
April 16	Donna M. & Jerry W.
April 23	Nancy A. & Joni J.
April 30	Linda W. & Ed R.

Wednesday Night Supper

5:30 pm

\$9.00 for adults

\$5.00 for children under 12

five and under eat free

April 5:	*Off for Spring Break*
April 12:	Meal: Pork Roast (Kids Chicken Nuggets) Helpers-Finance
April 19:	Meal: Lasagna Helpers- Worship
April 26:	Meal: Spaghetti & Meatballs Helpers- Membership Care

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Tuesday - Thursday 9am-1pm

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