

Inman Informer

April 2025



WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR EASTER

Palm Sunday: April 13 at 11:00am

Good Friday: April 18 at 6pm

**Easter Sunrise Service: April 20 at 6:45am
(at Inman Cemetery)**

Country Breakfast: April 20 at 7:15-9:30am

Easter Services: April 20 at 8:45am & 11:00am

Holy Humor Sunday: April 27 at 8:45am & 11:00am



What is Holy Humor?

From the earliest days of Christianity, the week after Easter has been a time of joy & laughter, as Christians celebrate God's practical joke on the devil by raising Christ from the dead. The tradition of Holy Humor Sunday developed where we celebrate God's gift of laughter and recognize joy is a crucial part of our faith.

Join us on Sunday, April 27 as we gather at 8:45am and 11:00am for Holy Humor Sunday. You are invited to wear your "Brightest Outfit" that day as a sign of our joy and celebration of the Resurrection. Invite your friends and neighbors to be our guest that day and come prepared to share in the "Easter Laugh" of Resurrection Joy.

Upcoming Meetings

Administrative Board: Tuesday, April 1 at 7:00pm

Board of Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, April 8 at 6:00pm

Finance Committee Meeting: Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30pm

Missions Committee Meeting: Thursday, April 17 at 7:00pm

Technology Meeting: Sunday, April 27 after 11:00 service

A Note From The Pastor

Discipleship involves actively serving others in the name of Jesus. While we personally grow as disciples, we also are called to be of service in the world. Out of our love for Christ and love for others, we express that through living lives of service. A disciple is called to love others by serving them, whether in their local community, through mission work, or by living out justice and mercy. We have ways to do this, both in our daily lives and through taking intentional time to go and serve.

Back in February, the North Georgia Conference sent 2 mission teams to serve in El Salvador. The team during the first week served in Ahuachapan, while the team during the second week served in La Providencia. We had 4 members (Caroline C., Robin H., Deborah M., and Donna S.) go and serve. Upon returning, Caroline wrote a brief reflection on some of the work accomplished there, reflecting on her time serving with the team during the first week.

Serving in El Salvador

During the Second week, 17 people from across North Georgia served in the La Providencia Community (including 3 from Inman). In addition to holding VBS at La Providencia Methodist Church, the group also distributed food to community members and helped on ongoing building projects at the Methodist School in Ahuachapan. Week two also had an opportunity to be present for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new practice field at the Methodist School.



Experiencing a Glimpse of Heaven: in El Salvador

During week one in El Salvador, nine members from several local United Methodist Churches (including Inman, Fayetteville First, and Sunny Side) spent a week in Ahuachapan. Bible school was taught to the neighborhood children at El Shaddai Methodist Church each morning. We had around ten children on the first day; we had close to thirty children by the last day. We colored, played games, sang songs, and always ended with a craft. We studied Old Testament stories like David and Goliath and Ruth and Naomi. The children laughed and enjoyed themselves and gave lots of hugs. We even had a few mothers come in with their babies, sit with us, listen, and color!

In the afternoon hours after lunch, we returned to El Shaddai and walked around the neighborhood, meeting families. We had food bags with us to give as gifts. It was an incredible experience to see families whom we didn't know invite us into their homes. They were so kind and welcoming. They wanted our presence in their homes and to share their stories with us more than anything; the gift we brought for them was the least.

Throughout the week, we connected with either a child or an adult on our journey. For me, it was a gentleman named Israel. We met Israel on one of our afternoon walks through the neighborhood. He lived alone and was so overjoyed to see us when we arrived. While standing in his home, I noticed he had nothing on the walls except a picture of his mother and Jesus. He told us he had an old photo of his father and a missionary who stopped by around ten years ago.

Bob, on our team, reminded him of that missionary. We talked with Israel for about fifteen minutes. He talked about his job and his family. One phrase he spoke stuck out in my mind at that moment. He had said that he hoped that Jesus was always with him. After we prayed for Israel, when the rest of the group walked ahead, I returned, took the cross off my neck, and put it around his. Pastor JoAn (from Sunny Side) secretly turned around and took photos of that moment.

This moment, among many throughout the week, made me pause, take a deep breath, and look around. What beautiful people! What a lovely place.

"Make room for us in your hearts. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have exploited no one." 2 Cor. 7: 2

This journey was a mission to share our faith and kindness and an opportunity to connect deeply with the local community. The joy, love, and human connections we experience shine through our words and actions. It's incredible how such moments of giving often turn out to be equally enriching for those who give and receive. This journey captures the essence of what it means to build bridges through compassion. It left an indelible mark on our hearts; hopefully, we left the same marks on those we met on this journey.

Make room in your hearts!

Written By Caroline Creel



United Methodist Men

Thanks to all that attended our March 19th Breakfast Meeting. We had some lively discussion and great fellowship. Our next meeting will be on April 16 at 9 AM in the fellowship hall.

Reminders– Church wide workday on Saturday, April 12 from 9 AM to 2 PM. Lunch will be served.

UMM Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 20 from 7:30 to 9:30. Cooks please be there at 6:00 AM and servers/clean up folks at 7:00 AM.



Trustees

Spring is in the air and the Trustees have been busy! Thanks to Forrest B. and Joe G. for all their hard work keeping the church grounds neat and clean and for preparing the church lawnmower for the upcoming grass-cutting season! **If you would like to sign up to help cut the grass over the next several months, the calendar is up in the hallway near Pastor Whitney's office!**

Special thanks to Herm J. for working on a few leaking faucets at the church and the youth house! These older fixtures have been challenging to turn off for a while now and have been a bit of a headache with wasting water.

Mark your calendars for the spring workday coming up on Saturday, April 12th from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. A light lunch will be served. We will have projects inside and outside of the church for all ages and skill levels!



Love & Fellowship Circle (United Women in Faith)

The Inman United Women in Faith is sponsoring the placement of lovely Easter lilies in our church sanctuary in honor or memory of your loved ones. The cost of the lilies are \$10.00 each and/or a donation with the proceeds going to help with projects and missions during the year. Please make check payable to: LAF Circle and reference the lilies.

Payment must be included with your order. Order Forms will be available in the Narthex. Forms may be placed in the offering plate. All orders are due by April 13th.



Missions and Outreach

April "Special Offering Sunday" is for Native American Ministries and will be celebrated on April 13, 2025.

"Closing the Gap and Spreading Christ's Love"

Did you know?

A 'GAP' in knowledge exists in The United Methodist Church, in congregations and other United Methodist entities, relative to comprehending concepts of Native American life. We affirm the sacredness of our Native American Siblings, their cultures, languages, spirit, values and gifts to the church and the world.

How can we help close the "GAP" and Spread Christ's Love you ask? By our actions!

As followers of Christ, we are called to love, learn and uplift one another in faith. On Native American Ministries Sunday, we have the opportunity to do exactly that—by recognizing and supporting the incredible contributions of our Native American Siblings and ministries within our United Methodist Family.

When we give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday, we empower our Native American Siblings who are responding to God's call to ministry and the scholarships that help them with theological education. Our gifts also help support vital ministries in the Native American communities and allow The UMC to partner with existing native ministries to help develop new programs on behalf of our native siblings. Programs such as, mentoring, peer support systems, funding for economic development projects, and restoring traditional and historic ways that bring forth new leaders for Native American communities.

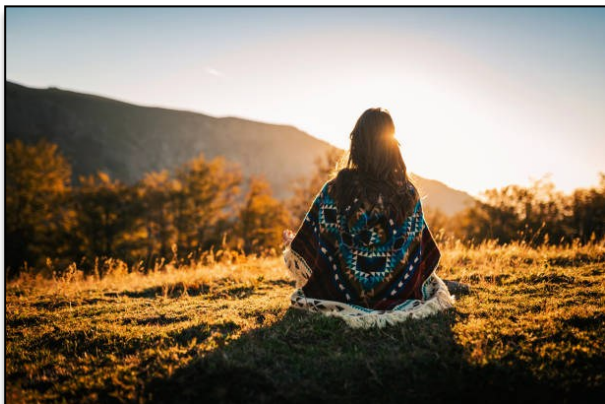
Will you help close the "GAP" and Spread Christ's Love?

100% of your offerings go to support Native American Ministries!

ALL OFFERINGS BIG or SMALL ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Jesus says: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

Blessings,
Deborah Morris



Financial Report for January - February 2025			2025 Budget
Income	Jan. - Feb.	YTD Budget	2025 Budget
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 36,138	\$ 34,167	\$ 205,000
Other Designated Funds	\$ 978	\$ 1,667	\$ 10,000
Grand Total Income	\$ 37,116	\$ 35,834	\$ 215,000
Expenses	Jan. - Feb.	YTD Budget	2025 Budget
Committee Expenditures	\$ 293	\$ 4,296	\$ 25,775
Operational Expenses	\$ 6,430	\$ 8,806	\$ 52,834
All Other Expenses	\$ 25,491	\$ 29,563	\$ 177,369
Grand Total Expenses	\$ 32,214	\$ 42,664	\$ 255,978

Lenten Creativity:

Experiencing God's Presence through Creativity

Mosaic Night

Monday, April 7 at 6:00pm

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of creating paper Mosaics, as we reflect on how our lives are pieced together by God.

All supplies provided



**ATTENTION
GRADUATES**



If you are a member of Inman and you are graduating this year, please share information (name, degree, school, and a photo) with us by April 22!

Please Email
Secretary@inmanmethodist.org

For Our Prayers

For Healing From Health Concerns

Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)
Cheryl Chance
Darleen Cornelison
Madge Cox (Lyn Wheeler)
Moody Elliott
Katy Fowler
Rebecca Goss
Whitney Hair
Brenda Harp
David Harp
Leigh Ann Hicks
Jan Janssen (Herm and Joni Janssen)
Kathe Leo (Nancy Allgood)
Kathy McBrayer
Sara Jane Overstreet
Eugene Pritchard
Riley Rada (Kim Jeffords)
Gloria Reid
Miriam Schmidt
Steven Siders (Joni Janssen)
Lisa Spears (Nancy Allgood)
Billy Ward
Jenny Ward
Doug Wheeler
Rhonda Wheeler (George & Lyn Wheeler)
Chance Whittington (Will Chance)

For Healing From Cancer

Denise Anderson (Joni Janssen)
Judy Becco
Betty Chally
Walter Delia (Martha Kozisek)
Dan Dudley (Pat Pratt)
Daniel Houghton (Martha Kozisek)
Tory Howe (Ruth Sitton)
Deborah Morris
Steve Stingecomb (Mary Jane Fortner)
Diane Tankersley (Donald Whiteside)
George Wheeler
Louise Woods (Ann Hembree)

For Those Mourning the Death of Loved Ones

Jean Allen

Other Concerns

For the children/youth of Inman UMC

For our Pastor, District Superintendent (Rev. Dr. Byron Thomas), Bishop (Bishop Robin Dease), and leaders of the United Methodist Church.

Unspoken prayers of the congregation

Discernment team and Administrative Board

We encourage you to call or email the secretary to update any prayer requests to help keep our prayer list current.

Birthdays & Reminders

Rondell Henry	April 6
Joanne Minter	April 6
Joni Janssen	April 11
Luke Allen	April 12
Stephanie Vogel	April 13
Sharon Price	April 18
Ed Roehm	April 23
Joe Gratzer	April 24
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

Apr. 6	Linda W. & Nancy G.
Apr. 13	Brenda N. & Linda W.
Apr. 20	Donna M. & Chuck J.
Apr. 27	Nancy A. & Joni J.

Wednesday Night Meals

5:30-6:30pm
\$9.00 for adults
\$5.00 for children under 12
Three and under eat free

Apr. 2: Spaghetti & meatballs
Helpers: Finance

Apr. 16: Hamburgers & Hotdogs
Helpers: UMM

Apr. 23: Lasagna
Helpers: Youth & Children

Apr. 30: Meatloaf
Helpers: Missions

Office Information

Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday 9am-1pm

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