

Inman Informer

December 2024



A Note From The Pastor

The season of Advent is upon us, as we prepare for the coming of Christ and the celebration of his birth. It is indeed a season of anticipation, a season of hope, a season of good tidings of comfort and joy. There are so many traditions, so many ways of celebrating the coming of Christ.

One new worship opportunity that I am particularly excited about will happen on Sunday, December 29th. On the first Sunday after Christmas, we'll gather in the fellowship hall at 11:00am for a Moravian Lovefeast. This tradition was created in the Moravian church and modeled after the early Christians who met and broke bread together in token of their fellowship and love. The Moravian Church, along with numerous denominations, continued the tradition to celebrate special occasions by sharing with friends a simple meal, a "lovefeast." A Moravian Lovefeast is a Christian worship service that includes a simple meal, often pastries & a hot beverage, and is a reminder of the community cultivated by Christian fellowship. On that day, we'll gather together, we'll sing hymns, we'll pray, we'll reflect on the year together, and we'll share in a simple meal together.

Below are the various worship opportunities this Advent Season. Invite your family, your friends, your neighbors to join us as we celebrate Jesus this season. Throughout this month, my prayer is that we will remember the true meaning of this season and live as people whose lives are forever changed by the coming of Christ.

We Invite you to join us for Advent



12/1 Hanging of the Greens
One Service at 11:00am

**12/7 Christmas Craft Bazaar and
Country Breakfast**
Craft Bazaar 8:00-1:00pm
Country Breakfast 8:00-10:30am

12/8 Advent Worship
One Service at 11:00am

12/15 Music Sunday
One Service at 11:00am

12/22 Advent Worship
One Service at 11:00am

12/24 Candlelight Christmas Eve
One Service at 5:30pm

12/29 Christmas Worship in the Fellowship Hall
One Service at 11:00am

Announcements

Advent Liturgy Sign Ups:



We still have some slots to assist in leading the Advent liturgy. You can sign up in the hallway outside of Pastor Whitney's office.

Administrative Board Meeting:
Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00pm



Parsonage Open House on Sunday, December 22 from 3-5pm:

Drop by the parsonage between 3pm-5pm on Sunday, December 22 for some Christmas cheer. Wear your most festive outfit and come enjoy light refreshments and fellowship.



Office Closures:

The office will be closed on the following days in December;

- ◆ Tuesday, December 3
- ◆ Tuesday, December 10
- ◆ Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 1



Staff Love Offering:

It's time to show our staff here at Inman how much we appreciate all they do for us throughout the year. The Staff Parish Committee is currently collecting a staff "love offering". Please show our staff all the love this Christmas season. The last day to donate towards the Staff Love Offering is Sunday, December 15th.

Don't forget to tag your gift "staff love offering"!



There will be no 5th Sunday Social on the 29th of December, as light refreshments will be provided by the church during our 11:00am worship.

Missions and Outreach

For December the Special Offering Sunday will be for the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund and will be celebrated on December 1st.



The United Methodist Global AIDS Fund (UMGAF), was established in 2004 by the General Conference. This was in response to the global AIDS pandemic and the purpose was/is to “stem the tide” of HIV and AIDS around the world, and strengthen The United Methodist Church’s compassionate response to this deadly pandemic. The UMGAF supports programs that focus on education, prevention, care, advocacy, testing, treatment and counseling for people living with HIV and AIDS.

Since 1981, (the onset of the AIDS pandemic): 79 million people have become infected with the HIV virus and about 39 million have died from HIV. Globally, about 37 million people are living with HIV or AIDS. Approximately, 7,500 people are infected daily, including about 900 babies born with HIV.

With your generous donations; the face of AIDS is changing in the world. More persons now have access to life-saving drugs and treatment programs, which is reducing the number of overall deaths. As Methodists, let’s work together, to continue to change the face of this deadly disease.

ALL DONATIONS, BIG or SMALL ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

Blessings
Deborah Morris



Love & Fellowship Circle (United Women in Faith)



Christmas Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale

On Saturday, December 7th, the Inman United Women In Faith, Love and Fellowship Circle will have our Christmas Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale in the Fellowship Hall during the United Methodist Men's breakfast. Please have crafts with suggested prices at Church by Friday, December 6th. Homemade donated cookies, brownies, cakes, etc. will be appreciated.

POINSETTIAS

The Inman United Women In Faith, Love and Fellowship Circle will be accepting orders for Poinsettias and/or a donation in honor or memory of your loved ones. Cost of the poinsettias is \$10.00 each. Proceeds of poinsettia orders and donations will be going to help with our projects and missions in the coming year. Please leave poinsettias in the sanctuary till after the Christmas Eve Services., At that time you may take your flowers home.

Please make check payable to: "LAF Circle" and reference poinsettias or donation. Payment must be included with your order. Orders may be turned into any Love and Fellowship Circle member, or drop it in the offering by December 8th.

CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE

The United Methodist Women are sponsoring the Christmas Card Post Office this year. For just \$.10 cents per card you can place your cards for church members in the mailboxes just outside the Treasurer's office. Place your money in the locked box on the wall next to the mailboxes. This is a fundraiser so please bring your cards to church instead of mailing them.

BE SURE TO CHECK THE MAILBOXES FOR CARDS YOU WILL RECEIVE

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Joni Janssen, President
Kathy Barb, Vice President

Financial Report for January - October

Income	Jan. - Oct.	YTD Budget
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 172,324	\$ 170,833
Other Designated Funds	\$ 4,605	\$ -
Grand Total Income	\$ 176,929	\$ 170,833
Expenses	Jan. - Oct.	YTD Budget
ASP	\$ 7,910	\$ 10,000
Committee Expenditures	\$ 12,448	\$ 14,544
Operational Expenses	\$ 39,759	\$ 39,243
All Other Expenses	\$ 117,174	\$ 143,073
Grand Total Expenses	\$ 177,291	\$ 206,860

Year End Giving: We are grateful for all the support we receive from each of you! As a reminder, in order for financial and in-kind gifts made to the church to be reflected on your 2024 Giving Statement, please have all donations submitted by December 29, 2024.

United Methodist Men

Again this year we will be providing a "Country Breakfast" in support of the women's Craft Bazaar on December 7th.

Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 10:30 AM.

Cooks, please be in the kitchen at 6:30 and those who serve and clean up plan to be there at 7:45.

All help is very much appreciated. This is a fundraiser for the UMM which helps local charities. Last year the UMM gave over \$1800.00 in support of our community.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Breakfast will be served. Please mark your calendars and bring a friend or neighbor.

Trustees

Take a look at the sanctuary windows!!! Have you noticed they've been painted?
Thanks to Barbara, our church painter, for being willing to spend several days over here scraping, sanding, caulking and repairing our sanctuary windows! She's also spent several days taking care of a variety of other painting projects around the church and she's not done yet.
If you see her out around the church, be sure to tell her THANK YOU!!!

The Trustees would also like to thank the many folks who are helping keep the falling leaves pushed back off the driveways and parking lots. This time of year, it's a real effort to keep the grounds looking nice and we are grateful for the efforts of so many people to do so!



Inman Out and About



For Our Prayers

For Healing From Health Concerns

Jean Allen
Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)
Cheryl Chance
Linda Chaffin
Michelle Clay (Kim Jeffords)
Darleen Cornelison
Madge Cox (Lyn Wheeler)
Katy Fowler
Rebecca Goss
Whitney Hair
Brenda Harp
David Harp
Nicole Henry
Robin Hewell
Vickie Jackson
Kathe Leo (Nancy Allgood)
Sara Jane Overstreet
Eugene Pritchard
Riley Rada (Kim Jeffords)
Gloria Reid
Miriam Schmidt
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)
Ashley Edwards (Katy Swanger)
Daniel Houghton (Martha Kozisek)
Tory Howe (Ruth Sitton)
Woodson Howell (Deborah Morris)
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Steve Stingecomb (Mary Jane Fortner)
Diane Tankersley (Donald Whiteside)
George Wheeler
Louise Woods (Ann Hembree)

For Those Mourning the Death of Loved Ones

Jeff Wedge
Sam Jones

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

Birthdays & Reminders

Erika Bishop	Dec. 3
Jean McChargue	Dec. 3
Forrest Ballard	Dec. 7
Emily Wagner	Dec. 8
William Swanger	Dec. 9
Arlys Ferrel	Dec. 11
Frank Newland	Dec. 11
Judy Roehm	Dec. 12
Barbara Ponzio	Dec. 17
Robin Hewell	Dec. 21
Warren Mahaffey	Dec. 23
Eve DeLisle	Dec. 31

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

Offering Counters

Dec. 1	Linda W. & Ed R.
Dec. 8	Brenda N. & Nancy G.
Dec. 15	Donna M. & Chuck J.
Dec. 22	Nancy A. & Joni J.
Dec. 29	Linda W. & Ed R.

Wednesday Night Meals

5:30-6:30pm

\$9.00 for adults

\$5.00 for children under 12

Three and under eat free

Dec. 4 : Chili

Helpers: Trustees

Dec. 11: Lasagna

Helpers: Finance

Dec. 18: Smorgasboard

Helpers: SPR

Office Information

Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday 9am-1pm

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