

# Inman Informer

December 2025

Newsletter of Inman United Methodist Church



ROOTED IN CHRIST  
SHAPED BY HIS WORD  
BEARING FRUIT IN THE WORLD

## In The Advent Season

We Invite you to Join us for Advent  
at Inman UMC



**11/30 Hanging of the Greens Service**  
One Service at 11:00am; Potluck afterwards

**12/6 Christmas Craft Bazaar and  
Country Breakfast**  
Craft Bazaar 8:00-1:00pm  
Country Breakfast 8:00-10:30am

**12/7 Advent Worship**  
One Service at 11:00am

**12/14 Advent Worship**  
One Service at 11:00am

**12/21 Advent Worship**  
One Service at 11:00am

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

**12/28 Lessons & Carols Service**  
One Service at 11:00am

**Parsonage Open House:** Drop by the parsonage between 3pm-5pm on Sunday, December 7 for some Christmas cheer. Wear your most festive outfit and come enjoy light refreshments and fellowship.

**Advent Liturgy Sign Ups:** We still have some slots to assist in lighting the Advent Candles and read Scriptures in the special service on December 28. You can sign up in the hallway outside of Pastor Whitney's Office.

**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 14th.  
Don't forget to tag your gift "staff love offering"!

# *Important Announcements*

**Administrative Board Meeting:** Tuesday, December 2 at 7pm

**Office Closure:** The office will be closed the following days in December:

- ◆ Thursday, December 11
- ◆ Wednesday, December 24- Thursday, January 1

**Celebrating our Committee Chairs:** Join us after worship on Sunday, December 14 for a special reception as we celebrate and give thanks for our committee chairs who have faithfully served our church. As we prepare to begin our new governance model in the new year, we want to honor their leadership, dedication, and care for our ministries. Come enjoy refreshments, fellowship, and a chance to express your gratitude for these wonderful leaders!

**Welcoming Our New Leadership Board:** As we begin a new chapter in the life of our church, we are excited to introduce our 2026 Leadership Team! These individuals will help guide our church as we move into our new governance model beginning January 1. Please join us in praying for and supporting them in this important work of service and discipleship. A special newsletter will be sent out mid-December with more details about the transition.

## **2026 Leadership Board**

Kathy Barb  
Clay Brisbois  
Zach Creel  
Chuck Jackson  
Brenda Neupert

## **Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development**

Caroline Creel  
Karen Millman  
Nancy Allgood  
Jerry Haygood  
Donna Stilwell

**Help Serve our Community at the Frosty 5K:** On Saturday, December 13, Inman Elementary will run their annual Frosty 5k race directly past the church. We are seeking volunteers to meet out front at 8:15am to help pass out water and cheer on the runners.

# 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 \$12.00 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 7<sup>th</sup>.



## 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





## Trustees

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who has kept the church grounds and facilities up to date and looking good over the last month. Outside work has focused on keeping the grass trimmed and the falling leaves cleared from the sidewalks and parking lot.

We would like to give Herm Janssen a special thank you for getting the ice machine back up and running... again!

Thanks again to everyone who helps out around the church!



## Finance

<b>Financial Report for January - Oct. 31 2025</b>			<b>2025 Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>Jan. - Oct. 31</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>2025 Budget</b>
Gifts & Tithes	164,499.72	170,833.33	\$ 205,000
Other Designated Funds	8,560.05	8,333.33	\$ 10,000
<b>Grand Total Income</b>	<b>173,059.77</b>	<b>179,166.67</b>	<b>\$ 215,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Jan. - Oct. 31</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>2025 Budget</b>
Committee Expenditures	19,013.15	21,479.17	\$ 25,775
Operational Expenses	42,543.85	57,111.67	\$ 68,534
All Other Expenses	123,082.92	134,724.17	\$ 161,669
<b>Grand Total Expenses</b>	<b>184,639.92</b>	<b>213,315.00</b>	<b>\$ 255,978</b>

# United Methodist Men

## **Reminder..... UMM Country Breakfast is on Saturday, December 6, 2025.**

Those cooking please plan to be in the kitchen at 6:00 AM. For servers and clean up folks, please be there by 8:00 AM. All breakfast proceeds will help fund the UMM's charitable giving program for 2026. As is traditional at Inman, the breakfast is held in support of the ladies "Holiday Craft Show".

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be served.



## *A note from Frank*

A huge thanks for all of the prayers, thoughts, and communications regarding my "freak" accident. Not many folks get injured (or will admit it) from an abandoned septic tank cover from the early 60's. Yet, here I am.

It was very heartwarming to receive via postal mail the letter to Lucy and me you all signed at the entrance to the Sanctuary. Thank you. That is a wonderful ministry of this church.

As of my last doctor's appointment, I will be leaving the crutches behind shortly but will retain the boot until the middle of December.

Our love and best wishes to each of you during this exciting 2025 Christmas Season.

Frank and Lucy

### **Exciting News!!**

We have created a special Advent Devotional, with contributions from many of our very own!

These will be sent out in email and will be available in print copy here at the church.

Keep an eye out and pick yours up.

Join us in reading a devotional each day throughout Advent!



# *For Our Prayers*

## ***For Healing From Health Concerns***

Nancy Allgood  
Gail Black (Tim Black)  
Cheryl Chance  
Will Chance  
Madge Cox (Lyn Wheeler)  
Whitney Dunlap (Brenda Neupert)  
Katy Fowler  
Rebecca Goss  
Whitney Hair  
Brenda Harp  
Cam Heron (Kamryn Jeffords)  
Kathe Leo (Nancy Allgood)  
Sara Jane Overstreet  
Chris Payne (Forrest Ballard)  
Barbara Ponzio  
Eugene Pritchard  
Riley Rada (Kim Jeffords)  
Gloria Reid  
Miriam Schmidt  
Steven Siders (Joni Janssen)  
Ruth Sitton  
Keith Sparks (Mary Jane Fortner)  
Lisa Spears (Nancy Allgood)  
Steve Understood  
Doug Wheeler  
Rhonda Wheeler (George & Lyn Wheeler)  
Chance Whittington (Will Chance)  
Roger Williams (Whitney Hair)  
Frank Wright (Mary Jane Fortner)

## ***For Healing From Cancer***

Judy Becco  
Tory Howe (Ruth Sitton)  
Linda Jeffords  
Diane Tankersley (Donald Whiteside)  
George Wheeler

## ***For Those Mourning the Death of Loved Ones***

David Harp  
Cecil Jeffords  
Jan Janssen (Herm and Joni Janssen)

## ***Other Concerns***

For the children/youth of Inman UMC

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

Unspoken prayers of the congregation

Our Church in this season of visioning and transition to SAS Model

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

# Birthdays & Reminders

Erika Bishop	Dec. 3
Jean McChargue	Dec. 3
Forrest Ballard	Dec. 7
Emily Wagner	Dec. 8
Liam Swagner	Dec. 9
Arlys Ferrel	Dec. 11
Judy Roehm	Dec. 12
Zeke Kornegay	Dec. 13
Barbara Ponzio	Dec. 17
Robin Hewell	Dec. 21
Lisa Gibson	Dec. 22
Warren Mahaffey	Dec. 23
Clay Brisbois	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

**December 7**  
**December 14**  
**December 21**  
**December 28**

Linda W. & Nancy G.  
Brenda N. & Linda W.  
Donna M. & Chuck J.  
Nancy A. & Joni J.

## Wednesday Night Monthly Supper

**Wed. December 17**  
**5:30-6:30pm**

**\$9.00 for adults**  
**\$5.00 for children under 12**  
**Three and under eat free**

# Office Information

## Office Hours

**Tuesday - Thursday 9am-1pm**

You may call 770-461-2123  
or email  
[secretary@inmanmethodist.org](mailto:secretary@inmanmethodist.org)  
to reach our secretary,  
Katie Nalley

## Our Staff

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