

# Inman Informer

February 2025



## A Note From The Pastor

### Will You be a Disciple?

Last week, the Administrative Board of Inman UMC gathered for our annual retreat. On Saturday, January 26, leaders from the church gathered for prayer, to set goals for the year, to learn more about how we are wired & our leadership gifts, and ways we can better serve the church & community.

One area of focus we discussed that day was how we live on our mission as Christians. As United Methodists, everything we do is centered around the mission of "Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World." But before we can begin looking at making disciples, we first must ask the question "What is a disciple?"

It's easy to have pre-conceived notions of what it means to be a disciple. For some, the word disciple recalls biblical robes & long beards. For others, they connect being a disciple with being a member of the church. These are not wrong, but they aren't complete.

To be a disciple of Jesus Christ is to be a follower of Jesus, to be growing and developing your faith in Christ. Disciples strive to become more like Jesus and join Jesus in ministry. Being a disciple isn't a destination, where once you become a disciple, you can sit back and relax. Instead, disciples are constantly learning from the Master, growing in God's grace and love. As one grows and matures as a disciple, they continue to live out their faith in the world through service.

At the heart of discipleship is the call to follow Jesus. It's a choice we each must make for ourselves. As we talked about at the retreat, being a disciple is taking ownership of your faith, making the choice to engage in spiritual disciplines, participating in Christian Community, and putting your faith into action by how you serve in the world. No one can force you to be a disciple. Yet Christ extends that invitation to us each day, to say yes and follow. Will you follow?

### Important Dates

#### **Technology Meeting-**

Sunday, Feb. 9  
at 12:15pm

#### **Trustees Meeting-**

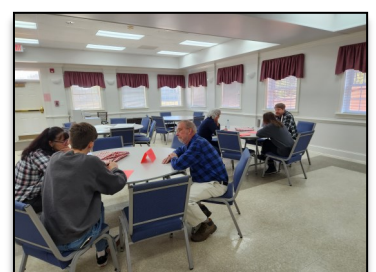
Tuesday, Feb. 11  
at 6:00pm

#### **Finance Meeting-**

Tuesday, Feb. 11  
at 6:30pm

#### **Worship Committee Meeting-**

Sunday, Feb. 16  
at 12:15pm

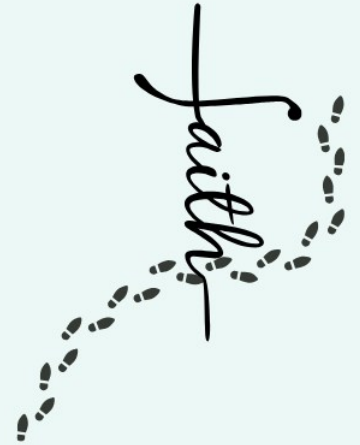


# Announcements

## YOUTH EVENTS CALENDAR

February 2: 5-630 pm Sunday evening youth  
February 22: see Jasmine's musical together  
February 23: Youth lunch after church  
March 2: Youth lunch after church  
March 9: 5-7pm Sunday evening youth  
March 16: 5-7pm Sunday evening youth  
March 30: 3pm see Drew's musical together  
April 8-10: local mission TBD  
April 13: Youth lunch after church  
May 4: Youth lunch after church  
May 18: 5-7pm Sunday evening youth

**SAVE THE DATE**



A fun time at Youth!!



### New Friendly Face at Inman and a Heartfelt Thank You:

Starting in January, Inman UMC officially welcomed Jen Fendley as our new treasurer. Jen is very familiar with United Methodist structures and works as the treasurer in several UMC congregations.

You can help welcome her by sending her a brief note to [finance@inmanmethodist.org](mailto:finance@inmanmethodist.org) or by dropping a card off in the church office.



Maggie Clarke, our former treasurer, retired after serving as Inman's treasurer for the last 5 years. We are so grateful for Maggie's dedicated work, and we celebrate with her the ability to retire (and spend more time on the things she loves to do!) If you'd like to send Maggie a card of appreciation, you can drop it off at the church office.

# Missions and Outreach

**For February there will be "two" Special Offering Sundays: Bloom Closet will be celebrated February 2, 2025 and Homeless Offering will be celebrated February 23, 2025.**

## **Bloom Closet.....February 2, 2025**

Together, we can change the face of foster care.

Bloom Closet is 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.

Info: [bloomouryouth.org](http://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



## **North Georgia Homeless Offering.....February 23, 2025**

The North Georgia United Methodist Housing and Homeless Council is an administrative agency of the North Georgia Conference of the UMC and was created to partner with and support churches and other organizations who are ministering to those who are experiencing poverty and homelessness. These organizations may include housing programs such as; Habitat for Humanity and food pantries, clothing closets, etc.

The Homeless Offering is not only an opportunity for United Methodist Churches and individuals to support the shared work of providing safe, affordable housing across North Georgia but also, an opportunity to spread Hope and God's love. One hundred percent of the gifts given to the offering go to fund much-needed grants for ministries serving those experiencing poverty and homelessness.

**ALL "GIFTS" BIG or SMALL ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done." Proverbs 19:17



## *Love & Fellowship Circle (United Women in Faith)*

Last month, we met and made plans for the year including meeting times and projects. Most of our meetings will be at 2:00 in the afternoon but we will have two lunch meetings. Our next meeting will be February 11th at 2:00. Our first project will be Easter Baskets for the children through DFCS. Look for more information in future bulletins and the March Informer.

Donna Stillwell and Nancy Gratzner will be Point Persons for this project.

We also elected new officers. Joni Janssen has been our president for 8 years. She has done an excellent job leading us for so long. A big THANK YOU from all of us!

Robin Hewell will serve as our vice-president and Nancy Gratzner and Linda Wagner will continue as secretary and treasurer. I will serve as president. I encourage all ladies to join us as we share our LOVE of God AND each other through FELLOWSHIP as United Methodist Women In Faith.

Blessings and prayers,  
Kathy Barb

## *A Note From Frank Stenbridge*

January 27, 2025

Last Sunday I played Amazing Grace for the Offertory. I briefly noted that this song tune is composed using the pentatonic scale, or 5 (penta) tone (tonic) scale. A fair number of recognizable hymn tunes are composed with this scale. Swing Low Sweet Chariot, The Lily of the Valley, How Firm a Foundation, Brethren We Have Met to Worship, and many more. There are a couple of neat (to me anyway) things about this scale. One is that the scale can be played solely on the black keys of the piano, which I only used playing Amazing Grace yesterday. The other thing is that all of the tone combinations in the pentatonic scale can be played simultaneously and will feed our mind a sense of harmony. Lucy will encourage her beginning students to make up tunes using just the black keys so they sound "good". There is lots of information on pentatonic scales on the internet (surprise!). Our own UMC has a couple of articles on pentatonic scales and with a listing of hymns that use it in the Hymnal as well as in The Faith We Sing. It also has more information on the scale itself.

Here <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/pentatonic-hymns1>

And

Here <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/pentatonic-hymns-in-the-faith-we-sing-2000-listed-by-title-in-alphabetical>

Just one more thing in God's great creation for us to explore!

# Finance

<b>Financial Report for January - December</b>			<b>2025 Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>Jan. - Dec.</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>2025 Budget</b>
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 207,722	\$ 205,000	\$ 205,000
Other Designated Funds	\$ 34,493	\$ -	\$ 10,000
<b>Grand Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 242,214</b>	<b>\$ 205,000</b>	<b>\$ 215,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Jan. - Dec.</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>2025 Budget</b>
Committee Expenditures	\$ 14,003	\$ 17,453	\$ 25,775
Operational Expenses	\$ 51,243	\$ 47,092	\$ 52,834
All Other Expenses	\$ 147,770	\$ 183,687	\$ 177,369
<b>Grand Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 213,016</b>	<b>\$ 248,232</b>	<b>\$ 255,978</b>

# United Methodist Men

We had a great meeting in January!  
 Thanks to all who helped cook, serve and clean up.  
 Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. A light breakfast will be served.



# Trustees

The Trustees continue to keep everything operating smoothly around the church after the arctic blast and snow we got in January.

The next Trustees meeting will be on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 pm.



# *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)  
Moody Elliott  
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)  
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***

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

Discernment team and Administrative Board

# Birthdays & Reminders

Gloria Reid	Feb. 1
Jerry Large	Feb. 2
Cheryl Chance	Feb. 4
Wendy Rogers	Feb. 12
Carissa Brisbois	Feb. 14
Zach Creel	Feb. 15
Donna McChargue	Feb. 16
Bear Tant	Feb. 22
Roy Stillwell	Feb. 23
Stephanie Adamek	Feb. 27
Kathy Barb	Feb. 27

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

## Offering Counters

<b>Feb. 2</b>	Linda W. & Nancy G.
<b>Feb. 9</b>	Brenda N. & Linda W.
<b>Feb. 16</b>	Donna M. & Chuck J.
<b>Feb. 23</b>	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

### Feb. 5: Swedish Meatballs w/noodles

Helpers: Worship

### Feb. 12: Oven Fried Chicken

Helpers: Youth & Children

### Feb. 19: Chili & Baked Potatoes

Helpers: Missions

### Feb. 26: Pork Loin

Helpers: Technology

# Office Information

## Office Hours

### Tuesday - Thursday 9am-1pm

You may call 770-461-2123  
or email  
secretary@inmanmethodist.org

to reach our secretary,

Katie Nalley

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