

# Inman Informer

January 2025



## Important Dates

### **Wednesday Night Supper Starts Back:**

Wednesday,  
January 8 at 5:30pm

### **Board of Trustees Meeting:**

Tuesday,  
January 14 at  
6:00pm

### **Finance Committee Meeting:**

Tuesday,  
January 14 at  
6:00pm

### **Administrative Board Meeting:**

Thursday,  
January 16 at  
6:00pm

### **Administrative Board Retreat:**

Saturday,  
January 25 from  
9:00am-2:00pm

### **SPR Meeting:**

Tuesday, January 21  
at 6:00pm in room  
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## *A Note From The Pastor*

As we begin the new year, it's a perfect time to reflect on the words of the *Wesley Covenant Prayer*, a powerful expression of our commitment to God. Written by John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, this prayer invites us to renew our dedication to God's will and purpose for our lives. The prayer calls us to surrender ourselves fully to God, trusting in His guidance, and offering our lives for His service. It is not just a personal prayer but a collective declaration of our covenant relationship with God and each other. In the coming weeks, we invite you to reflect on these profound words as a way to start the new year with a renewed spirit. Whether you say it daily or meditate on it during our worship services, let this prayer guide you into deeper faith, trust, and obedience in the year ahead.

*I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty,  
let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine.  
So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.*

This prayer is a beautiful reminder of our ongoing relationship with God and our willingness to serve Him with all that we are. May this new year bring you closer to God's call in your life.

*Pastor Whitney*

# Announcements

**Thank you from the Staff:** Thank you to everyone who donated to the staff love offering last month. Through your generosity, we were able to bless our staff members with a generous Christmas check from the congregation!! Thank you!



**Special Sunday:** Sunday, January 26th at 11:00am  
On Sunday, January 26th, we will have a special combined service at 11:00am as we welcome, Rev. Dr. Rodrigo Cruz, the Executive Assistant to the Bishop of the North Georgia Conference, to preach at Inman UMC. The Executive Assistant to the Bishop is an appointed role, one who serves as the bishop's right hand, assisting churches and clergy throughout the conference and the connection.



**The Choir had a wonderful Christmas Party!**

Merry Christmas from the Choir!  
Thank you to the Roehms for hosting!



**Thank you for all of your support for the Country Breakfast sponsored by the UMM and the Women's Craft Bazaar!!**



# Missions and Outreach

**January "Special Offering" is for Human Relations Day and will be celebrated on Sunday January 19, 2025.**

*We are all family!*

When we walk past our neighbor who is hiding in plain sight, we limit the gifts and graces that our sisters and brothers in Christ bring to the table. We limit the experiences, the voices and the beloved community that take place through mutual sharing of gifts.

With a special offering celebrating Human Relations Day, we join with United Methodists around the world, remembering that the size of the table of divine love is unlimited. Across the United Methodist connection we come together to help bridge the gap between church and community by participating in an offering set aside for Human Relations Day. For more than half a century, United Methodists have observed this churchwide special Sunday in recognition of the message Jesus demonstrated during his life: *all of God's children are important.*

One of the wonderful aspects of The United Methodist Church is that we can do so much more together than we ever could do on our own. On Human Relations Day, we join other UMC congregations in a special offering to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services, work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs and Food Insecurity on College Campuses.

In recognizing Human Relations Day, we are called to make an impact in communities where people struggle because they don't have the tools or resources to reach their God-given potential.

**ALL OFFERINGS BIG or SMALL ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity." Psalm 133:1



Blessings,  
Deborah Morris

**On behalf of the Outreach Committee, I would like to thank each and every one of you who opened your hearts and gave so generously to help make this years Angel Tree Project a great success. Your generosity provided gifts for 32 Angels who otherwise would not have had very much; if anything at all for Christmas.**

**Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for helping us spread the love of Christ to those in need.**

**Love and Blessings,  
Deborah Morris, Committee Chair**



## Inman 2025 Lay Leadership

Lay Leader .....	**In Process of Filling**
Lay Member to Annual Conference .....	Brad Wagner
Alternative Lay Member to Annual Conference.....	Caroline Creel
Administrative Board Chair .....	Kathy Barb
Administrative Board Vice Chair .....	Clay Brisbois
Administrative Board Secretary.....	Katie Nalley
Finance Chair .....	Linda Wagner
Financial Secretary .....	*Vacant- To be filled by Finance*
Treasurer .....	Jen Fendley
Trustees Chair .....	Ed Roehm
Staff-Parish Chair .....	Brad Wagner
Missions and Outreach Chair .....	Deborah Morris
Worship Chair.....	Judy Roehm
Membership Care .....	Wendy Rogers and Joni Janssen
Youth and Children’s Director .....	*Vacant*
Youth and Children’s Council Chair .....	Caroline Creel
Church Historian .....	*Vacant*
UMYF Representative .....	Drew Brisbois/ Jasmine Akeman
UMW President .....	Joni Janssen
UMM President.....	Roger Ferrell
Nominations.....	Whitney Hair
Technology.....	Brad Wagner
Scholarship.....	John Rigby

### At Large Members

Class of 2025	Nacy Allgood	Donna Stilwell
Class of 2026	Zach Creel	Vicki Jackson
Class of 2027	Tim Black	

### Staff-Parish Relations

Chair: Brad Wagner ('25)			
Class of 2025	Jerry Haygood	Brenda Neupert	
Class of 2026	Donna Stilwell	Clay Brisbois	Nancy Allgood
Class of 2027	*Lay Leader 2025*		

### Board of Trustees

Chair: Ed Roehm ('26)			
Class of 2025	Will Chance	Joe Gratzner	
Class of 2026	Chuck Jackson	Cyndie Hogeland	Linda Wagner

### Lay Leadership (Nominations Committee)

Chair: Rev. Whitney Hair		
Class of 2025	Nicole Henry	
Class of 2026	Caroline Creel	Karen Millman
Class of 2027	Nancy Allgood	*Lay Leader 2025*



**Finance Committee** (chair, pastor, lay member to AC, Ad board chair, SPR rep, Trustees rep, lay leader, financial secretary, treasurer, and whoever else Charge Conference approves)

Chair: Linda Wagner ('25)    Treasurer: Jennifer Fendley    Secretary: TBD From Committee

**At Large Members of Finance Committee**

Class of 2025	John Rigby	Ed Roehm
Class of 2026	Chuck Jackson	Nancy Gratzer

**Worship Committee**

Chair: Judy Roehm  
Pastor .....Whitney Hair  
Music Director .....\*\*Vacant\*\*  
Pianist ..... Frank Stenbridge  
Hooked Representative .....Kirk Swahlen & Zach Creel  
Altar Guild ..... Janet Hilten  
Ushers.....Don Whiteside & Ed Roehm

**Membership Care**

Co-Chairs: Wendy Rogers and Joni Janssen  
Nancy Allgood    Janet Hilten    Deborah Morris    Karen Millman    Helen Baylor  
Ruth Sitton    Mary Jane Fortner    Joann Turner    Kathy Barb    Joni Janssen

**Missions and Outreach Committee**

Chair: Deborah Morris  
Patty Rigby    Donna Stilwell    Robin Hewell    Caroline Creel    Nancy Allgood  
Brenda Neupert    Wendy Rogers    Joni Janssen    John Rigby    Kirk Swahlen  
Ed Roehm    Nancy Gratzer

**Youth and Children's Council**

Chair: Caroline Creel    Staff: Whitney Hair  
John Rigby    Drew Brisbois  
Allie Brisbois    Jasmine Akeman  
Brad Wagner

**Technology/Communications**

Chair: Brad Wagner  
Drew Brisbois    Tim Black  
Eugene Pritchard    Nicole Henry

**Scholarship Committee**

Chair: John Rigby  
Brad Wagner    Ed Roehm    Nancy Allgood

Thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve on committees in 2025! Please be in prayer for our church leadership as we start a new year of ministry.

# Trustees

Wow! What an outstanding 365 days it has been! Looking back over the year, from small projects to big projects, workdays and everything in between, the Trustees have been blessed with outstanding help! We are truly grateful for EVERYONE who helps maintain the church facilities - those individuals you see taking care of issues and those you don't see. Every individual is important and their contributions are valued! Keep up the good work everyone!



# Finance

**End of Year Giving Statements will be distributed by the end of January. Please look your statement over carefully to ensure our records match your records.**

**We greatly appreciate your generosity to Inman UMC!**

<b>Financial Report for January - November</b>			<b>2025 Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>Jan. - Nov.</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>2025 Budget</b>
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 184,566	\$ 187,917	\$ 205,000
Other Designated Funds	\$ 4,655	\$ -	\$ 10,000
<b>Grand Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 189,221</b>	<b>\$ 187,917</b>	<b>\$ 215,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Jan. - Nov.</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>2025 Budget</b>
Committee Expenditures	\$ 20,665	\$ 26,999	\$ 25,775
Operational Expenses	\$ 42,984	\$ 43,168	\$ 52,834
All Other Expenses	\$ 128,779	\$ 157,380	\$ 177,369
<b>Grand Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 192,428</b>	<b>\$ 227,546</b>	<b>\$ 255,978</b>

# *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)  
Roger Ferrell  
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

# Birthdays & Reminders

Jasmine Akeman	January 8
Nolan Harp	January 17
Teresa Ivey	January 18
Helen Baylor	January 18
Mickey Harp	January 19

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

## Offering Counters

<b>Jan. 5</b>	Linda W. & Ed R.
<b>Jan. 12</b>	Brenda N. & Nancy G.
<b>Jan. 19</b>	Donna M. & Chuck J.
<b>Jan. 26</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

**Meals start back January 8th!**



# 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

## Our Staff

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**Katie Nalley, Secretary**  
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