

Inman Informer

July 2024

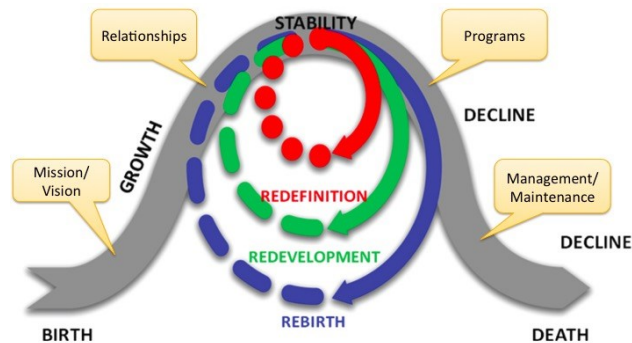


A Note From The Pastor

As I enter my 4th year of serving at Inman, I find myself in a season of reflection, examining where God has brought our church and where God is leading us in the months to come. I will forever be grateful for Inman UMC, as this church has taught me so much. Over the last 3 years, we've grown together as disciples. We've added new members to the congregation, and we've said farewell to members. We've struggled together through difficult seasons, leaning on the Holy Spirit to guide us into being more faithful in our ministry and mission.

As I reflect, I also look toward the future. During the Church Healing Conversation with Rev. Dr. Brian Tillman, he shared with us a graphic that challenged my thinking about church growth and decline. He challenged us to honestly evaluate where we are in the life cycle of a local church. Local churches are born, and local churches die. There are opportunities to redevelop, revitalize, and re-energize the local church but it requires dedication, effort, and a willingness to change. It takes hard work.

Here is the graphic he shared with us:



Over the next few months, this is a question I hope we all will reflect on. Which stage of the life cycle of a local church is Inman UMC currently in? If we are not where we want to be, are we willing to change and do the work to focus on our mission, to focus on making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?

I do not believe God is done with Inman quite yet. We've been invited to partner to help share God's grace with our community, to share the love of God with our world. I invite you to join me in the days ahead in prayer and reflection, as we faithfully try to follow where God is leading.

Grace,
Whitney

Thank you for all of the celebration, encouragement, and support surrounding my Ordination! From the celebration on Wednesday night back in March when I passed the Board, to the numerous cards and notes, to the prayers and kind words, to those who watched the service, Thank You!



Announcements

- ◆ Office Closed for 4th of July
- ◆ Office Closed July 15-18



- ◆ Save the Dates
 - Youth & Children's Council Meeting: Sunday, July 7 at 12:15pm
 - Missions Committee: Monday, July 8 at 6:45pm
 - Board of Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, July 9 at 6:00pm
 - Finance Meeting: Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30pm
 - UMM Club Breakfast: Wednesday, July 17 at 9:00am
 - SPR Meeting: Tuesday, July 23 at 6:00pm



- ◆ Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, July 28 at 11:00am: Calling all Students, Teachers, Support Staff- Bring your backpack or office bag to worship on Sunday July 28 for the Blessing of the Backpacks. As the school year is kicking off, we want to send our students & staff off with a blessing and a reminder of God's presence!



ASP In Action



A Message From Frank

For those of you who are not aware, I have exited a long term phase in my life and am adjusting to a new phase. On June 1, 2024, I handed my keys to Demico's leased space to my landlord and walked away. Demico is no longer a company. (1979-2023) I guess you might say I am now unemployed, retired, or as I think about it, I am recovering from being an entrepreneur, a business owner, an electrical engineer, electronic technician, electronic assembler, machinist, janitor, secretary, accountant, bill creator, and bill payer - among other things.

I grew up in a family that created a business called Stembridge Products, which my Dad started, ran, and closed from about 1960 to about 1980. I was "fresh" out of Georgia Tech with a Bachelors in Electrical Engineering. Dad had started working on an electronic scanning sonar system in the mid 70's and had engaged some very smart folks at Ga Tech to assist. When Stembridge Products closed, one of the GT engineers and my Dad decided to start another company. I was included in the three way partnership, green as I was and was tasked with heading up the production line of the products being designed. Demico Inc. was born. Shame on me I have left out the glue that held it all together through the two companies. My Mom Mary, with a certificate from a business school in Dearborn, Michigan kept the books, ordered and paid for parts, invoiced companies, and kept house, made wonderful food, and anything else needed for both companies She was a smart and organized lady.

I am going to stop with that story line for now, maybe to return next month.

One of the differences between retiring from a business that is still going is that everything had to go somewhere. It was not cleaning out my desk, it was cleaning out a building. I had to decide what to keep and what to get rid of. I disposed of a great bit of stuff. Two thirty cubic yard roll off dumpsters to the landfill and probably 20 pickup truck loads of miscellaneous metal to a metal scrapyard. I did get enough from the scrap metal to just about pay for the dumpsters - my goal. My keep it pile is in two public storage spaces, and in two tents parked at our house. Hence, I am hard at work organizing and looking to build an outbuilding to utilize the equipment and supplies I have kept. I have set myself goals for vacating the storage spaces as soon as practical.

One last thing. You may have noticed that my face is gaining weight. Yes, I have quit shaving. I don't know how long this will continue. We shall see.

Ok, one more last thing. When Lucy and I decided to marry, I told her that I looked forward to growing old with her. That is to be my primary task.

Frank Stembridge

Love & Fellowship Circle (United Women in Faith)

CHRISTMAS IN JULY UMCOR CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

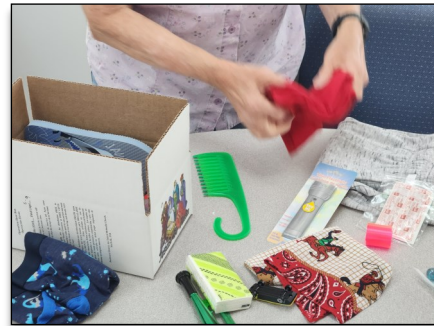
This month is when we put together the UMCOR Christmas Shoeboxes. Our circle will complete the shopping for requested items soon. We want to give everyone a chance to participate in this Mission. Here are two ways:

Financial support - each box costs approximately \$20 to fill and shipping has increased to \$6.00 each. Donations can be made any time in July.

Pack the boxes - July 27th we will have a packing party in the fellowship hall from Noon-2pm. Come share the joy we feel as we fill each box.

Thank you in advance! Circle members, don't forget our next meeting on July 9th.

Blessings,
Joni Janssen ,President IUWIF
Kathy Barb , Vice-president



United Methodist Men

Thanks to all that came out on June 19th for great fellowship and good food. Our next UMM meeting will be on Wednesday, July 17 at 9:00 AM in the fellowship hall. As always, you are welcome to bring a friend or family member. We love new faces. A light breakfast will be served.



Trustees

Have you noticed the way the youth house is all bright and shiny these days? Please join the Trustees in thanking Joe Gratzner for spending the day over there pressure washing the entire facility. This is no easy task and we are grateful for his hard work.

Thanks also to everyone who is helping keep the grass cut and the weeds knocked down around the church, youth house, and parsonage. We are thankful for everyone that does their part to keep the insides and outsides of our church facilities looking nice and in good shape!



Finance

Financial Report for January - May

Income	Jan. - May	YTD Budget
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 88,227	\$ 85,417
Other Designated Funds	\$ 2,200	\$ -
Grand Total Income	\$ 90,427	\$ 85,417
Expenses	Jan. - May	YTD Budget
ASP	\$ 4,875	\$ 5,000
Committee Expenditures	\$ 5,551	\$ 7,272
Operational Expenses	\$ 20,256	\$ 19,622
All Other Expenses	\$ 59,061	\$ 71,536
Grand Total Expenses	\$ 89,742	\$ 103,430

Missions and Outreach

July "Special Offering Sunday" is for Murphy-Harpst and will be celebrated on July 21, 2024.

As a Christian based mission for 100 years, Murphy-Harpst Children's Center remains a stable environment where hurting youth may safely lean on Jesus Christ for healing and hope. This Christian environment, built upon regular prayers and the dedicated service of staff and church partners is a vital part of the recovery and future of children across Georgia who have been abused and neglected and languishing in the foster care system.

The core of Murphy-Harpst is to provide a safe and nurturing residential environment along with treatment, placement in specialized foster care, and community programs that will allow them to thrive.

It is only through your generous donations that give Murphy-Harpst the ability to provide critical services that truly heal the children and allow them to achieve their potential and lead successful lives. Your donations help support vital programs such as: equine and art therapy, education and technology, spiritual and character development, life skills and vocational services as well as many others.

Big or Small; any and all donations are welcome and very much appreciated! Reflection of Sarah Murphy and Ethel Harpst (founders): "The love in your heart wasn't put there to stay. Love isn't love till it's given away."

"Children are God's love-gift; they are heaven's generous rewards." Psalm 127:3

Blessings

Deborah Morris



For Our Prayers

For Healing From Health Concerns

Carlos Allen (Gloria Reid's brother)
Jean Allen
Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)
Cheryl Chance
Darleen Cornelison
Katy Fowler
Ryan Gratzner
Rebecca Goss
Jerry Gunter (Mary Jane Fortner)
Whitney Hair
Brenda Harp
David Harp
Nicole Henry
Robin Hewell
Calvin Hudson (Mary Jane Fortner)
Sara Jane Overstreet
Pat Parker (Nancy Allgood)
Eugene Pritchard
Riley Rada (Kim Jeffords)
Gloria Reid
Miriam Schmidt
Lisa Spears (Nancy Allgood)
Billy Ward
Jenny Ward
Luz Webster (Gloria Reid)
Jeff Wedge
Rhonda Wheeler (George & Lynn Wheeler)
Chance Whittington (Will Chance)

For Healing From Cancer

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

For Those Mourning the Death of Loved Ones

June Dudrow
B.J. Ball
Alex Jeffords
Jeanette Ballard

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

Pat Pratt	July 1
Preston Scurry	July 7
Jerry Wagner	July 7
Sue Mahaffey	July 11
Kenny Corley	July 13
Nancy Gratzer	July 16
Debi Creel	July 18
Linda Price	July 22
Leigh Ann Hicks	July 24
Gayle Harp	July 26
Darleen Cornelison	July 27
Karen Millman	July 30

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

Offering Counters

July 7	Linda W. & Jeff W.
July 14	Brenda N. & Nancy G.
July 21	Donna M. & Chuck J.
July 28	Nancy A. & Joni J.

Summer Sandwich Socials

Wednesday evenings **5:30-6:30pm. Choice of lunchmeat or "special Sandwich of the week".**

\$4.00 for adults
\$2.00 for children under 12

July 10: Sub Sandwiches
Helpers: Nancy, Kathy

July 17: BLT
Helpers: Wendy, Deborah, Robin

July 24: Meatloaf
Helpers: Brenda, Robin

July 31: Pimento Cheese
Helpers: Volunteers Needed

Office Information

Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday 9am-1pm

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