

Inman Informer

July 2025

Newsletter of Inman United Methodist Church



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

Important Dates:

Children/ Youth Council Meeting:

Sunday,
July 6
at 12:15pm

SPR Meeting:

Monday,
July 7
at 6:00pm

UWIF Meeting:

Tuesday,
July 8
at 2:00pm

Administrative Board Meeting:

Tuesday,
July 8
at 6:00pm

UMM Club:

Wednesday,
July 16
at 9:00am

A note from the Pastor

There's something sacred about a table.

Not just the altar where we receive Communion—though that table, of course, holds deep and holy meaning. I'm talking, too, about the everyday tables of our lives: kitchen tables, picnic tables, coffee shop tables, and even folding tables in the fellowship hall. These are the places where conversations happen, laughter is shared, burdens are lightened, and lives are woven together.

This month, we begin a new sermon series titled "*Come to the Table*." It's about more than just an invitation to worship- it's a call to embody the radical hospitality of Jesus in every corner of our lives. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus was often found at a table: eating with sinners, blessing the bread, breaking barriers, and making room for the outsider. At Christ's table, no one was turned away.

In that same spirit, we are being invited, not just to come to the table ourselves, but to extend that invitation to others. Who in your life needs a place to belong? Who could use a listening ear or a warm meal? Who might say yes to an invitation, if only they were asked?

As we journey through this series together, I encourage you to think about the tables in your own life.

- Where is God calling you to make room?
- What would it look like to open your heart, your home, or even just your schedule to someone new?

Jesus doesn't just invite us to receive His grace. He calls us to share it. My prayer is that this season would stir in us a fresh sense of purpose and joy as we make space for others at the table—both sacred and ordinary.

Let's come to the table together, and let's not come alone.

With grace and peace,
Pastor Whitney



SEEKING LEADERSHIP BOARD APPLICATIONS

The Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development is seeking applicants for the 2026 Leadership Board.

We are prayerfully seeking individuals who:

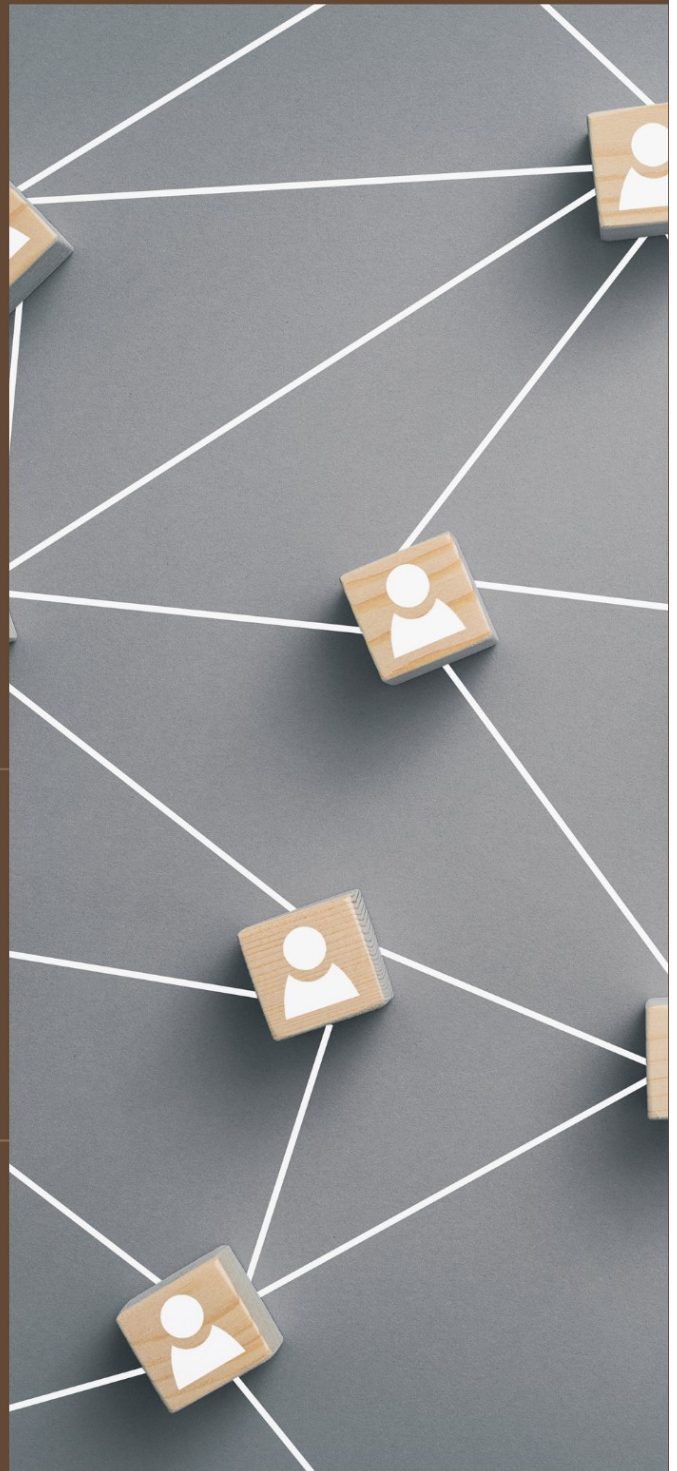
- Are committed followers of Jesus Christ
- Are professing members of Inman UMC
- Demonstrate Integrity, Spiritual Maturity, and a Servant's Heart
- Can work collaboratively for the good of the whole church

WHAT'S THE COMMITMENT?

- Attend an overnight retreat on Fri. Oct 31-Nov. 1
- Attend monthly board meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, starting Jan. 2026
- Review the materials in advance of each meeting

➔ Applications can be found in the Church office

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE
SUNDAY, JULY 13



Announcements



EVERYDAY FAITH EVERYDAY CONVERSATIONS

Encouraging Evangelism for Everyday People

Faith isn't just for Sundays—it's part of our everyday lives and everyday conversations.

This class will help you grow in confidence as you learn to share your faith naturally, with grace and authenticity, in the relationships and moments that matter most.

SUNDAY NIGHTS

5:30-6:30PM

AUG. 10

AUG. 24

AUG 17

SEPT. 7

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP, REACH OUT TO PASTOR WHITNEY



Welcome to our New District Superintendent

REV. DR. JULIE
BOONE

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Rev. Dr. Julie Boone comes to the SouthWest District after serving at the Senior Pastor at Marietta First UMC. She is passionate about ministry and the church. She loves developing leaders, encouraging laity, and delving deeply into scripture.



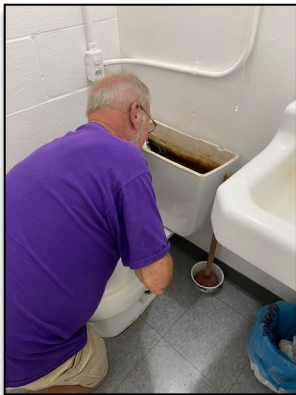
Trustees

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who has helped maintain the grounds and facilities throughout the past month.

Contributions by many individuals include:

- Landscaping maintenance: Keeping the grass cut, the weeds under control, and the shrubs pruned.
- Youth House Maintenance: Toilet and light fixture repairs have been made in the men's room.
- Church and Parsonage Maintenance: The hydraulic oil level has been checked in the elevator, the shower in the parsonage has new caulking, and work on installing a new dehumidifier in the basement of the parsonage has begun.

As always, we are grateful to everyone who has pitched in and helped out over the last month and we appreciate all your efforts in keeping the facilities well maintained and up to date!



Following The Holy Spirit

If you haven't already, take a moment to visit the bulletin board in the staff hallway.

The Holy Spirit is stirring dreams within the people of Inman—visions of where God is calling us next.
But let us do more than dream.

Let us listen.
Let us follow.
Let us act.

May these paper flames ignite real movement among us.



Missions and Outreach

July "Special Offering Sunday" is for Murphy-Harpst and will be celebrated on July 13, 2025

Murphy-Harpst Children's Center is an independent not-for-profit organization dedicated to meeting the needs of abused and neglected children.

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



Finance

| Financial Report for January - May 2025 | | | 2025 Budget |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Income | Jan. - May | YTD Budget | 2025 Budget |
| Gifts & Tithes | \$ 83,644 | \$ 85,417 | \$ 205,000 |
| Other Designated Funds | \$ 3,585 | \$ 4,167 | \$ 10,000 |
| Grand Total Income | \$ 87,230 | \$ 89,583 | \$ 215,000 |
| Expenses | Jan. - May | YTD Budget | 2025 Budget |
| Committee Expenditures | \$ 5,689 | \$ 10,740 | \$ 25,775 |
| Operational Expenses | \$ 17,846 | \$ 28,556 | \$ 68,534 |
| All Other Expenses | \$ 73,004 | \$ 67,362 | \$ 161,669 |
| Grand Total Expenses | \$ 96,539 | \$ 106,658 | \$ 255,978 |

United Methodist Men

Thanks to the sixteen folks who attended our June meeting on the 18th. We had good food and great fellowship. Our next meeting will be on July 16 at 9:00 in the fellowship hall. Breakfast will be served. If possible, bring a friend and/or a fellow church member who does not regularly attend.



For Our Prayers

For Healing From Health Concerns

Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)
Cheryl Chance
Darleen Cornelison
Madge Cox (Lyn Wheeler)
Whitney Dunlap (Brenda Neupert)
Moody Elliott
Katy Fowler
Rebecca Goss
Whitney Hair
Brenda Harp
David Harp
Jan Janssen (Herm and Joni Janssen)
Kathe Leo (Nancy Allgood)
Kathy McBrayer
Sara Jane Overstreet
Eugene Pritchard
Riley Rada (Kim Jeffords)
Gloria Reid
Miriam Schmidt
Steven Siders (Joni Janssen)
Lisa Spears (Nancy Allgood)
Billy Ward
Jenny Ward
Doug Wheeler
Rhonda Wheeler (George & Lyn Wheeler)
Roger Williams (Whitney Hair)
Chance Whittington (Will Chance)

For Healing From Cancer

Denise Anderson (Joni Janssen)
Judy Becco
Betty Chally
Walter Delia (Martha Kozisek)
Dan Dudley (Pat Pratt)
Daniel Houghton (Martha Kozisek)
Tory Howe (Ruth Sitton)
Steve Stingecomb (Mary Jane Fortner)
Diane Tankersley (Donald Whiteside)
George Wheeler

For Those Mourning the Death of Loved Ones

Leigh Ann Hicks
Anne Hembree
Jean Allen

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

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|--------------------|---------|
| Pat Pratt | July 1 |
| Kirk Swahlen | July 3 |
| Preston Scurry | July 7 |
| Sue Mahaffey | July 11 |
| Kenny Corley | July 13 |
| Tim Black | July 15 |
| Nancy Gratzner | July 16 |
| Debi Creel | July 18 |
| Linda Price | July 22 |
| Vicki Jackson | July 23 |
| 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 6
July 13
July 20
July 27

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

Office Information

Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday 9am-1pm

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