

Inman Informer

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A Note From The Pastor

Living in Fellowship with One Another: A Community of Discipleship

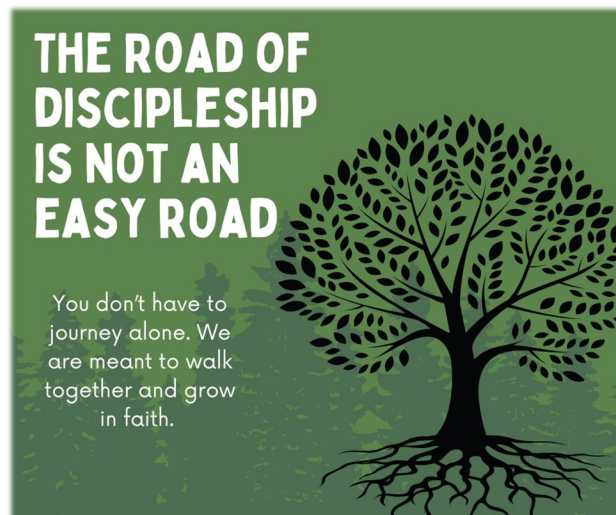
As disciples of Christ, we are not called to walk alone. The life of a Christian is inherently communal, built upon the foundation of fellowship with one another. Jesus' call to follow Him is not a solitary journey but one that invites us into a family of believers who support, encourage, and challenge each other in our shared pursuit of Christlikeness.

In the early church, we see a beautiful example of this shared life in Christ. In Acts 2:42-47, the believers "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." These early Christians didn't just gather in a building or for a weekly service; they lived life together—learning, sharing meals, praying, and encouraging one another. This communal devotion was vital to their growth as disciples and to the vitality of the Church.

Discipleship is never meant to be a lone endeavor. It's about walking alongside others, learning from one another, and bearing one another's burdens. As a church, we are called to create spaces where this type of fellowship can thrive. Whether through small groups, church services, or shared ministries, we have opportunities to grow together in our faith.

Living in fellowship with others provides accountability and encouragement. It challenges us to stay rooted in our faith, even when we face difficulties, and to celebrate the victories that God brings into our lives. It also reminds us that no one walks this journey alone. Together, we are stronger. Together, we can better reflect the love of Christ to the world.

As you go about your week, I encourage you to engage in the life of the Church. Join a small group, attend a service, volunteer in a ministry, or simply reach out to someone who may need a word of encouragement. Let us continue to live out the communal call of discipleship, supporting and challenging one another to grow in our love for Christ.



In Christ's love,
Pastor Whitney

MARCH

2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2 Youth Lunch after church Social Media Meeting 12:15	3	4	5 ✠ Ash Wednesday Wednesday Night Activities 5:30pm	6	7	8 Hooked Concert at Inman Car Show 11:00am 
9 Girl Scouts 3pm Youth 5pm	10	11 UWIF 2pm SPR Meeting 6pm	12 Wednesday Night Activities 5:30pm	13	14 Lent Creativity 2pm	15
16 Youth 5pm	17	18	19 Men's Club 9am Wednesday Night Activities 5:30pm	20	21	22
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30 5th Sunday Social Announcement Sunday	31	1	2	3	4	5

Lent Creativity: As we spend this Lent season looking for the moments of God's presence that fill us with awe and wonder, what better way than to look toward creativity. There will be several opportunities during Lent to experience God's presence through creativity.

Friday, March 14 at 2:00pm: Painting afternoon: Come out for an afternoon filled with painting, fellowship, and laughter as we channel creativity to express our faith. No artistic skill is needed. Come inspired (or find inspiration at the event with Scriptures & prompts) **Please RSVP by Monday, March 10 in order to make sure we have enough canvases.**

Tuesday, March 25 at 5:30pm: Picnic in the Park: Nourishment in Nature: Bring your own picnic/ supper and we'll gather at Morgan Grove Nature Area, starting at 5:30pm to enjoy our dinner together. After dinner, we'll be lead in a brief reflection time, utilizing the creation around us. Bring your own dinner. **There are picnic tables, but feel free to bring a chair.**
Morgan Grove Nature Center is located at 181 Morgan Rd, Fayetteville, GA 30215. If it's bad weather, we'll swap events with the April 7 event.


Monday, April 7 at 6:00pm: Mosaic Night: We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of creating paper Mosaics, as we reflect on how our lives are pieced together by God.
All supplies provided.

Plan Ahead, Find Peace: Funeral Planning Workshop: Wednesday, March 26th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall : We understand that planning for the future can feel overwhelming, but it's also an act of care and love for your family. Join us at Inman UMC for a **Funeral Planning Workshop** to learn how to make important decisions ahead of time, ensuring that your wishes are known and respected.

This workshop will cover:

- *How to make funeral arrangements that reflect your values and preferences
- * Steps to utilize the church for a funeral service and/or burial at Inman Cemetery
- *Offering peace of mind for you and your loved one

Whether you're planning for yourself or assisting a loved one, this workshop provides a supportive, informative environment to guide you through the process.


Ash Wednesday
SERVICE
March 5, 2025
6:30 PM
In the
Sanctuary


**Hooked
Concert**
Saturday, March 8
at 11:00am
at the Inman Antique
Car Show



Love & Fellowship Circle (United Women in Faith)

Hello Ladies, Easter is quickly approaching! With that, it is time for Easter Baskets! We have committed to fill 47 baskets this year. 26 girls and 21 boys.

The baskets and sign up sheets will be available on March 16th to be returned March 30th.

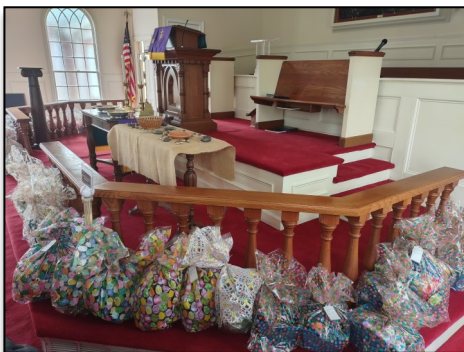
If you would like to adopt a basket, for a donation of \$20-\$25 we will do the shopping for you.

Our next meeting will be at 2:00 on March 11th.

Donna Stillwell and I will be attending the Renew Women's Retreat at the end of the month.

If you would like more information, it can be found at:

<https://www.ngumc.org/eventdetail/18759561>



Blessings,
Kathy Barb, President

Trustees

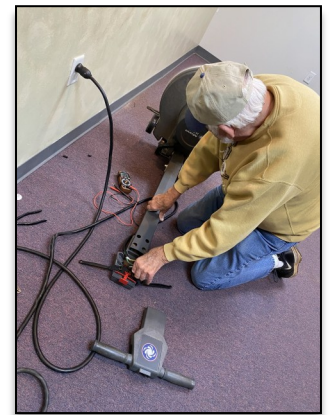
The Trustees have been working on a variety of projects in and around the church over the last month.

*Thanks to Forrest Ballard and Joe Gratzler the facility grounds are being kept free of leaves, limbs, and debris and necessary pruning of shrubs is taking place.

*The Trustees have kept a close watch on the weather and doing everything possible to make sure the water pipes don't freeze up in the cold temperatures.

*The Trustees would like to thank Herm Janssen for taking a few days to look at and repair the church floor buffer. Thanks to Herm we didn't have to buy a new buffer and he was able to repair the switch so the buffer will work again!

Thanks to everyone for all you do to help keep our facilities working properly and grounds looking great!



United Methodist Men

Thanks to all who attended the February meeting. We had a good, lively and hungry crowd. Our prayers went out to Doug Wheeler who is Lyn and George Wheeler's son and has some serious health problems.

Please mark your calendar for our next meeting on Wednesday, March 19 at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be served.



Missions and Outreach

March "Special Offering Sunday" is for UMCOR.....United Methodist Committee on Relief and will be celebrated on March 30, 2025.

"God's Faithfulness In The Midst of Crisis."

UMCOR is a nonprofit humanitarian aid and development organization of the United Methodist Church.

In the aftermath of a natural disaster like a storm or a man made disaster like war, many of us have witnessed unimaginable devastation....homes destroyed, lives turned upside down and communities torn apart. Yet, even in the darkest of times, we have seen the light of God's grace shine through, often through the eyes, hands and feet of those who serve.

UMCOR partners with local churches, where together they work tirelessly to provide immediate relief (food, water, shelter, emotional support), long-term recovery (rebuilding and repairing structures), and ongoing support to those who are affected. This collaborative work is a testament to God's faithfulness and our shared responsibility to care for one another.

UMCOR has brought hope to places of despair and healing to places of brokenness. God has been faithful in the past, and His faithfulness remains a steadfast anchor of strength, hope and promise in the midst of crisis.

How can we show our "Faithfulness to others in a Crisis?" When we support UMCOR's efforts, whether through donations, volunteering or praying, we are participating in God's work of bringing his love to others in crisis. Let us respond with open hearts and willing hands so that, we too can move from a season of crisis into a season of restoration and hope.

100% of your offerings go to support UMCOR! All Offerings Big or Small Are Greatly Appreciated!

" Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful."
Hebrews 10:23

Blessings,
Deborah Morris



Finance

Financial Report for January - December			2025 Budget
Income	Jan. - Dec.	YTD Budget	2025 Budget
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 207,722	\$ 205,000	\$ 205,000
Other Designated Funds	\$ 34,493	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Grand Total Income	\$ 242,214	\$ 205,000	\$ 215,000
Expenses	Jan. - Dec.	YTD Budget	2025 Budget
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
Grand Total Expenses	\$ 213,016	\$ 248,232	\$ 255,978

District Training

Church leaders routinely have an opportunity to participate in training offered by the District. This year, Pastor Whitney, Ed Roehm, Brad Wagner and Linda Wagner participated in the Creative Ministry Academy at McEachern UMC on February 1st. Everyone could attend three different classes and learn about a variety of topics. Thanks to this opportunity, our leaders were able to meet with other church leaders and gather additional insight on a wide range of topics including: Trustees, Staff Parish Relations, Discipleship, Finances, Lay Leadership and Grants.

Thanks to everyone at District for their leadership in these training classes and for the wonderful folks at McEachern UMC for hosting everyone!



For Our Prayers

For Healing From Health Concerns

Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)
Cheryl Chance
Darleen Cornelison
Madge Cox (Lyn Wheeler)
Moody Elliott
Katy Fowler
Rebecca Goss
Whitney Hair
Brenda Harp
David Harp
Nicole Henry
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)
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)
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

Jean Allen

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

Brenda Schachle	March 7
Nancy Allgood	March 10
Betty Moore	March 13
Roland Ivey	March 14
Autumn Corely	March 21
Will Chance	March 24
Kelli McCalla	March 24
Jack Price	March 26
Sandra Lee Scurry	March 28

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

Offering Counters

Mar. 2	Linda W. & Nancy G.
Mar. 9	Brenda N. & Linda W.
Mar. 16	Donna M. & Chuck J.
Mar. 23	Nancy A. & Joni J.
Mar. 30	Linda W. & Ed R.

Wednesday Night Meals

5:30-6:30pm

\$9.00 for adults

\$5.00 for children under 12

Three and under eat free

Mar. 5: Pancakes/Waffles

Helpers: Scholarship

Mar. 12: Soup

Helpers: Membership Care

Mar. 19: Smoked Sausage w/ potatoes

Helpers: Trustees

Mar. 26: Chicken alfredo

Helpers: SPR

Office Information

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