

The Inman Informer

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How is your Soul?

One of the age-old Methodist questions that often gets tossed around is “How is your soul?” John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, would open every small group meeting with this question. It goes so much deeper than “How are you?” to instead ask “Really, how are you? How is your spirit?”

I’ll be the first to admit this question can be very jarring, because it calls for an intimate response. Even if we just ask the question of ourselves, sometimes we may not like the answer that we have to give. Maybe your life is falling apart but you feel God’s peace and presence in ways like you never have before. Or maybe your life may be going great, but your soul may feel like a dry cistern.

By examining this question in our own life, we must analyze our lives and our habits. We must ask ourselves the hard questions, like:

- ◆ What are the things I’m doing in my life that really make my soul come alive and flourish?
- ◆ What are the things I’m engaged in that are draining the life out of my soul?
- ◆ What am I doing to bring my soul closer to God?
- ◆ What am I doing that is creating distance between God and myself?

With these answers, there doesn’t need to be a sense of judgement or shame. Open your Bible to the book of Psalms and you will read the wide variety of emotions David brings before God. Regardless of what season of life you may be in, this question serves as a reminder that it’s okay to be human. It’s more than okay to admit there are times when our souls are not doing well. God wants us to bring our honest selves. There is nothing

we can say or do to shock God, as God knows our innermost being. God wants us to be honest, to bring our entire being. And on those days when the journey seems long and your soul feels twisted, tied, and dried up, that's why God has us in community— to bear one another's burdens, to encourage one another along, to walk with one another.

Maybe you need to reflect on the question. Or maybe you can help someone by asking "how is your soul" and truly listening to their response.

Peace and Grace,
Whitney



Inman UMC Membership Picture Directory

Don't forget to sign up for pictures, as well as update any outdated contact information.

The sign up calendar is on the bulletin board in the hallway behind the sanctuary. You may also sign up by calling the church office at 770-461-2123.

Available Dates:
Wednesday, May 11, 5:30-6:30pm
Sunday, May 15, 9:50-10:50am



A View from the Lay Leader

May is here and the temperature is rising. Soon our second-best friend, after Jesus, will be our HVAC system. But I think it is rising at Inman too: confirmands on Easter Sunday, the first baptisms in 11 years, and new members transferring into our family. Pastor Whitney was able to hit the “Trifecta” of new members in the first year, who can help but smile?

But keep your eyes open, because this is when the Devil likes to attack. Coming out of one painful time with COVID’s issues, we breathe in the fresh air only to have it tainted with the foul smell of dissent.

Remember that we need to work together and move forward. To avoid allowing issues to drive a nail between us and divide us. We cannot let it weaken our resolve. I am not sure if any of you have seen a “botfly” larva removed from a small animal, but it is disgusting. Troubles and Trials are like that. When a problem comes up, it is usually small and can easily be resolved. But when it is allowed to grow and fester, the issues get clouded and confused by comments and time. Matthew 18:15-20 should be our guide in resolving our issues. It has only taken me 50+ years to figure this out.

Matthew 18:19-20 tells us what can be achieved when we work and pray for it. Maybe that is why we have so many meetings. Information known and hoarded is opportunity squandered. Information known and shared is a powerful opportunity.

Let us not be a mushroom growing in the dark and covered with... well you know.

Loving you with the Love of the Lord,
Jeff



Children & Youth

Sunday Night Youth: We gather at the Youth House each Sunday night for a time of dinner, fellowship, and a lesson. All 5th-12th graders are invited.



Youth “Family Time” Nights: It’s important for families to have time together to enjoy fun activities. That can be difficult to do when there is always something on the calendar. To help, we’ve designated the following Sundays as “Family Time” nights and we encourage our youth and their families to plan special, meaningful activities together as opposed to having our regular Youth Group.

There will be no regular youth group on these evenings so that families can gather.

May 8 (Mother’s Day)

May 29 (Memorial Day)

ASP Training and Lock In

There will be an ASP training for the youth & adults going on the ASP Trip. The training lock in will begin Saturday, May 14, at 9am. The youth will be dismissed at 9am on Sunday, May 15. If you have any questions, reach out to John Rigby or Chris Christian.



Mark your Calendars for Summer Activities

- ◆ Impact with Square Foot Ministries- June 8-10 in Newnan
- ◆ ASP- June 11-18
- ◆ July 3- Pool Party at the Roehm’s House
- ◆ July 23- Serve & Play Day at the church
- ◆ July 31- Back to School Bonfire at the Youth House



What a day of celebration!



Celebrating all that God has done and all that God is doing
in the lives of Kamryn, Jasmine, and Alex!



IMPACT

STUDENT SERVE WEEK

JUNE 8-10 2022

**RIVERLIFE IS PROUD TO PARTNER WITH
SQUARE FOOT MINISTRY TO EMPOWER
STUDENTS TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON OUR
COMMUNITY THIS SUMMER!**

Mark Your Calendar

**Join Impact with Square Foot Ministries as we serve the
Newnan Community.**

- ♦ *Registration is due by May 12.*
- ♦ *The cost is \$20 per youth and free for adults.*
- ♦ *The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Youth Director's Office.*
- ♦ *For more information, please see Ed Roehm or Linda Wagner.*
- ♦ *We need AT LEAST one chaperone for every 5 kids.*
- ♦ *No construction related experience is necessary for the kids or the chaperones.*
- ♦ *For more info, please see Ed Roehm or Linda Wagner.*

IMPACT 2022

IMPACT is a youth service event open to middle and senior high youth groups that offers an opportunity to serve the community as the hands and feet of Christ. This year's IMPACT will be based in Newnan and projects are expected to include:

1. Building a duplex home in the Chalk Level neighborhood in Newnan
2. Working on tornado recovery projects in areas that were affected by the storms in 2021
3. Build/repair projects for local homeowners in need (wheelchair ramps, exterior painting etc.)
4. Assisting other local nonprofits as they serve those in need in the community

The schedule for IMPACT will be:

Wednesday June 8

Breakfast @ 8am - Newnan First United Methodist Church

Work sites 9am – approx. 3:30pm

Lunch provided on site

Thursday June 9

Breakfast @ 8am - Newnan First United Methodist Church

Work sites 9am – approx. 3:30pm

Lunch provided on site

Friday June 10

Breakfast @ 8am - Newnan First United Methodist Church

Work sites 9am – 1pm

Celebration Cookout and Program 1pm-3pm location TBD

We welcome youth groups from churches, schools, sports teams, beta clubs, civic organizations and others, and ask that there be one adult volunteer for every five youth participating in your group.

All tools, materials and instruction will be provided by adult leaders of Square Foot Ministry and RiverLife. The youth teams will be provided breakfast and lunch each day and an IMPACT T-shirt. We ask for a \$20 signup fee for each youth participant (no charge for adult volunteers).

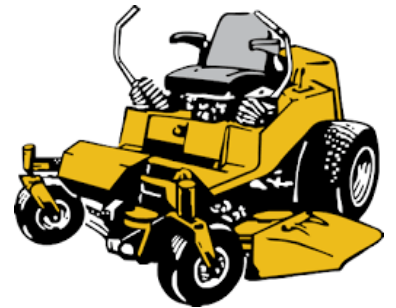
Clothing should be appropriate for a construction site or other job that could be dirty and messy. Close-toe shoe are required. Hat and sunscreen recommended, and we ask each group to bring a cooler or two filled with ice. SFM will provide bottled water.

Important Dates and INFORMATION

****WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH WILL BE OUR
LAST SUPPER UNTIL SEPTEMBER.****

Administrative Board Meeting: Mark your calendar for an Administrative Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 10, at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Committee Chairs, please have reports to the church office prior to the meeting.

Volunteers Needed for Grass Cutting: If you are interested in volunteering to cut the grass at the church, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Question? Reach out to Linda Wagner or Ed Roehm.



5th Sunday: Come join us on Sunday, May 29th for our 5th Sunday Social! We will worship together WITH ONE SERVICE AT 11:00am and then enjoy a meal together in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner is provided.

United Women in Faith Love & Fellowship Circle

*All ladies in our church are welcome
to attend the following meeting:
Tuesday, May 10th at 1:00pm in the
Fellowship Hall*



Thank you all for ordering Easter Lilies for the sanctuary on Easter.

In honor of Mother's Day on May 8th, the LAF Circle is preparing a list of loved ones that you would like to remember or honor in our church bulletin on that Sunday.

Blessings,

Joni Janssen, President



UMM



Thanks to everyone who helped with the UMM Easter Breakfast!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 16 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are invited to come out for a light breakfast & fellowship!

Membership Care

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Easter Baskets for our members who are homebound!



Trustees



THANK YOU to everyone who made the church wide workday on April 2 a huge success! These folks showed up, helped out, and/or donated equipment, time, and materials: Pastor Whitney, Ed & Judy Roehm, Herm & Joni Janssen, Jean & Jerry Haygood, Deborah Morris, Linda Wagner, Dave Cathey, Jeff Creel, Donna McChargue, Jerry Wagner, Zach Creel, Moody Elliott, Brandon Harp, Mickey Harp, & Nolan Harp!



Finance

We remain grateful for the generosity of everyone in the congregation.
The Finance Report for January-March 2022 is shown below.

Financial Report for January - March, 2022

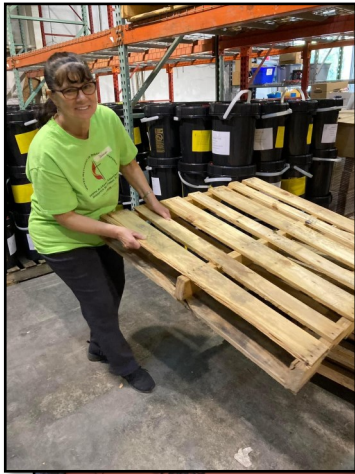
Income	<i>Jan. - Mar.</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 56,772	\$ 53,000
ASP	\$ 13,595	\$ -
Other Designated Funds	\$ 3,560	\$ 2,500
<i>Grand Total Income</i>	<i>\$ 73,926</i>	<i>\$ 55,500</i>
Expenses	<i>Jan. - Mar.</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
ASP	\$ 4,825	\$ 3,000
Committee Expenditures	\$ 868	\$ 2,213
Operational Expenses	\$ 11,706	\$ 8,385
All Other Expenses	\$ 38,715	\$ 41,887
<i>Grand Total Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 56,114</i>	<i>\$ 55,484</i>

Schedule of Counters for May:

May 1, 2022: Linda Wagner & Jeff Wedge
 May 8, 2022: Brenda Neupert & Helen Baylor
 May 15, 2022: Donna McChargue & Jerry Wagner
 May 22, 2022: Nancy Allgood & Joni Janssen
 May 29, 2022: Linda Wagner & Ed Roehm



Mission & Outreach



Mission Trip
UMCOR
Disaster Warehouse



Alter Rail Offering for the month of May is for Fayette Samaritans.

Fayette Samaritans is a Christian ministry run by volunteers. This ministry serves families in Fayette County that are in need of food, clothing and emergency financial assistance. Food, clothing and financial donations are always needed and so very much appreciated. Volunteers are also needed. So, if you have 3 hours to spare; once a week or once a month or so; it is a great place to serve God by serving the needs of others.

Share with God's people who are in need." Romans 12:13

Blessings
Deborah Morris



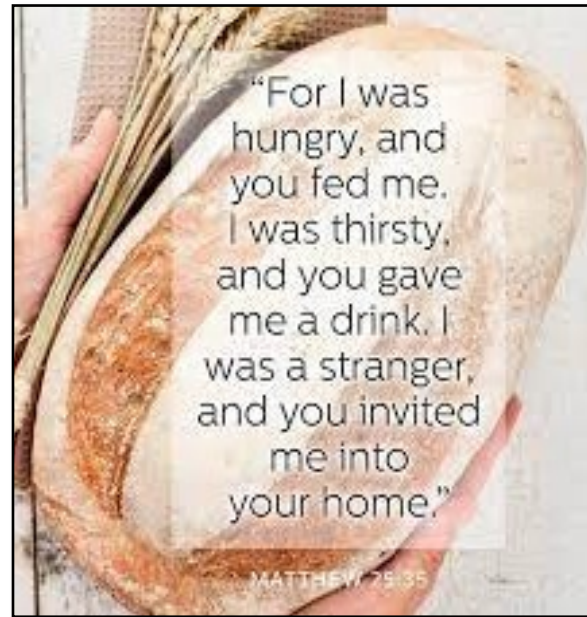
Fayette Samaritans Inc.
P. O. Box 1071
126 Hickory Road
Fayetteville, GA 30214
770-719-2702 – 770-719-9880

Dear Church Members,

Fayette Samaritans needs volunteers in all areas. If you would like more information, call our office. Please note phone number correction.

The following are the items most needed for May, however, all donations are appreciated:

1. Boxed Mashed Potatoes
2. Tuna
3. Canned Fruit
4. Corn
5. Saltine Crackers
6. Jelly
7. Toothpaste
8. Toothbrushes
9. Toilet Paper
10. Feminine Products



Our Clothes Closet needs all sizes of women's underwear, especially size large.

Thank you.

Jerry Daughtry

Secretary

Fayette Samaritans, Inc.

"They also will answer, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you? "He will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me." Matthew 25:44-45

Our Prayers

For healing from health concerns

Carlos Allen (Gloria Reid's brother)
Roger Barnhill
Michael Barb
Ray Barday (Charles Cox)
Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)
Jack Brannon (Jeff Wedge)
Tyrion Bruce
Russell Clarke (Maggie Clarke)
Darleen Cornelison
Charles Cox
Lane Cox (Lyn Wheeler)
Karen Glessner (Kay Cox)
Charles Harp
Don Harp
Nicole Henry
Leigh Ann Hicks
John Kozisek
Griffin Lunceford
Sarah McCart (Jane St. Amour)
Karen Millman
Joanne Minter
Pat Parker (Nancy Allgood)
Eugene Pritchard
Ken Sandberg
Miriam Schmidt
Scott Smith (Melanie Wagner)
Ruth Sitton
Lisa Spears (Nancy Allgood)
Jane St. Amour
Claire Starkey
Roger Starkey
Katy Swanger
Marvin Tidwell
Patricia Vaughn
Julie Ward
Luz Webster (Gloria Reid)
Jeff Wedge
Rhonda Wheeler (George & Lynn Wheeler)
Chance Whittington (Will Chance)
Kathey Young

For healing from cancer

Roger Allgood
Denise Anderson (Joni Janssen)
Justin Bennett (Ruth Sitton)
David Booth (Martha Kozisek)
Jackie Clayburn
Nancy Cox (Cox's sister-in-law)
Walter Delia (Martha Kozisek)
Dan Dudley (Pat Pratt)
Mary Lee Giddings
Bill Haleday
Leigh Hawkins
Daniel Houghton (Martha Kozisek)
JL Houze (Charles Cox)
Burl Hurley
Luke Key (Mary Jane Fortner)
Matt Kirkindall
Marvin Markham (Brenda Schachle)
Katie Schmidt (Brenda Schachle)
Joey Shelton (Deborah Morris)
Bobby Smith (Tammy Cox)
Diane Tankersley (Donald Whiteside)
Brent Taylor (Jim & Karen Blue)
Earl Terry (Charles Cox)
Ruth Williams
Bobby Williams (Rick Minter)
Louise Woods (Ann Hembree)
Penny Wofford
Kay Young

For Those Mourning the Death of These Loved Ones

Sue Swain (Judy Roehm)
Bill Stembridge (Frank Stembridge)
Bill Harp
Kay Cox
Pam Arrington (Billy & Jenny Ward)
Sara Ballard

Other Concerns

For the children/youth programs of Inman
Unspoken prayers of the congregation

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Jeff Creel	May 1st
Erica Gassaway	May 3rd
Brad Wagner	May 3rd
Courtney Woodall	May 9th
Katy Swanger	May 12th
Deborah Morris	May 13th
Whitney Hair	May 13th
Jerry Hewell	May 20th
Bobby Swanger	May 21st
Linda Wagner	May 25th
George Wheeler	May 28th
Janet Hilten	May 31st

If you see that a birthday is missing,
please notify the church office so that we
can make the correction in our records.

In Loving Memory of Kay Cox

