

Inman Informer

November

The Story Between the Lines

One of the things I enjoy most about visiting our church members in their homes is looking at the photographs hanging on their walls.

Those photographs often capture beautiful moments from years gone by—their younger days, full of life and energy, time spent with loved ones, and some of the most memorable seasons of their lives. Looking at those pictures reminds me that everyone has experienced moments filled with love, joy, and a little romance along the way.

And somehow, the faces in those photographs are almost always smiling.

Yet surely, their lives were not always as beautiful and carefree as those photographs might suggest. Behind those smiles, there must have been seasons of hardship, disappointment, uncertainty, and tears. Those photographs tell a true story, but they do not tell the whole story.

I think our lives are much the same.

We often read someone's biography and imagine what their life must have been like—where they studied, what they accomplished, the milestones they reached, and the positions they held. A few sentences can make a life look like a journey of steady progress, moving from one achievement to the next.

But can those few lines really tell the whole story?

When we look back on our own lives, we realize how much remains hidden between those lines. There were seasons of uncertainty, disappointment, and exhaustion. There were moments when we felt overwhelmed by circumstances beyond our control, when we questioned the path ahead, and even times when we wanted to give up.

Yet when we summarize our lives in a short biography, those struggles almost disappear. What remains is a story that seems much simpler than the lives we have actually lived.

Of course, the biography is not untrue. Those accomplishments and milestones are genuinely part of our stories. They simply are not the whole story.

Some moments become part of our biographies, while others remain quietly written in our hearts. Even the days that once seemed unbearable eventually find their place between the lines of our stories.

Perhaps the beauty of life is not that we eventually forget our struggles. Rather, it is that we learn to embrace them as part of our journey and, somehow, come to say that even with all those difficulties, life has been good.

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Perhaps that is also why we hang photographs on our walls. Our lives may never be perfect, but even in our imperfect lives, God gives us moments of perfect beauty. Like the photographs we bring home from a trip, the pictures on our walls rarely show the heat, the long hours of waiting, or the weariness along the way. Yet when we look at them, we remember the joy, we give thanks for those precious moments, and perhaps we even find ourselves longing for another journey.

And so, just as I look at old photographs and begin dreaming of another journey, I choose to take another step forward today. I know that the road ahead will not always be easy or beautiful, but I trust that along the way, there will be new moments of grace that God has yet to reveal.

Even when I cannot fully understand what is happening in my life, I choose to confess,

“God is good.”

Faith does not mean believing only what we have already seen and confirmed. Nor does it mean forcing ourselves to believe something that is not true or pretending that our pain and struggles do not exist.

Rather, faith is the conviction that **what we are experiencing today is not the whole story.**

The tears we shed today are real. The pain and uncertainty we face are real. But God’s goodness is real, too.

Faith means refusing to let the reality of today’s tears become the final word about God’s goodness.

Just as a few lines of a biography cannot tell the whole story of our lives, the circumstances we face today cannot tell the whole story God is still writing.

And now, as we enter the season of Thanksgiving, we are invited to look back on another year with grateful hearts.

But perhaps our gratitude is not simply because everything went well. Not every day was easy, and not every prayer was answered in the way we hoped. Some of us may still be carrying burdens that have not yet been lifted.

We give thanks not because every moment of our lives has been good, but because God has been with us through every moment.

Our gratitude is rooted not in the absence of hardship, but in the presence of the Lord who has walked beside us through it all.

And perhaps, one day, when we look back on this season of our lives, we will see more than the struggles we once faced. We will recognize the grace that carried us, the love that sustained us, and the faithful presence of God even in the moments we did not understand.

Our story is not finished yet. And God is still writing.

May this Thanksgiving remind us that, whatever this year has brought, we have never walked alone.

Pastor Daniel

Announcements

Attention Crafters & Bakers!!

We are collecting donations for the Craft Bazaar and asking they be priced, if possible. Final date for donations will be Friday, December 4th.

All donations can be put in the room downstairs next to the Bible study room.

**Save the Date! Craft Bazaar Dec. 5th 8am-1pm
Country Breakfast 8-10:30am**



Be on the lookout for "The Angel Tree," which will be set up soon in the Sanctuary!

Help us provide the Magic of Christmas and share the love of Jesus to underprivileged children and seniors by choosing an "Angel" from the tree and shopping for gifts for them.



Office Closure Notice!

**The church office will be closed for
Thanksgiving, November 26, 2026.**



Ladies Christmas Luncheon!

All Ladies are invited to join us at Partner's Pizza in Peachtree City on December 8 @ 11:30. We can show up at 11:00 and decorate the table.

Please register on the sign-up sheet in the back hall by the copier room, so they can get a head count.

Bring a \$10 gift to exchange!



**We invite you to join us!
A Table in the Wilderness
Gathering at the Farm Table This Advent**

Sunday, November 29

First Sunday of Advent & Hanging of the
Greens

One combined worship service at 11:00 a.m.
(Combined Service at 11am)

Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday of Advent

Wednesday, December 16 (5:30pm)

Wednesday Night Supper: A Table of Joy

Wednesday, December 2 (5:30pm)

Wednesday Night Supper: A Table of Hope

Sunday, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 5

Christmas Bazaar & Country Breakfast

Wednesday, December 23 (5:30pm)

Wednesday Night Supper: A Table of Love

Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

Thursday, December 24 (5pm)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 9 (5:30pm)

Wednesday Night Supper: A Table of Peace

Sunday, December 27

Christmas Sunday & Year-End Worship
(Combined Service at 11am)

Volunteers Needed for Advent Wednesday Suppers

As we prepare for our Wednesday evening Advent suppers, we are looking for volunteers to help prepare and serve meals each week on the following Wednesdays:

- December 2
- December 9
- December 16
- December 23

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board!

Thank You!

A special "Thank You!" to these men, who spent an entire day cleaning up the bushes and shrubs around the church, taking care of the lawn, and straightening up the grounds!



Financial Report for September 2026

INCOME	Sept 2026	Jan-Sept 2026	Annual Budget This Year
GIFTS & TITHES	\$18,543.57	\$148,802.47	\$0.00
OTHER REVENUE	\$410.01	\$2,316.29	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL INCOME	\$18,953.58	\$151,118.76	\$0.00
EXPENSES	Sept 2026	Jan-Sept 2026	Annual Budget This Year
PROGRAM EXPENDITURES	\$52.37	\$1,762.70	\$27,525.00
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$2,092.48	\$37,660.15	\$57,120.00
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	\$7,806.85	\$109,702.53	\$178,329.20
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,951.00	\$149,125.38	\$262,974.20
Net Total for September (Income minus Expenses)	\$9,002.58	Net Total for Year (Income minus Expenses)	\$ 1,993.38

For our Prayers

For Healing From Health Concerns

Nancy Allgood
Heather Carlin (Herm Janssen)
Cheryl Chance
Will Chance
Madge Cox (Lyn Wheeler)
Whitney Dunlap (Brenda Neupert)
Sharon Elliott
Mary Jane Fortner
Brenda Harp
Lee Hartman (Linda Chapman)
Ed Hicks
Robert Ihnen (Herm Janssen)
Kathe Leo (Nancy Allgood)
Jack Lostlen (Joni Janssen)
Deborah Morris
Sara Jane Overstreet
Linda Paul (Mary Jane Fortner)
Chris Payne (Forrest Ballard)
Pat Pratt
Kyrie Rada (Kim Jeffords)
Riley Rada (Kim Jeffords)
Gloria Reid
Miriam Schmidt
Ruth Sitton
Keith Sparks (Mary Jane Fortner)
Lisa Spears (Nancy Allgood)
Diane Tankersley (Donald Whiteside)
Doug Wheeler
Rhonda Wheeler (George & Lyn Wheeler)
Chance Whittington (Will Chance)

For Healing From Cancer

Judy Becco
Tom Brisbois
Lenoir Culbertson (Janet Hilten)
Tory Howe (Ruth Sitton)
Linda Jeffords
Joey Swanger

For Those Mourning the Death of Loved Ones

George Wheeler
Bob Ball (Scott & Joy Ballard)

Other Concerns

For the children/youth of Inman UMC

For our Church Leadership Board

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

Please help keep our Prayer List
updated by forwarding changes
and updates to the office at
secretary@inmanmethodist.org

NOVEMBER

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 All Saints Day Special Offering Aldersgate	2	3	4 Choir 6:30pm	5	6	7
8	9	10 Staff Meeting 10am UWIF 2pm Leadership Board 6:30pm	11 Choir 6:30pm	12	13	14
15	16 Youth Staff Meeting 11am	17	18 Choir 6:30pm	19	20	21
22 Thanksgiving	23	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed	27	28 Decorate the Sanctuary
29 Hanging of the Greens 5 th Sunday Coffee Social	30					

Happy Birthday to

Marie Large	November 2
Madison Corley	November 9
Rick Minter	November 11
Ed McGee	November 11
Connie Corley	November 13
Nicole Henry	November 15
Clair Starkey	November 15
Zach Brisbois	November 19
Don Whiteside	November 23
Kevin Schachle	November 24
Edith Anderson	November 27
Melanie Ballard	November 29

Offering Counters

<i>November 1</i>	Kathy B. & Arlys F.
<i>November 8</i>	Volunteer
<i>November 15</i>	Brenda N. & Sarah F.
<i>November 22</i>	Joni J. & Brisbois
<i>November 29</i>	Volunteer

Securing the Building

<i>November 1</i>	Kathy B.
<i>November 8</i>	Volunteer
<i>November 15</i>	Volunteer
<i>November 22</i>	Brisbois
<i>November 29</i>	Volunteer

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