

The Inman Informer

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September

What is a Legacy?

We've reached September. As the hot days will (hopefully) start to taper off, we are all looking forward to those Friday night football games, to cooler weather, and to the annual tractor show at Farm Heritage Days. Although I've never been, y'all have got me pumped up and ready to go experience the wonder of that weekend. And for me, it is such a humbling experience to think that I get the opportunity to preach in the brush arbor where this church begun so many years ago. As I think about that original congregation, about their determination to have a Methodist church in their community, I can't help but remember the heritage of this congregation. For Inman UMC didn't just happen overnight, but it is through a labor of love that our congregation has remained in this community, serving and sharing the love of God. One of the most powerful lines that I love is out the musical *Hamilton*, in which he declares **“What is a legacy? It's planting seeds in a garden you never get to see”**.

Isn't that the truth though! We may see a few fruits of the impact of our life on those around us but majority of the time we may never know the impact we make on people. For literal fruit takes time develop, ask anyone who has an orchard. It can take years for seedlings to establish their roots, grow tall, and bear fruit. It's not for the impatient. Yet even as the plants are growing, they must be carefully tended, watered, and pruned. We live in a society that loves immediate results, yet some things don't show their fruit for years. I'm sure that congregation in 1823 never would have imagined that their gathering would become Inman UMC, a thriving congregation nearly 200 years later. Over those two centuries, people have faithfully listened to the voice of God. Inman has faithfully followed where God has led through 40 US Presidents, over 50 pastors, numerous wars, social unrest, the invention of electricity and indoor plumbing, and so much more.

And now it's our turn. For we have so many opportunities as a church to continue listen to God's voice and continue to impact our community for Christ. It is our turn to faithfully rise and follow where God is leading us in this new time. None of us want to see Inman become another closed church. We want to continue to be a haven for folks, where they can encounter the radical love of God and experience transformation.

We stand here as a church because of the legacy of those who have gone before. We exist as a church because of the church mothers and fathers who kept the faith, who established the church in this community, who have passed on the teachings of Jesus Christ for the next generation. We exist because God ain't done with us yet. What is our legacy gonna be?

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." ~Ephesians 3:20-21

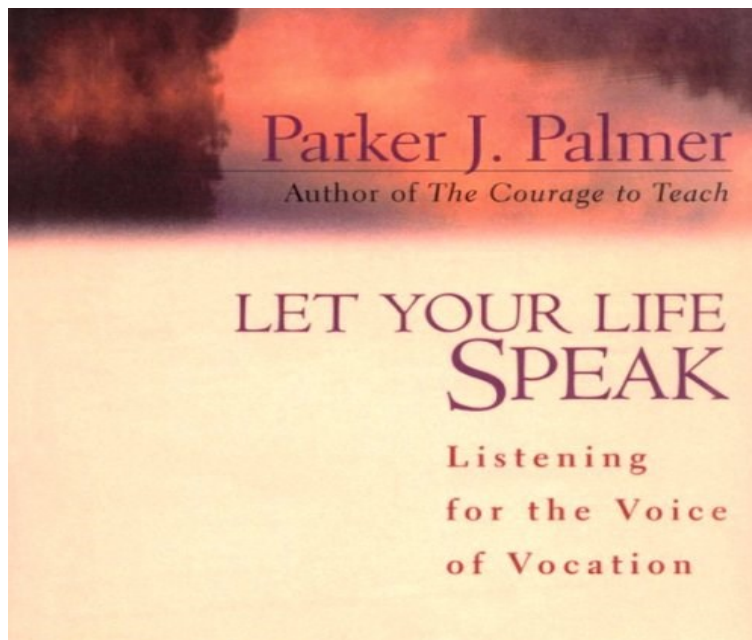
Peace and Grace
Pastor Whitney



Let Your Light Speak

Over the next couple of months, I wanted to share with y'all some of the most influential books I've read on my journey of faith. Anyone who walks in my office will notice that I am a book hoarder. The books I'm recommending are not theological treatises, but instead are focused on helping develop your Spiritual life.

My first recommendation is Parker Palmer's *Let Your Life Speak*. It is a short, book which challenges us to live authentically by letting your values and your gifts guide everything you do. It's all about how to listen to your life: to our experiences, to our family and friends, to passions, to our weaknesses. Only through taking all of this into account can we discern where God is leading us and find our vocation.



For vocation is so much more than just your career- vocation is really walking the path that God calls us to throughout your life. I read this book for the first time four years ago and find myself reading it annually. Each time it speaks to my life in a unique way, and it challenges me to be more honest with myself, with God, and with my community. It's a small book that could be read in a couple of sittings, but you will find yourself slowing down, to soak up and reflect on the wisdom.

“Before you tell your life what you intend to do with it, listen for what it intends to do with you. Before you tell your life what truths and values you have decided to live up to, let your life tell you what truths you embody, what values you represent.” (Page 3)

Farm Heritage Days Are Nearly Here!

Every year, Inman UMC has a booth at Inman Farm Heritage Days (down at the Minter's Farm). This year's event will be September 17-19. This is a great outreach opportunity, as we provide free water to folks and share information about the programs at Inman UMC. There are two major ways to get involved.



First, we are asking for folks to sign up for a 3-hour time slot and just be willing to talk with and meet folks. We'll have some handouts on the table that folks can grab, if they're interested. We simply want to make a connection with the folks who attend the festival, offer a smiling face & a cold bottle of water. This is a great opportunity for families to volunteer together. Sign-ups are located in the hallway by the Pastor's office.

We also are collecting bottles of water to give away at the event. If you would like to donate a case or two of bottled water, you can bring them to the church office during office hours, or you can drop them off on Sundays in the corner of the Fellowship Hall.

Any questions? Reach out to Pastor Whitney

View From The Board

Yup, it is that time of the month again, “Inman Informer” time. Gee wasn’t that what I said last month and the month before! Oh well, this month I am doing a “shameless plug” for the Nominations Committee. We are headed into the time of the year when the leadership is selected. Many of you may be getting a call to ask if you could do, *fill in job here*. Please pray on it, worry over it, and maybe even commit to do that work. Even if you have disagreed with the work of a committee in the past, you may be asked to serve on that committee and help steer the future of the church. We also will be filling several leadership positions.

I have served as Board Chairperson, SPRC member and Chair, Evangelism and been the Youth Director many times over the past 30 years, as tough as it has been at times it has also been rewarding and educational. To be on the inside learning what the day to day, week to week and month to month challenges there are at our wonderful little church is eye opening. For me it has been that most of the times you hear about something before it has been tainted and sensationalized by word of mouth around the church. If I am out of the “loop” it is darn near impossible to see an item with clear vision. So please if you get that “call”, remember it is a “call to service” pray hard, pray often and then decide, will it be time consuming, stressful, and maybe put a target on your back? Sure, but remember Jesus wore it first, and if the worse thing you are asked to do for your church is to serve on the SPRC, Trustees or the Finance Committees, well then count yourself blessed.



“I have served, I will be of service”, from the movie John Wick 3, may be a funny thing to say. But take that same line out of the movie and plug it into your church life and it sounds almost like one of the Apostles or Jesus could have said in a garden lesson, on

our church life. Another saying that I often remember is, God does not always call the Ready, sometimes he ready's the Called. There are a lot of "jobs" in the church, helping with youth, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir and serving on one of the committees.

Before you take exception with the job being done, have you tried doing the job? Many are the hats to be worn, or just a "many billed" hat, that turns into a helicopter when you spin around. But hear me now if you never hear me again, without those dedicate selfless souls doing those jobs Inman may not be here. I will always vocally thank the "Hands of Jesus" reaching out, the "Feet of Jesus" stepping out, we as the Body of Christ, for what we do. You may not agree all the time, but remember your turn is but a call away, "lift up that Cross" and carry it. Be a game leader and not an armchair quarterback. Thank you all for your dedication and love for and to Inman UMC!

Jeff Wedge
Board Chair

5 Week Spiritual Formation Class With Pastor Whitney

Are you looking to further develop spiritual disciplines in your life? Wondering how your gifts and talents can function in the Body of Christ? Looking for a short-term small group where you can grow in your faith and in your relationships with one another? Join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm in Room 212 as we explore spiritual disciplines and discern ways in which we can better connect with God and with one another.

This group will meet every Wednesday from September 15- October 13.

If you're interested, reach out and let Pastor Whitney know!

Certified Lay Servant/Speaker

Have you ever considered becoming a Certified Lay Servant or Certified Lay Speaker? Do you have a desire to receive training to develop your skills in the Christian Faith through spoken communication, church and community leadership, and care-giving ministries. There are upcoming introductory classes (both online and in person) through the North Georgia Conference being offered in October. If you are interested, reach out to Pastor Whitney at pastor@inmanmethodist.org

Wednesday Night Supper Update & Survey

*We are looking forward to re-starting our Wednesday Night Suppers on Wednesday, September 15th!
The cost will be: Adults 13+ - \$7.00, children 3-12 years - \$3.00, children under 3 - free.*

WE NEED YOUR HELP! After more than a year, and given the public health crisis, we need to get a feel for how many people are willing to participate AT THIS TIME so we know how much food to prepare and what kinds of plans to make. We are committed to providing a safe and enjoyable experience for those who wish to participate and we are looking at a number of different options to make that happen.

We are asking each of you to participate in the following survey. We will be emailing it to you and making copies available on Sunday morning that you can complete and drop in the collection plate. Even if you don't normally attend Wednesday Night Supper, please complete the survey. You may also contact the church office through email or phone with the answers to the survey.

Survey:

1. Name: (So we know who we've heard from.)

2. YES -or- NO: Do you plan to participate in Wednesday Night Supper, either by dining in the fellowship hall or by getting meal(s) on a carry-out basis? If you DO NOT plan to participate in Wednesday Night Supper in any way, you do not need to complete the rest of the survey.

3. _____ Adults, _____ Kids: If you DO plan to participate in Wednesday Night Supper, how many adults and how many children would you be getting meal(s) for?

4. DINE IN -or- CARRY OUT: If you DO plan to participate in Wednesday Night Supper, would you most likely choose to dine in or carry out your meal(s)?

5. 5:30 -or-6:30: If you DO plan to participate in Wednesday Night Supper and get your meals on a carry out basis, would you prefer to pick up your meal(s) at 5:30 or at 6:30?

We look forward to seeing you on September 15th! Thank you!

TRUSTEES REPORT

The past seventeen months have been trying at best for all of the members of Inman UMC. Despite the many challenges, we as individuals and the church membership as a whole faced, much has been accomplished from the facilities maintenance prospective and upgrading our church's infrastructure. Several months ago, we announced that Inman was embracing the technology of the 21st century by upgrading all of the lighting in the educational wing to LED.

The undertaking was significant. Here is what was involved.

- ◆ Converting 120 fixtures from fluorescent to LED bulbs.
- ◆ Removal of 480 fluorescent bulbs.
- ◆ Removal of 240 ballasts.
- ◆ Rerouting 1680 wires (14 per fixture).
- ◆ Relamping with LED smart bulbs.

Why did we undertake such a project? Simply put, to save money today and in the future. During the last three years the cost of fluorescent bulbs and ballasts has more than doubled and the cost of LED smart bulbs has dropped more than 50%. Plus the new LED bulbs do not require ballasts and use less than 1/3 of the energy.

Then there's" the age old question of "how much did we spend"?



Based on published commercial electrical contractor conversion rates it would have cost \$47 to \$60 per fixture or \$5640.00 to \$7200.00 in total. What was our cost? 0 (zero) thanks to Greg Harp's work in the kitchen and giving us a pattern on how to do the conversion. The remaining 114 fixtures were done by Herm Janssen and Linda Wagner in less than 3 months.

A special thanks from the Trustees to Greg, Herm and Linda for their outstanding accomplishment

FINANCE

Thank you for your continued generosity to Inman UMC! As you know, we are not currently passing the offering plate during worship services. Instead, we invite you to continue to give in a number of other ways - either by placing your offering in the plate on the altar before or after service, dropping it in one of the little churches set up in the office hallway, leaving it in the drop box outside the office door, mailing it to the church or by giving online.

During the month of September, be on the lookout for a copy of your mid-year giving statement, either in your email or in your mailbox. Please look this over carefully and make sure our records accurately reflect your records and let us know of any corrections that need to be made.

Again, please know how grateful we are for your continued support of the church - not only in your financial offerings but also through the myriad of other ways you support Inman UMC. As we head into the end of the year, you will begin to hear about stewardship and how the future of the church depends on you. Please give meaningful and careful consideration now on how you can help the church next year and in the years to come with not only your financial offerings, but also your gifts and talents.

Thanks again everyone! If the Finance Committee can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to let us know

Financial Report for July, 2021

Income	July	Year to Date
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 15,777	\$ 142,315
ASP	\$ 60	\$ 3,010
Other Designated Funds	\$ 20	\$ 2,130
<i>Grand Total Income</i>	<i>\$ 15,857</i>	<i>\$ 147,455</i>
Expenses	July	Year to Date
ASP	\$ 369	\$ 5,822
Committee Expenditures	\$ 304	\$ 1,369
Operational Expenses	\$ 2,368	\$ 20,237
All Other Expenses	\$ 11,197	\$ 82,223
<i>Grand Total Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 14,237</i>	<i>\$ 109,650</i>

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Dear Church Members,

Fayette Samaritans has resumed our pre-pandemic schedule for all services. We are open Monday – Friday 9:00am to 12:00am, for assistance please arrive no later than 11:30am. No appointment is necessary, interviews are required for all services and mask will be required.

If we can be of service to anyone in your congregation, please call our office.

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

1. Canned Fruit
2. Green Beans
3. Canned Pasta
4. Dried Beans - 1 Lb. bags
5. Rice - 2 Lb. bags
6. Peanut Butter - 16 Oz. jars
7. Pancake Syrup
8. Toothbrushes
9. Shampoo
10. Feminine Products



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)
Sara Ballard
Roger Barnhill
Michael Barb
Ray Barday (Charles Cox)
Gene Benton (Sandy Mathis)
Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)
Jack Brannon (Jeff Wedge)
Cheryl Chance
Russell Clarke (Maggie Clarke)
Darleen Cornelison
Kay Cox
Lane Cox (Lyn Wheeler)
Nancy Dunaway (Mary Jane Fortner)
Karen Glessner (Kay Cox)
Nicole Henry
John Kozisek
William LaTerre (Martha Kozisek)
Joanne Minter
Eugene Pritchard
Miriam Schmidt
Scott Smith (Melanie Wagner)
Ruth Sitton
Jane St. Amour
Claire Starkey
Roger Starkey
Katy Swanger
Marvin Tidwell
Patricia Vaughn
Luz Webster (Gloria Reid)
Jeff Wedge
Rhonda Wheeler (George & Lynn Wheeler)
Kathey Young

For healing from cancer

Roger Allgood
Denise Anderson (Joni Janssen)
Katherine Bennett (Linda Wagner)
David Booth (Martha Kozisek)
Tim Casteel (Dena Anderson)
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
Jean Jones (Nancy Allgood)
Luke Key (Mary Jane Fortner)
Matt Kirkindall
Carol Kline (Linda Chaffin)
Katie Schmidt (Brenda Schachle)
Joey Shelton (Deborah Morris)
Bobby Smith (Tammy Cox)
Brent Taylor (Jim & Karen Blue)
Earl Terry (Charles Cox)
George Wheeler
Ruth Williams
Louise Woods (Ann Hembree)
Kay Young (Forrest & Sara Ballard)

For Those Mourning the Death of These Loved Ones

Tommy Mask (Jerry Mask)
Jody Allen
Brandon Brown (Claire Starkey)
Billy Bob Cheek (Donna Stilwell)
Clint & Carla Smith (Jeff Wedge)

Other Concerns

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

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We want to support our College Students!

As our students are returning to their college or technical schools, we want to stay connected with them! If you are a college student (or you have a student in college), we ask you to update your mailing address if it has changed from your local address. You can update your campus address with the church office by emailing secretary@inmanmethodist.org.

UMW /LOVE & FELLOWSHIP

Mark your calendar:

September 7th - Meeting at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the All Daughter's Luncheon. Date for luncheon will be forthcoming. All are welcome to attend.

Blessings,
 Joni Janssen, President



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Tom Rush	Sept 1st
Miriam Schmidt	Sept 6th
Terrie Hart	Sept 7th
Sara Jane Overstreet	Sept 7th
Lori Schachle	Sept 12th
Trenton Rigby	Sept 16th
Patty Rigby	Sept 18th
Michael Barb	Sept 19th
Ashley Anderson	Sept 22nd
Catherenne Hogeland	Sept 28th
Jeff Allen	Sept 29th
Kari Guy	Sept 30th

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