

Inman Informer

April 2024



Meetings this Month:

Administrative Board

Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00pm

Church Workday

Saturday, April 13 from 9:00-2:00pm

Children & Youth Council Meeting

Sunday, April 14 at 12:15pm

ASP Training Session

Sunday, April 14 at 2:00pm

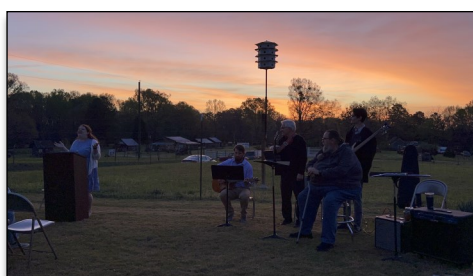
Love & Fellowship Circle

Tuesday, April 16 at 1:00 pm

Safe Sanctuary Training

Sunday, April 28 at 12:15pm (after the 11:00am service)

What a joyous time of fellowship we had celebrating Easter together, welcoming new confirmands, and witnessing two baptisms on Easter day!



Announcements

Holy Humor Sunday on Sunday, April 7

What is it?

From the early days of Christianity, the week after Resurrection Day was a time of joy and laughter. Churches actively encouraged the faithful to be merry and celebrate the miracle of Christ's Resurrection. Communities would often throw parties with dances, jokes and even pranks. After all, what bigger celebration than thinking all was lost, only to have everything restored? The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. "Risus paschalis - the Easter laugh," the early theologians called it. When we tell jokes and celebrate joy on Holy Humor Sunday, it's not because we don't take our faith seriously, but because we do—we rejoice in the God who delights in us, who gives us cause for celebration. We use this day to celebrate God's gift of laughter, recognizing the joy and delight are not separate from our faith, but part of it. We offer our joy and laughter as acts of worship, celebrating the resurrection, praising our God for the gift of joy!

How can I Participate:

On Sunday, April 7, Inman UMC will observe Holy Humor Sunday at our combined 11:00am worship service. **This year, those attending are encouraged to wear your most mismatched outfit. After the service, we will continue the celebration with a Potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Please invite your friends, neighbors, relatives, and co-workers to be your guest for the service & meal. We'll have a few surprises planned during the service and potluck. Come prepared to share the "Easter laugh" of resurrection joy.**

Gathering with Bishop Robin Dease:

Our Bishop will be meeting with churches in our district, on **Sunday, April 7 from 3-5pm at Griffin First UMC**. This will be a time of worship, Q & A, and fellowship with a reception following the service. All laity and clergy are invited to attend and to bring non-perishable food items for Five Loaves and Two Fishes Food Pantry. Anyone who wants to carpool can meet at the church at 2:00pm.



Summer Sandwich Social

Back by popular demand! YES! Starting June 5th, we will be doing Summer Sandwich Socials on Wednesday nights again this summer from 5:30 until 6:30 PM. Stay tuned for further information, make plans to join us, and be ready to sign up to help set up and clean up. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Love & Fellowship Circle (United Women in Faith)

EASTER BASKETS FOR DFCS

Thank you all for supporting our mission with donations/and or helping with filling Easter baskets for the 47 children.

FUNDRAISER FOR CALVIN CENTER EQUINE CENTER

The "Potato bake fundraiser" we had on Sunday, April 24 the for the above was a success.

Thank you all for your generosity in your donations. We raised \$1,000.00 for the Calvin Center which will help with their feeding and caring for their horses.

EASTER LILIES

Thank you all for your donations and ordering of Easter Lilies for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

In honor of Mother's Day, May 12 h , the LAF Circle will be preparing a list of loved ones that you would like to remember in honor or in memory of for our church bulletin on Mother's Day.

\$1.00 per name. Names need to be turned in by Sunday May 5th .

Blessings,

Joni Janssen, President

Kathy Barb, Vice-President



Missions and Outreach

April "Special Sunday Offering" is for Native American Ministries and will be celebrated on April 14, 2024.

"Holy Presence: Declaring Divine Love."

Native American Ministries Sunday serves to remind United Methodist of the sacredness of our Native Families and their contributions, gifts and ministries to the United Methodist Church and our Society.

How can we "Declare Divine Love?"

Just as Jesus was called, we are called to touch lives, to change lives and to bring hope to those who are feeling broken. When Jesus appeared in an upper room among his followers, He opened their minds, hearts and hands. And in doing so, He gave them Hope and Peace. As we celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday, may we also open our minds, hearts and hands and extend Hope and Peace. When we give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday, we equip our Native Siblings who are responding to God's call to ministry and the scholarships that help them with theological education.

Will you "Declare Divine Love?"

100% of your offerings go to support Native American Ministries!

ALL OFFERINGS BIG or SMALL ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Luke 24:36 says, While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "PEACE BE WITH YOU."

Blessings,
Deborah Morris



I would personally like to thank each and everyone of you who shopped for or donated money for the Undies for El Salvador Mission.

Your generosity helped to fill three suitcases of underwear, socks, undershirts and training bras for the girls and boys in El Salvador!

**Blessings,
Deborah Morris**



Trustees

Water, water everywhere. That was the theme of the Trustees this past month. With all the rain, we've had a handful of problems with too much water in certain areas. We started out the month with water intrusion into the Parsonage basement and we finished the month with the church septic system being overwhelmed with all the rain and a toilet that was running non-stop while no one was in the building. Efforts are underway to re-direct water around the Parsonage and we continue to check the toilets in the building after all services. Thanks to everyone for all they do to take care of our church facilities!

April Workday: Saturday, April 13, 2024

Come one, come all! We've got a church-wide workday coming up on **Saturday, April 13 from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM.** Lunch will be provided. We have projects for all ages, stages, and skill levels. We have projects inside and outside the church and you're welcome to let us know of any projects you think we need to add to the workday list. See you on April 13th!



United Methodist Men

Thanks to all who attended, helped cook and assisted in the clean up at our March meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. A light breakfast will be served.



Finance

Financial Report for January - February

Income	Jan. - Feb.	YTD Budget
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 38,228	\$ 34,167
Other Designated Funds	\$ 1,060	\$ -
Grand Total Income	\$ 39,288	\$ 34,167

Expenses	Jan. - Feb.	YTD Budget
ASP	\$ 4,875	\$ 2,000
Committee Expenditures	\$ 863	\$ 2,909
Operational Expenses	\$ 8,848	\$ 7,849
All Other Expenses	\$ 25,964	\$ 28,615
Grand Total Expenses	\$ 40,549	\$ 41,372

Youth

Youth Announcements:

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who has volunteered with our youth by providing dinner, attending Sunday Night youth, serve as mentors in Confirmation, and visited with our Confirmation Class on Sunday Morning. A big thank you to Caroline Akeman, Nancy Allgood, Allie & Clay Brisbois, Nancy & Joe Gratzner, Brenda Neupert, Judy & Ed Roehm, Linda & Brad Wagner, and Jeff Wedge.

Youth Calendar:

- 4/7- Youth at 5pm-7:00pm at the Youth House
- 4/14- Youth immediately after Church (12-2pm, with ASP team meeting at 2pm)
- 4/21- Youth Outing to see Whitewater HS Play Footloose at 3pm (More details to come)
- 4/28- Youth from 5pm-7pm at the Youth House
- 5/5- Youth from 5pm-7pm at the Youth House
- 5/12- No Youth (Mother's Day)
- 5/19- End of the School Year Party from 5pm-7pm at the Youth House



For Our Prayers

For Healing From Health Concerns

Carlos Allen (Gloria Reid's brother)
Jean Allen
Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)
Cheryl Chance
Darleen Cornelison
Katy Fowler
Ryan Gratzner
Rebecca Goss
Nicole Henry
Robin Hewell
Calvin Hudson (Mary Jane Fortner)
Sara Jane Overstreet
Pat Parker (Nancy Allgood)
Eugene Pritchard
Riley Rada (Kim Jeffords)
Molly Rader (Whitney Hair)
Gloria Reid
Miriam Schmidt
Lisa Spears (Nancy Allgood)
Billy Ward
Jenny Ward
Luz Webster (Gloria Reid)
Jeff Wedge
Rhonda Wheeler (George & Lynn Wheeler)
Chance Whittington (Will Chance)

For Healing From Cancer

Denise Anderson (Joni Janssen)
David Booth (Martha Kozisek)
Mike Burr (Mary Jane Fortner)
Betty Chally
Walter Delia (Martha Kozisek)
Dan Dudley (Pat Pratt)
Ashley Edwards (Katy Swanger)
Daniel Houghton (Martha Kozisek)
Tory Howe (Ruth Sitton)
Deborah Morris
Diane Tankersley (Donald Whiteside)
Jerry Wagner
George Wheeler
Louise Woods (Ann Hembree)

For Those Mourning the Death of Loved Ones

Ethan Self (Jasmine)
Don Harp
John Kozisek

Other Concerns

For the children/youth of Inman UMC
Confirmation Students and Mentors
For our Pastor, District Superintendent
(Rev. Susan Landry), Bishop (Bishop Robin
Dease), and leaders of the United
Methodist Church.
Unspoken prayers of the congregation
For Melody Painter (Ed Hicks) as she is on a
12 day mission trip.
For our mission team heading to El Salvador.

Birthdays & Reminders

Rondell Henry	April 6
Joanne Minter	April 6
Joni Janssen	April 11
Luke Allen	April 12
Stephanie Vogel	April 13
Jane St. Amour	April 15
Aiden Pitts	April 18
Jean Allen	April 23
Ed Roehm	April 23
Joe Gratzner	April 24
Steven Kosanke	April 25
Katy Fowler	April 26
Frank Stenbridge	April 29

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

Offering Counters

April 7	Linda W. & Jeff W.
April 14	Brenda N. & Nancy G.
April 21	Donna M. & Chuck J.
April 28	Nancy A. & Joni J.

Wednesday Night Supper

5:30-6:30pm
\$9.00 for adults
\$5.00 for children under 12
Three and under eat free

Bible Study in room 104 at 6:30.

Choir rehearsal begins at 6:30 in the choir room.

Office Information

Office Hours

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