

The Inman Informer

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Keep your Eye on the Prize and Keep Running

Here we are in the middle of the 2020 Olympics, and I can't help but be enamored by the athleticism and discipline of these athletes. They make the sports they are doing look so easy and simple- yet we all know that there are thousands of hours of practice, personal sacrifices, and many disappointments along the way. It's what is going on behind the scenes that makes their performance at the Olympic look so easy. As I think of the excitement of the Olympics, I can't help but remember how Paul utilized the Olympics in Greece as an illustration in one of his letters. The Olympics starting back way back in the B.C. era and were going on in Greece at the time of Paul. When Paul is writing to the Corinthians, he utilizes the Olympics as an example.

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 25. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. 26. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. 27. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

(1 Corinthians 9:24-27)

As we run the race of faith, we must ask ourselves if we are training our spiritual lives to have the endurance to last the entire race. The journey of faith, just like the journey to the Olympics, is filled with challenges, loss, and self-discipline. While we may see the Olympians in their prime as they compete, we know they faced difficulties and disappointments to get to where they are. In the same way, we may not see the trials that those around us are going through. Yet it is having worked through our “suffering that produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.” (Romans 5:4) Instead of getting discouraged and giving up, we must keep our eyes on the prize- a prize which will not tarnish. The good news is that we do not have to persevere alone. First and foremost, we

have the promise and the presence of the Holy Spirit. God also has placed us in community with one another, where we can bear one another's burdens, encourage one another, and carry the faith for one another when our road gets heavy. I am so thankful to be serving alongside such a congregation that takes community so seriously.

Yours-in-Christ,
Pastor Whitney

P.S. I am so excited that our new Pianist, Frank Stembridge, is joining us starting Sunday, August 1. He will be such a great addition to our music department. Be sure to welcome him and his wife whenever you see him or send him a welcome email at pianist@inmanmethodist.org.



VIEW FROM THE BOARD

Yup, it is that time of the month again, “Inman Informer” time. I would like to invite folks to send in a joke, funny story or a true one, that is uplifting, for Kari to add to the coming months editions of the Informer. Inspirational song reviews, pictures and times you have seen Jesus at work. So much of the news we hear and see is so devastating and sad, void of God’s presence in action, we need the “Good News”!

But the Informer has room for more than that, remember when I wrote about “I have a Guy”? It would be great to see folks share a positive service or job that you had someone do, where you want to pass the word along of that job. Who is your “guy” and what has, or does he or she do? I mentioned this once before, but it was in with a lot of other items, think on it.

Next is a job we have before us that has already started. We are in need of an update for Inman’s Policies and Procedures Handbook. Didn’t know we had one? Well, I think the last time it was addressed was 2009, so all the more reason to bring it back into the light. The goal is to bring it up to 2022 standards, now not the “social network” standards, but then you know what I mean. It will in detail address items like email usage by staff, time off requests, accounting procedures, Safe Sanctuaries, copywrite protections, and confidentiality rules. I am sure there will be more to it than just that, so we will be reaching out to board members for input “big” time.

Finally, my take on communication; in this day and age of electronic everything we have only ourselves to blame if we are uninformed. Either we have not checked our e-mail, phone messages, Facebook or text messages or we have none of these abilities. It is no “one person’s” job to spread the info on illnesses, events, deaths, and changes in the calendar, it is all of us. Last year when I was so ill it was more of a blessing to hear from dozens of church members than just from one source. I have admonished myself for not having read the bulletin or the Informer so I could be current on what was happening.

You, the body of Inman, know each other so well that getting information spread should be easy. Now NOT rumor or inuendo, across the “gossip fence”, for conflict resolution we have a solution. A policy handed down in Mathew 18, beginning at verse 15. I am excited! Keep safe, keep healthy, be ready for great things to come. I mean come on the Tractor Show is on for this year!

Thank you all for your dedication and love for and to Inman UMC!

Jeff Wedge
Board Chair

UMW LOVE & FELLOWSHIP

UMCOR CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

In March of this year 100 UMCOR Christmas shoeboxes were brought to Inman UMC from the UMCOR Disaster Relief Warehouse to be filled and returned before September.

Since April, Nancy Allgood, Judy Roehm, Kathy Barb, Kay Cox, Debra Morris, Linda Price, Wendy Rogers and Donna Stilwell helped with the planning, shopping and organizing what was needed to fill the shoeboxes. i.e. clothing, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, etc. activity packs and school kits, toys, sewing kits, fishing kits, etc. as well as donations. A big thank you to Jean Haygood who took 50 pillowcases and made the dresses for girls ages 2-12 and members of our Church for their monetary donations that has helped with buying the items for the shoeboxes and helping with the postage.

A big thank you to: Pastor Whitney Hair, Sara Ballard, Ed Hicks, Deborah Morris, Sara Jane Overstreet, Wendy Rogers, Jessica Starkey, Donna Stilwell, Janet Hilton and Melanie Wagner for helping to pack 100 shoeboxes on Tuesday, July 20th in three hours.

“Christmas in July” is officially over! Shoeboxes will be delivered to the UMCOR Disaster Relief Warehouse the week of August 9th !



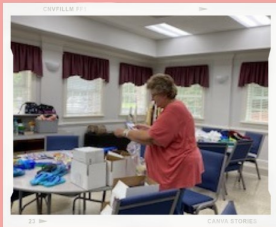
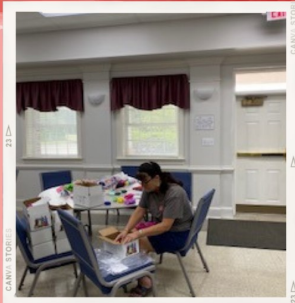
We are now planning our “All Daughter’s Luncheon”. Date, etc. will be forthcoming.

Blessing,
Joni Janssen
President

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



Christmas in July



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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 Tuna
2. Beef Stew
3. Canned Fruit
4. Dried Beans
5. Boxed Mashed Potatoes
6. Laundry Detergent
7. Toothbrushes



Our Clothes Closet will no longer accept bed linens. We do need conservative tee shirts in all sizes for boys and girls.

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

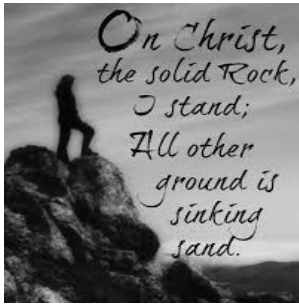
TRUSTEES UPDATE

“Team Inman UMC” comes through again in preparing the parsonage for our new pastor, Rev. Whitney Hair. Between June 21 and June 25, there was constant activity making repairs and updating the home. With the help of fifteen volunteers, we were able to completely paint the interior, replace all electrical outlets, repair and re-screen doors, clean windows, do some caulking and a lot of sheet rock repairs. Outside, the bushes, hedges and trees were trimmed and the grass cut.

Our great volunteers were Jean and Jerry Haygood, Joni and Herm Janssen, Linda Price, Dave Cathey, Roy Stilwell, Moody Elliott, Linda and Brad Wagner, Will Chance, Donna McChargue, Emily Wagner, Mason Trucks, and Ed and Judy Roehm. Everyone worked extremely hard and we were able to accomplish most of our objectives.

Also, special thanks to Don Whiteside, Linda and Jack Price and Jean and Jerry Haygood for their generous donations of household furnishings and to David Harp for allowing us to use his trailer to transport some of those donations. Thanks to Emily and Brad Wagner for all of their hard work in updating the Wi-Fi at the parsonage which involved running cable through the attic and installing new network equipment.





MUSIC NOTES

My Hope Is Built (The Solid Rock)
(Hymn # 368, The United Methodist Hymnal)

Edward Mote was raised in London in a financially poor, non-Christian family. After hearing the Gospel as a teenager, Edward accepted Christ. As an adult, he had a career as a carpenter and became a cabinet shop owner, so he was quite an industrious young man. At age 37, Edward Mote wrote the words to “The Solid Rock.” Mote had written the first two verses while at home in 1834, and he had those verses in his pocket when he visited a friend whose wife was seriously ill. He sang the verses with his friend, Mr. King, and the song comforted the couple. The last two verses Edward wrote when he returned home, and he carried those back to the couple’s home. Since the song was so well received, Edward decided to print copies of the song. One thousand copies, to be exact! The carpenter, Edward Mote, changed careers at age 55, and became a Baptist minister in Sussex, England. Rev. Mote served in Sussex for twenty-one years and continued to write nearly a hundred hymns. What a contribution he made to our Christian hymns from his humble beginnings! He retired in 1873 in poor health, and passed away the following year. I, too, had an early career different from church music service as a social worker. One might be very surprised by the plans that God, Our Father, has for all of us. He will come knocking. What will he ask of you?

---Jolynn Stevens---

FINANCE

Thank you for your generosity to Inman UMC, if the Finance Committee can be of assistance to you, please see Linda Wagner or Linda Price.

Financial Report for June, 2021

Income	<i>June</i>	<i>Year to Date</i>
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 20,248	\$ 126,539
ASP	\$ 285	\$ 2,950
Other Designated Funds	\$ 140	\$ 2,110
<i>Grand Total Income</i>	<i>\$ 20,673</i>	<i>\$ 131,599</i>
Expenses	<i>June</i>	<i>Year to Date</i>
ASP	\$ 453	\$ 5,453
Committee Expenditures	\$ 121	\$ 1,065
Operational Expenses	\$ 4,498	\$ 17,869
All Other Expenses	\$ 10,367	\$ 71,026
<i>Grand Total Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 15,439</i>	<i>\$ 95,413</i>



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Moving on Up....

Sunday, August 1 is Promotion Sunday, where all of our kids and youth are promoted to the next grade level. We are especially excited to be promoting our rising 6th graders into the Youth department starting August 1st!

Upcoming Event's

August 1:

Calling all Youth 6th and 12th grade and their parents. Youth kick-off for the new school year will be August 1st at 5:00 p.m. Wear your tennis shoes and bring your game face! Your youth have chosen their favorite games and we will have refreshments. They are excited that you can see exactly what we do at youth group!!



August 8th:

All parents with students in the Youth department (rising 6th grade through 12th grade) are encouraged to join us for a short informational meeting. We will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We would like to go over curriculum and expectations of parents and students in anticipation of an amazing fun-filled, uplifting year of fellowship and growth in our relationships with Christ.

August 28th:

What a blessing that we can serve with Square Foot Ministry on Saturday, August 28th in Griffin. So grab your gloves and a friend as we help this wonderful organization on building and renovation projects. We are also excited that we will be joining with other local United Methodist Church youth groups on this endeavor.



Sunday School is in Full Swing
Sunday School is at 10:00 am each Sunday morning.

Whether you like to start or end your day with a devotion; we wanted to give you scriptures to help you be encouraged, and enrich your relationship's with Christ! The devotions that we have provided on the calendar are only Monday thru Saturday.

Fruit of the Spirit

EACH DAY THIS MONTH,

READ ABOUT:



<p><i>Fruit of the Spirit</i> 1</p> <p>GALATIANS 5:16-26</p>	<p><i>Abide in Jesus</i> 2</p> <p>JOHN 15:1-17</p>	<p><i>How You'll Be Known</i> 3</p> <p>MATTHEW 7:15-20 PROVERBS 12:12</p>	<p><i>Bear Good Fruit</i> 4</p> <p>PROVERBS 12:12 PROVERBS 14:14 MATTHEW 3:8</p>	<p><i>Jesus' Righteousness Grows Fruit</i> 5</p> <p>PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11 HEBREWS 12:11</p>	<p><i>Walk in Wisdom</i> 6</p> <p>COLOSSIANS 1:9-14 JAMES 3:16-18</p>
<p><i>Love</i> 7</p> <p>1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-7 1 JOHN 4:18-20</p>	<p><i>Love</i> 8</p> <p>ROMANS 12:9-10 1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14 JOHN 13:34-35 1 PETER 4:8</p>	<p><i>Joy</i> 9</p> <p>1 JOHN 1:1-4 ROMANS 15:13 PROVERBS 10:28</p>	<p><i>Joy</i> 10</p> <p>COLOSSIANS 1:11-12 PSALM 66:1-4</p>	<p><i>Peace</i> 11</p> <p>PSALM 4:8 JOHN 14:27 JOHN 16:33</p>	<p><i>Peace</i> 12</p> <p>COLOSSIANS 3:15 PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 2 CORINTHIANS 13:11 HEBREWS 12:14</p>
<p><i>Patience / Longsuffering</i> 13</p> <p>HEBREWS 6:11-12 JAMES 5:7-8 PSALM 37:7</p>	<p><i>Patience / Longsuffering</i> 14</p> <p>1 THESSALONIANS 5:14 ECCLESIASTES 7:8 COLOSSIANS 3:12-13 ROMANS 12:12</p>	<p><i>Kindness / Gentleness</i> 15</p> <p>ZECHARIAH 7:9-10 MICAH 6:8 LUKE 6:35 JOB 6:24</p>	<p><i>Kindness / Gentleness</i> 16</p> <p>PROVERBS 21:21 EPHESIANS 4:32 2 TIMOTHY 2:23-25</p>	<p><i>Goodness</i> 17</p> <p>3 JOHN 1:11 MATTHEW 5:16 1 PETER 2:20 EPHESIANS 2:10</p>	<p><i>Goodness</i> 18</p> <p>2 CORINTHIANS 9:7-8 GALATIANS 6:9-10 HEBREWS 10:23-25</p>
<p><i>Faithfulness / Faith</i> 19</p> <p>LUKE 16:10 MATTHEW 23:23 PSALM 119:30</p>	<p><i>Faithfulness / Faith</i> 20</p> <p>PROVERBS 3:3 JOSHUA 24:14 TITUS 2:1-2</p>	<p><i>Gentleness / Meekness</i> 21</p> <p>TITUS 3:1-2 GALATIANS 6:1 PROVERBS 15:1</p>	<p><i>Gentleness / Meekness</i> 22</p> <p>PROVERBS 15:4 1 PETER 3:3-4 1 THESSALONIANS 2:6-7</p>	<p><i>Self-Control / Temperance</i> 23</p> <p>TITUS 1:7-8 TITUS 2:6-8 TITUS 2:13-14 2 PETER 1:5-7</p>	<p><i>Self-Control / Temperance</i> 24</p> <p>PROVERBS 25:28 2 TIMOTHY 1:6-7 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5</p>



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Volunteers Needed

We are prayerfully looking for one teacher and two assistants to help teach, encourage, and fellowship with our amazing Elementary and Youth students! Please contact Dena Anderson at 770-576-5019 She would love to share with you how you can be a blessing and get blessed during Sunday School!!

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)
Karen Glessner (Kay Cox)
Nicole Henry
Nancy Dunaway (Mary Jane Fortner)
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
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

Dianne Mann
Tommy Mask (Jerry Mask)
Jody Allen
Brandon Brown (Claire Starkey)
Billy Bob Cheek (Donna Stilwell)
Lee Wagner
Donna Hilton

Other Concerns

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

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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

William Scurry	Aug 1st
Brenda Neupert	Aug 6th
Cathy Herron	Aug 7th
Charys Hogeland	Aug 9th
Caroline Akeman	Aug 12th
Cindy Hogeland	Aug 16th
Dena Anderson	Aug 17th
Herm Janssen	Aug 19th
Shelly Scurry	Aug 19th
Sam Fowler	Aug 19th
Sharon Elliot	Aug 22nd
Fay Wofford	Aug 23rd
Donna Stilwell	Aug 28th
Martha Kozisek	Aug 29th
David Harp	Aug 31st



Please keep the teacher's and students
in your thoughts and prayers, as they
begin the new school year.

We are excited to welcome our new pi-
anist, Frank Stembridge. We know he
will be a wonderful blessing to our music
ministry, and to the Inman community.



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