

Inman Informer

August 2023



A Note From the Pastor

Meeting Dates

Administrative Board Meeting:
We will have an Administrative Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 15th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Nominations Committee Meeting:
It's that time of year!
The Nominations Committee will be meeting on Monday, August 28 at 6pm in Room 212.

Have you ever been around a child who asks that famous question: "Why?" Why is the sky blue? Why are ants so small? Why do I have to go to bed now?

When children get to that age and begin asking questions, it can cause caregivers to become frustrated and speechless at trying to find answers to the questions. I think there is something so beautiful about asking those questions. As we get older, we often steer away from asking questions, whether in the classroom, or at our jobs, or even with our faith. Yet if we are honest, we each have questions about faith, about how our faith intersects with our lives, about making sense of Bible and of Belief.

For our August Sermon Series, we will be talking about "**Questions of Faith**". In this series, we are going to talk about how do we deal with questions of faith? What do we do with them? How do we work through our questions while remaining faithful? What does that look like?

In preparation, we need some input from the congregation. As a way for us to learn together as a community, there will be some time during the sermons where we will wrestle through some of your questions of faith, submitted by members of the congregation. Your questions can be about God, Scripture, beliefs, faith in practice, the purpose and mission of the church, etc.

Examples of questions could include: How exactly does the Trinity work? Is God fair? How do we reconcile Science and the Bible? Where is God in the midst of suffering? Do I really have to attend church to be a Christian?

Your submissions can be anonymous, or you can put your name on it. You can submit your questions in the box located in the front of the sanctuary (it also will be in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights. In this series, our goal is not to have finite answers to every question. My prayer is that we will be honest, we will not turn away from asking the hard questions- for our God is capable of handling our questions, handling our doubts.

Peace,
Whitney

Announcements

- ◆ **Blessing of the Backpacks:** Calling all Students (K-12 th , College & Beyond), Teachers, School Staff members—remember to bring your backpack or bag on Sunday, August 6th to the worship services so that we can say a prayer of blessing over it as the school year is getting started.
- ◆ **Rise Against Hunger:** On Sunday, August 20 from 1pm-3pm, we will join Fayetteville First UMC in serving with "Rise Against Hunger." Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable. We will gather at Fayetteville First UMC and pack meal kits that will go overseas. Please register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/RAHUMC23>

This Little Piggy - An Unexpected Visitor

This Little Piggy went to market... No. This Little Piggy went to church. To the Youth House to be exact.

After being on the run and eluding authorities for several days, This Little Piggy was found and captured at the Youth House. We had a camera crew standing by as This Little Piggy was taken into custody by the proper authorities. Ironically, This Little Piggy did not have roast beef but was instead lured from his hideout with fresh tomatoes.

Reliable sources report This Little Piggy did indeed scream/squeal/cry WEE WEE WEE all the way home!

Credits:

Ed Roehm - Lead Investigator & Site Coordinator

Judy Roehm - Lead Videographer & Historical Documentation Coordinator

Winifred's Ranch - This Little Piggy's Capture & Removal Team



Love & Fellowship Circle (United Women in Faith)

UMCOR CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

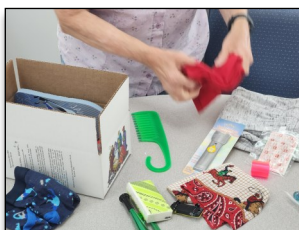
The Mission and Outreach Committee and Inman United Women In Faith (LAF Circle) would like to thank our committee members and church membership for all their help in making the "2023 UMCOR Christmas Shoebox Mission" a success. Thank you for all of your help in preparing by shopping for contents, organizing the coloring books, etc. for the little ones and school kits for the older children, helping to sort what went in each box, prayers and support by your donations and all the help in "packing the boxes".

The shoeboxes were delivered to the UM Disaster Relief Warehouse the week of July 24th, packed in a box for US Customs to be picked up in September for delivery to the Missionaries and be delivered to the children in Honduras, Ecuador, etc. by Christmas.

Our next LAF Circle Meeting will be on August 8th. We will begin planning for our "All Daughter's Luncheon", which will be on Sunday, September 10th after the 11:00 service.

All women are invited to attend our meeting in August and our luncheon in September.

Blessings to all,
 Joni Janssen, President
 Kathy Barb, Vice-President



Finance

Financial Report for January - June, 2023

Income	Jan. - June	YTD Budget
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 122,513	\$ 102,500
ASP	\$ 9,650	\$ -
Other Designated Funds	\$ 9,431	\$ 5,000
Grand Total Income	\$ 141,594	\$ 107,500
Expenses	Jan. - June	YTD Budget
ASP	\$ 9,433	\$ 6,000
Committee Expenditures	\$ 13,711	\$ 4,906
Operational Expenses	\$ 21,046	\$ 22,371
All Other Expenses	\$ 79,397	\$ 84,381
Grand Total Expenses	\$ 123,587	\$ 117,658

Missions and Outreach

The Alter Rail Offerings for the month of August will be for The North Georgia United Methodist Housing and Homeless Council.

The North Georgia United Methodist Housing and Homeless Council is an administrative agency of the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church and was created to partner with and support churches and other organizations who are ministering to those experiencing poverty and homelessness.

The Council is made up of clergy and lay representatives from each of the 12 districts of the North Georgia Conference, plus 12 at large members. The members are volunteers approved by the Annual Conference. They give generously of their time, energy, skills, knowledge and resources. By contributing to the Homeless Offering, you are directly supporting ministries and agencies serving those in need in communities across our state. These organizations may include housing programs, food pantries and other feeding programs, Habitat for Humanity houses and many other programs in our communities large and small.

100% of your offerings and donations go to the support of the homeless and poverty stricken.

ALL DONATIONS, LARGE or SMALL ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Galatians 6:2...Carry each other's burdens and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Blessings

Deborah Morris

2023
Upcoming
Altar Rail
Offerings
September

Wesley Woods

October

Wellroot

November

Fayette Samaritans

December

AIDS Awareness



Trustees

It has certainly been hot, but work continues outside and inside of the church. The biggest project to be accomplished was having a company come and work on the gutters - cleaning them, adding extra support screws and getting leaf filters on all gutters at the church, parsonage and youth house.

While Ed Roehm was making sure things went smoothly with the gutter work, he took care of a variety of projects around the church like spraying weed killer, trimming up a few trees, and edging the parking lot.

Special thanks to Herm Janssen for spending a day installing new emergency lighting and emergency exit signs to keep us in compliance with the Fire Marshall!

Thanks to everyone who has helped out over the past month with keeping our facilities up and running properly!



United Methodist Men

Thanks to all of the folks that attended, cooked and cleaned up at our breakfast meeting on the 19th. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 16 in the Fellowship Hall, at 9:00 AM. A light breakfast will be served.



A Note From Jolynn

Thomas A. Dorsey, (1899-1993), born in rural Villa Rica , Georgia, (not to be confused with Tommy Dorsey, of the Big Band era) was a musician, composer, and evangelist who was known for his blues style Gospel music which was developed in the Atlanta area. Thomas A. Dorsey wrote over 3000 songs, this son of a college educated black pastor, farmer, and teacher composed "Peace in the Valley" and "Take my Hand , Precious Lord" along with many other gospel songs.

The Dorsey family of twelve moved to the Atlanta area in 1907. In the home, their family owned an organ, which his mother played. As a child, he grew up learning the old slave spirituals, and he also learned shape-note singing from a nearby church that he would visit when his father traveled to other churches as a guest pastor of the Gospel message. As an adult, Thomas Dorsey moved to Chicago, where he composed and arranged jazz, blues, and vaudeville music. He was also known as "Georgia Tom" , and he toured and recorded with a well know guitarist of the time, "Tampa Red."

After his jazz period, Thomas had a spiritual awakening, and he began writing church music. He was the music director at Pilgrim Baptist Church in Chicago for 50 years! Many early Gospel singers were his students or coworkers, such as Mahalia Jackson. Dorsey is known today as the "Father of Gospel Music." Thomas A. Dorsey surely made his mark on Christian Gospel music which stretches from the country to the cities and churches in the thousands!

J Stevens

Source: Wikipedia, Thomas A.Dorsey

Staff Parish Relations



Inman UMC would like to recognize Jolynn and congratulate her on 20+ years of service at Inman!
Thank you Jolynn for all you do!
We wish you all the best in your retirement!



Inman UMC would like to recognize Frank and congratulate him on 2 years of service at Inman!
Thank you Frank for all you do!

For Our Prayers

For Healing From Health Concerns

Carlos Allen (Gloria Reid's brother)
Michael Barb
Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)
Cheryl Chance
Darleen Cornelison
Katy Fowler
Don Harp
Kenny Harp
Nicole Henry
Robin Hewell
Leigh Ann Hicks
Ed Hicks
John Kozisek
Martha Majewski (Mary Jane Fortner)
Sara Jane Overstreet
Pat Parker (Nancy Allgood)
James Pompey (Ed Hicks)
Eugene Pritchard
Gloria Reid
Miriam Schmidt
Lisa Spears (Nancy Allgood)
Jane St. Amour
Billy 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)
Walter Delia (Martha Kozisek)
Dan Dudley (Pat Pratt)
Ashley Edwards (Katy Swanger)
Daniel Houghton (Martha Kozisek)
Lee Jackson (David Cathey)
Deborah Morris
Wendy Rogers
Bobby Smith (Tammy Cox)
Diane Tankersley (Donald Whiteside)
Brent Taylor (Jim & Karen Blue)
Wendell Turner
Jerry Wagner
George Wheeler
Louise Woods (Ann Hembree)

For Those Mourning the Death of Loved Ones

Joe James
Greg Harp
Sarah McCart (Jane St. Amour)
Charles Harp

Other Concerns

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

Birthdays & Reminders

William Scurry	August 1
Brenda Neupert	August 6
Cathy Herron	August 7
Charys Hogeland	August 9
Caroline Akeman	August 12
Dena Anderson	August 17
Herm Janssen	August 19
Shelly Scurry	August 19
Sam Fowler	August 19
Sharon Elliot	August 22
Fay Wofford	August 23
Dean Turner	August 26
Donna Stilwell	August 28
Martha Kozisek	August 29
David Harp	August 31

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

Offering Counters

August 6	Linda W. & Jeff W.
August 13	Brenda N. & Helen B.
August 20	Donna M. & Jerry W.
August 27	Nancy A. & Joni J.

Wednesday Night Supper

5:30-6:30pm Summer Sandwich Socials

\$4.00 for adults

\$2.00 for children under 12

Three and under eat free

Options include PB&J, lunchmeat, or the "special sandwich of the week", chips, and dessert.

August 2: Sub Sandwich

Helpers: Ed, Linda, Jerry

August 9: Egg Salad

Helpers: Wendy, Joni, Robin

August 16: Turkey

Helpers: Brenda, Joann, Robin

August 23: Tuna Salad

Helpers: Deborah, Wendy, Nancy

***Normal Wednesday Night Suppers and Activities will resume September 6.**

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