

The Inman Informer

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Wonder and Amazement

How did we get to December already? I feel like I say this every month, but this fall has flown by. We're in the beginning of Advent, a season where we prepare towards the coming of Christ. We have decorated the sanctuary with greens, the Chrismons, the lights and the nativity during Hanging of the Greens. We are walking through this season of wonder and astonishment. For Advent is a season of wonder and joy. Recently, I've been pondering and wondering on the Incarnation.

Incarnation is one of those fancy church words, but it literally means embodied in flesh. It's a word we use to describe Jesus coming to earth and taking on human flesh. Wrapped up in that flesh was the divine mystery of Jesus being fully human yet fully God. As I have sitting and holding my nephew last week, I couldn't help but wonder why our God would become human and take on the form of a baby. It truly is astonishing. It's indeed Amazing love.

Among all the busyness of the season, the hustle and bustle, I encourage you to find some time to just sit and think about the power of the incarnation. That a God would love us so much to send his son to take on the human condition. That we serve a God who understand what it means to be human- our emotions, our frailty, our nature. This Christmas season is as good a time as ever to renew our sense of awe and astonishment at the miracle of the incarnation.

We have several meaningful services planned for the next couple of weeks to assist in helping to reflect the real meaning of this season. And what better time to invite your friends and neighbors to join us as we celebrate Advent and Christmas? So many people are hungry and thirsty for something more in their lives. These last two years have left us feeling disconnected, isolated, and wanting more. Let us

open our hearts and our doors to invite all to come and experience the power of Incarnation. Invite your neighbors, your friends, your coworkers, your extended family as we all Come Home for Christmas.

Peace & Grace,
Whitney

The Word
became flesh
and made his
dwelling among
us. We have
seen his glory,
the glory of the
One and Only,
who came from
the Father, full
of grace and
truth.

- John 1:14 -



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Advent Study

Join us in December as we read Adam Hamilton Book
Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas.

We will meet the first 3 Wednesdays (Dec. 1, 8, 15) from 6:30-7:30. On Sunday, December 19, we will have our last meeting from 12:15-1:15pm. All meetings will occur in Room 212. Books can be purchased from Amazon. Contact the church office if you need assistance ordering a book.

Parsonage Open House

Drop by the parsonage between 3pm and 5pm on Sunday, December 12 for some Christmas cheer! Wear your most festive outfit and come enjoy some cider, snacks, and fellowship.



**11/28 HANGING OF THE
GREENS**

One service at 10:00am

12/05 SUNDAY SERVICES

8:45am and 11:00am

**12/12 CHRISTMAS
CANTATA**

One Service at 10:00am

12/19 SUNDAY SERVICES

8:45am and 11:00am

**12/19-12/21 CHRISTMAS
VBS**

5:30pm-8pm

Program on 12/21 at 7pm

12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30pm and 9:00pm

12/26 SUNDAY SERVICE

One Service at 10:00am



Advent 2021

*Come Home for
Christmas*



On Saturday, December 11th the Circle will have our Christmas Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale in the Fellowship Hall during the United Methodist Men's breakfast. Please have crafts with suggested prices at Church by Friday, December 10th. Homemade donated cookies, brownies, cakes, etc. will be appreciated.

Invite your friends and family to join us on

Saturday, December 11th

for the United Methodist Women's annual

Christmas Craft Bazaar

from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Breakfast will be served 8:00-11:00 a.m.

(provided by the United Methodist Men)

The breakfast will be a "country style" meal". The Craft Bazaar will have unique, handmade crafts, canned goods, baked goods, etc. that are perfect for Christmas gifts. This is an excellent time to invite family, friends, and neighbors to visit Inman UMC for fun, fellowship, good food. All of the funds raised by the UMW and the UMM help fund our mission programs and provide resources for our church programs.

For more information and to volunteer your help, or if you would like to contribute items to the sale, contact Joni Janssen or Ed Roehm.



POINSETTIAS



The United Methodist Women's Circle - Love and Fellowship will be accepting orders for Poinsettias and/or a donation in honor or memory of your loved ones. Cost of the poinsettias is \$10.00 each. Proceeds of poinsettia orders and donations will be going to help with our projects and missions in the coming year.

Please leave poinsettias in the sanctuary till after the Christmas Eve Services to help beautify it for the holiday. At that time, you may take your flowers home.

Please make check payable to: "LAF Circle" and reference poinsettias or donation. Payment must be included with your order. Orders may be turned into any Love and Fellowship Circle member, or drop it in the offering by December 8th

CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE

The United Methodist Women are sponsoring the Christmas Card Post Office this year. For just \$.10 cents per card you can place your cards for church members in the mailboxes just outside the Secretary's office.

Place your money in the locked box on the wall next to the mailboxes.

This is a fundraiser so please bring your cards to church instead of mailing them.

**BE SURE TO CHECK THE MAILBOXES FOR CARDS
YOU WILL RECEIVE.**





MUSIC NOTES



Joachim Neander, born in 1650, came from a family of four generations of preachers.

Joachim became a Calvinist pastor in his twenties and wrote nearly sixty hymns including those we still sing today. Five of his hymns are in our current hymnal.

“Praise Ye the Lord , the Almighty”, was written when he was only age thirty and ill.

Joachim Neander passed away of tuberculosis later that same year.

Two hundred years later, Neanderthal fossils were discovered in the valley caves where Joachim Neander had loved to hike and roam near Dusseldorf, Germany.

“Thal” means valley in Old German, and the valley was named by the local people “Neanderthal.” The valley had been named for Joachim Neander by the people who knew his love of the area where he would a so preach sermons to the local villagers. The Neanderthal discoveries were found to be remains of very early people of strength. Joachim Neander’s family name is now known the world over after such dedication to their preaching of the Gospel for generations!

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!”
What a perfect first line!

---Jolynn Stevens---

Sources: Then Sings My Soul, Robert J. Morgan; and Wikipedia



The logo features a stylized blue 'S' at the top. Below it, the word 'WEDNESDAY' is written in a bold, orange, serif font. Underneath 'WEDNESDAY', the word 'NIGHT' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font inside a blue oval. At the bottom, the word 'Suppers' is written in a large, orange, cursive font. Green leaves are positioned on either side of the 'WEDNESDAY' text.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT Suppers

Supper starts at 5:30PM with prayer and ends at 6:30PM. Choir practice and Wednesday night programs start at 6:30PM. The cost for Wednesday Night Supper is: \$7.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for children ages 3-12, and children under 3 eat for free.



The upcoming menu and committee helpers are:

December 1: Chicken, Committee Helpers: SPR

December 8: Lasagna, Committee Helpers: Finance

December 15: Pork Roast (Kid Ckn Nuggets), Committee Helpers: Worship

December 22: Off for Christmas

December 29: Off for Christmas

January 5: Off for New Years

Note: Committee Helpers, the prep time is the most critical. If you can possibly be there by 4:30 PM on the assigned date, it would be very much appreciated.

Please let the church office know by 1:00PM on Tuesday if your plans to attend or to not attend have changed.

MEMBERSHIP CARE

The Membership Care Committee will be hosting a reception for our Choir immediately following the annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 12th. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall and light refreshments will be served.



Please join us in fellowship and to thank our Choir for providing us with such a special part of our worship service throughout the year.

TRUSTEES REPORT

THANK YOU to everyone that helped make our annual fall workday a success! As always, we had more projects than we could possibly accomplish, but thanks to several hard working individuals we made substantial progress with sprucing up the church grounds by pruning several shrubs, spreading several loads of mulch and getting ready for Veteran's Day.

We are grateful to everyone who helped get ready for workday, those who loaned equipment and expertise, those who donated mulch, and those who were able to come help out on November 6th: Pastor Whitney, David Harp, Nolan Harp, Brandon Harp, Ed & Judy Roehm, Herm & Joni Janssen, Moody Elliott, Linda & Brad Wagner, Will Chance, Jean & Jerry Haygood, Donna McChargue, Deborah Morris and Dave Cathey.

If you missed work day but have a few hours you would like to spend at the church helping out, please get with Ed Roehm or Linda Wagner. There are always projects we can use help on and we are grateful for any assistance you can provide



A View from The Board

Well now we get ready for Christmas and the hustle and bustle of the holidays hits home. Historically it is said this begins the time of the year when we are trying our best to be “trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent”. Good Scouts all around, and at the same time generous, loving, faithful, humble, and forgiving just to name a few of the adjectives that surround the season.

All Saint’s Day and Thanksgiving Day at the end of November and only “24” more days until Christmas! What is missing from our lives lately? Fellowship? Friendship? Worship? Not at Inman. What we have is an overflowing abundance of love. What is missing in my eyes are children. I never thought I would miss the sound of a fussy baby during worship, but I really do. Our kids grow up and move away. Not always geographically but spiritually. Sundays become days for football, softball, races on TV, and not church.

At the end of “Trunk-or-Treat”, I stood outside with the folks that made the event happen, and thought, “man if these folks were not here what would we do”. I am constantly amazed at what this little church can do.



Whitney asked me “What is Inman’s Vision Statement”? I could not tell her, because honestly I do not remember what it is. I know we have one, but why can I not remember. She is right. We need to revisit that statement. In my opinion, at every Board meeting, and every team meeting it should be asked of the group, “What are we doing to fulfill our Vision Statement”? Maybe that way it will help keep us from being distracted, and instead help us head in the right direction.

My immediate thoughts on the direction? Membership, right to the heart of saving souls. While our current membership is the reason we are still viable, it really needs to be about the children. Everything comes back to them. With children come the parents, with the parents come the membership, from membership comes the budget, from the children we raise up the youth. But more importantly comes the followers of Jesus. Making disciples.



We are uniquely situated with facilities and resources to stand out as a choice church. With little adjustment, we can pivot for almost any kind of need.

We have all “paid our dues” in service to the Lord, but I was reminded that it never ends. We are called to “stand” next to the children and youth and keep them safe. Giving them a good example of “we the broken” serving the Lord. Physical involvement in those programs is so important. Money helps, but a second adult there during activities, Sunday School, Wednesday Night Bible Study and Sunday Night Youth are just as important.

At the Board meeting on December 7th bring your suggestions for the “Vision Statement” of Inman.

Loving you with the Love of the Lord,
Jeff Wedge

It's that time of year again!

The time to show our staff here at Inman how much we appreciate all they do for us throughout the year.

The Staff Parrish Relations Committee is currently collecting a staff "love offering". Please show our staff all the love this holiday season.

Don't forget to tag your gift "love offering"!



FINANCE



End of Year Giving:

We are very grateful for all the support we receive from each of you! As a reminder, in order for financial and in-kind gifts made to the church to be reflected on your 2021 Giving Statement, we must receive your donations by December 31, 2021.

2022 Pledges:

Thank you to everyone who submitted a pledge for 2022 during October! To date, we have received \$106,084.00 in pledges for the upcoming year!



Financial Report:

Below is the Financial Report for October, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Committee.

Financial Report for October, 2021

Income	October	Year to Date
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 17,862	\$ 199,377
ASP	\$ 888	\$ 4,148
Other Designated Funds	\$ 50	\$ 2,716
Grand Total Income	\$ 18,800	\$ 206,241
Expenses	October	Year to Date
ASP	\$ 1,450	\$ 10,569
Committee Expenditures	\$ 417	\$ 2,868
Operational Expenses	\$ 1,671	\$ 28,626
All Other Expenses	\$ 15,672	\$ 124,611
Grand Total Expenses	\$ 19,210	\$ 166,674

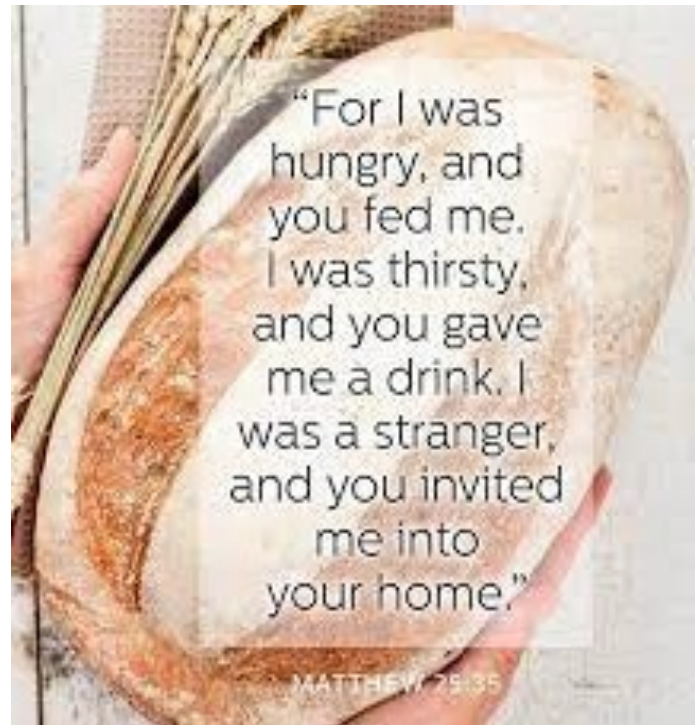
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Dear Church Members,

Fayette Samaritans needs volunteers for interviewers, receptionist, clothes closet, and food pantry. We are open Monday – Friday 9:00am to 12:00am volunteers usually work one day a week.

The following are the items most needed for the month of December however, all donations are appreciated:

1. Canned Potatoes
2. Canned carrots
3. Pancake Mix
4. Cookies
5. Shampoo
6. Toothpaste
7. Feminine Products
8. Diapers Size 1 and 2
9. Baby Wipes



Our clothes closet needs women's crew socks and knee hi socks.

May God bless you for your generosity to those in need in our county.

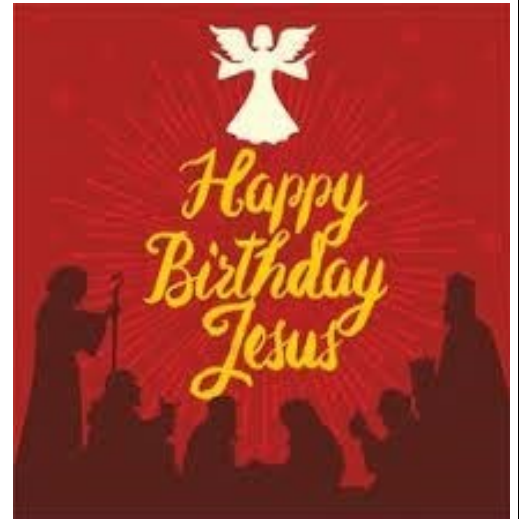
Jerry Daughtry, Secretary
Fayette Samaritans, Inc.

"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

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Inman United Methodist Church invites all children ages 4 and up to join them for Christmas Vacation Bible School, Sunday, December 19th through Tuesday, December 21st from 5:30- 7:30 p.m.

Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m., followed by arts and crafts, music, and the story of Christ's birth from the Bible! Parents and family are invited to attend a performance by the children followed by a Birthday Celebration for Jesus on Tuesday, December 21st at 7: p.m.



All Inman youth are encouraged to participate.

RSVP to youth@inmanmethodist.org



December 31st starting at 9pm until January 1st at 7am the Youth will resume their tradition of a belated Christmas party and New years celebration. All youth are invited to bring a friend and join us for games, gift exchange, bon fire, food, hot chocolate, fun and Fellowship as they ring in the New Year together
Please RSVP to youth@inmanmethodist.org

Upcoming EVENTS

- ◆ Youth Super Bowl party 2/13
- ◆ Winter Jam 1/16
- ◆ Confirmation Classes Start in Feb
- ◆ ASP Yard Sale March 4th and 5th

(Please start collecting your items for donations now)

Time to be determined.

Our Prayers

For healing from health concerns

Carlos Allen (Gloria Reid's brother)
Sara Ballard
Roger Barnhill
Michael Barb
Ray Barday (Charles Cox)
Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)
Jack Brannon (Jeff Wedge)
Russell Clarke (Maggie Clarke)
Darleen Cornelison
Kay Cox
Lane Cox (Lyn Wheeler)
Karen Glessner (Kay Cox)
Charles Harp
Nicole Henry
John Kozisek
William LaTerre (Martha Kozisek)
Sarah McCart (Jane St. Amour)
Joanne Minter
Cris Price (Linda Price)
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)
Chance Whittington (Will Chance)
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)
Marvin Markham (Brenda Schachle)
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
Bobby Williams (Rick Minter)
Louise Woods (Ann Hembree)
Kay Young (Forrest & Sara Ballard)

For Those Mourning the Death of These Loved Ones

Ira Bishop

Other Concerns

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

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Important Dates



Called SPR Meeting: Dec 7th @ 6:00pm
Admin Board Meeting: Dec 7th @ 7:00pm



Erika Bishop	December 3rd
Jean McChargue	December 3rd
Austin Anderson	December 5th
Michael Little	December 5th
Forest Ballard	December 7th
Emily Wagner	December 8th
William Swanger	December 9th
Arlys Ferrell	December 11th
Frank Newland	December 11th
Judy Roehm	December 12th
Barbara Ponzio	December 17th
Warren Mahaffey	December 24th
Eve DeLisle	December 31st

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

may you know
the comfort & joy
of God's
presence this
Christmas
season & always!