

# Inman Informer

December 2022



## From the Pastor

### What is a "Blue Christmas Service?"

For some, the memories of past experiences and the pain of present situations can become overwhelming. The Christmas season can be very difficult and a reminder of the challenges of our lives.

In this service, we invite you to listen. We invite you to pray. We invite you to sing. We invite you to come as you are, with whatever doubt, grief, or anger you may have. We trust that you will find hope and comfort in knowing that you are not alone.

There is something so special about this time of year! Some people may call it nostalgia, others may see it as commercialization, yet the truth is this time of year is special because it is filled with anticipation.

As we journey this advent season, we anticipate all that God is doing in the world. We celebrate and remind one another that God came in flesh, sending us Emmanuel ("God with Us"). We gather together as believers to proclaim to the world that there is a light in the midst of the darkness, hope in the midst of life's uncertainties, and joy.

I pray that each of you will experience this Advent & Christmas season like never before. For no matter whether you are the jolliest elves of the season or whether your heart is filled with pain and grief, there are services and spaces for you at Inman this season to come and be reminded that Emmanuel has come, for "God is with us".

Whitney



## ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUN. NOV. 27 AT 11:00AM  
HANGING OF THE GREENS  
SERVICE

SUN. DEC. 18 AT 11:00AM  
WORSHIP

SUN. DEC. 4 AT 11:00AM  
WORSHIP

SAT. DEC. 24 AT 5:30PM  
CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE  
SERVICE

SUN. DEC. 11 AT 11:00AM  
CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA

SUN. DEC. 25 AT 11:00AM  
CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

WED. DEC. 14 AT 6:30PM  
BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE



# Music Ministry

**Looking forward to seeing you at the  
Christmas Cantata on  
Sunday, December 11 at 11:00am**



# Membership Care

The Membership Care Committee will be hosting a reception immediately following the annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 11th. 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.



# Missions and Outreach

## **Altar Rail Offerings for the month of December will go to the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund.**

The United Methodist Global AIDS Fund (UMGAF) was established in 2004 by the General Conference. This was in response to the global AIDS pandemic and the purpose is to “stem the tide” of HIV and AIDS around the world and strengthen The United Methodist Church’s compassionate response to this deadly pandemic. The UMGAF supports programs that focus on education, prevention, care, advocacy, testing, treatment, and counseling for people living with HIV and AIDS.

Since 1981 (the onset of the AIDS pandemic), 79 million people have become infected with the HIV virus and about 39 million have died from HIV. Globally, about 37 million people are living with HIV. Approximately, 7,500 people are infected daily, including about 900 babies born with HIV.

With your generous donations, the faces of AIDS is changing in the world. More persons now have access to life-saving drugs and treatment programs, which is reducing the number of overall deaths. As Methodists, let’s work together, to continue to change the face of this deadly disease.

ALL DONATIONS, BIG or SMALL ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

“Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” - Matthew 11:28

Blessings,

Deborah Morris



**2022**  
**Altar Rail**  
**Offerings**  
  
**December**  
AIDS Awareness

# *Love & Fellowship Circle & United Methodist Men*

## **Christmas Craft Bazaar & Country Breakfast**

On Saturday, December 10th the Love and Fellowship Circle will have the Christmas Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale in the Fellowship Hall during the United Methodist Men's Country Breakfast. The breakfast will be a "country style" meal. The Craft Bazaar will have unique hand-made crafts, canned goods, baked goods, and more that are perfect for Christmas gifts. This is an excellent time to invite family, friends, and neighbors to visit Inman UMC for fun, fellowship, and good food. All funds raised by the UWIF and UMM help fund our mission programs and provide resources for our church programs.

Invite your friends and family to join us

Saturday, December 10th

For the United Women in Faith's Annual

Christmas Craft Bazaar

From 8:00am-1:00pm

*Breakfast will be served from 8:00am-11:00am*

*(Provided by the United Methodist Men)*

Please have crafts with suggested prices at the church by Friday, December 9th. Homemade donated cookies, brownies, cakes, etc. will be appreciated.

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

# *Love & Fellowship Circle (United Women in Faith)*

## **Christmas Card Post Office**

The United Methodist Women in Faith 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 finance 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.

## Poinsettias

The United Methodist Women In Faith 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 until after the Christmas Day Service. At that time, you may take your flowers home.



Please make checks payable to "LAF Circle" and reference poinsettias or donation. Payments 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 11th.

## Trustees



Thanks to all the church members who were able to participate in the "Church Workday" on Saturday, November 12. We had sixteen helpers who accomplished many things in getting our church ready for the holidays.



# Community Connections

Thank you to all who participated in Trunk or Treat. We had over 100 people come and participate that evening



# Announcements

**Staff Love Offering:** It's time to show our staff here at Inman how much we appreciate all they do for us throughout the year. The Staff Parish Committee is currently collecting a staff "love offering". Please show our staff all the love this Christmas season. Don't forget to tag your gift "love offering"!

**Year End 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 2022 Giving Statement, we must receive your donation by December 31, 2022.

**Church Office Hours:** The church office will resume office hours on Wednesday, December 7. The office will be open Tuesdays-Thursdays from 9am-1pm.

**Parsonage Open House:** Drop by the parsonage between 3-5pm on Sunday, December 11 for some Christmas cheer! Wear your most festive outfit and come enjoy some cider, snacks and fellowship.

## Upcoming Meetings:

- ◆ Trustees Meeting: Monday, December 5 at 6:00pm
- ◆ Finance Meeting: Monday, December 5 at 6:30pm
- ◆ Administrative Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00pm

# For Our Prayers

## **For Healing From Health Concerns**

William Alfred Sr. (Mary Jane Fortner)  
Carlos Allen (Gloria Reid's brother)  
Michael Barb  
Roger Barnhill  
Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)  
Jack Brannon (Jeff Wedge)  
Linda Chaffin  
Cheryl Chance  
Darleen Cornelison  
Mary Jane Fortner  
Charles Harp  
Don Harp  
Kenny Harp  
Leigh Ann Hicks  
John Kozisek  
Sarah McCart (Jane St. Amour)  
Pat Parker (Nancy Allgood)  
Eugene Pritchard  
Luna Ponzio  
Miriam Schmidt  
Lisa Spears (Nancy Allgood)  
Jane St. Amour  
Marvin Tidwell  
Patricia Vaughn  
Julie Ward (Joni Janssen)  
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)  
Amanda Bennett (Linda Wagner)  
David Booth (Martha Kozisek)  
Jackie Clayburn  
Walter Delia (Martha Kozisek)  
Dan Dudley (Pat Pratt)  
Ashley Edwards (Katy Swanger)  
Mary Lee Giddings  
Bill Haleday  
Leigh Hawkins  
Daniel Houghton (Martha Kozisek)  
Burl Hurley  
Matt Kirkindall  
Deborah Morris  
Wendy Rogers  
Bobby Smith (Tammy Cox)  
Diane Tankersley (Donald Whiteside)  
Brent Taylor (Jim & Karen Blue)  
Jerry Wagner  
Ruth Williams  
Louise Woods (Ann Hembree)  
Kay Young

## **For Those Mourning the Death of Loved Ones**

Tom Rush  
Griffin Lunceford  
Justin Bennett (Ruth Sitton)  
Marlene Westendorf  
John Brannan  
Betty Ruth Swahlen  
Carol Fisher (Joni Janssen)  
Baughn Jenkins (Joann T. & Brenda N)

## **Other Concerns**

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

# Birthdays & Reminders

Erika Bishop	December 3
Jean McChargue	December 3
Michael Little	December 5
Forrest Ballard	December 7
Emily Wagner	December 8
William Swanger	December 9
Arlys Ferrell	December 11
Frank Newland	December 11
Judy Roehm	December 12
Barbara Ponzio	December 17
Robin Hewell	December 21
Warren Mahaffey	December 23
Eve DeLisle	December 31

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

## Offering Counters

**Dec. 4:** Linda W. & Jeff W.  
**Dec. 11:** Brenda N. & Helen B.  
**Dec. 18:** Donna M. & Jerry W.

## Grass Cutting & Leaf Control Volunteers

**Nov. 27-Dec. 3:** \*Volunteer Needed\*  
**Dec. 4-10:** \*Volunteer Needed\*  
**Dec. 18-24:** \*Volunteer Needed\*

## Wednesday Night Supper

**Dec. 7** Spaghetti & Meatballs  
**Helpers:** Finance  
**Dec. 14:** Mexican  
**Helpers:** Trustees

**See you in 2023!**

# Office Information

## Office Hours

**Starting Wednesday,  
December 7**

Tuesday- Thursday  
9:00am-1:00pm

The office will be closed  
December 27-29.

## Our Staff

**Rev. Whitney Hair, Pastor** | [pastor@inmanmethodist.org](mailto:pastor@inmanmethodist.org)

**Jolynn Stevens, Director of Music**  
[music@inmanmethodist.org](mailto:music@inmanmethodist.org)

**Frank Stenbridge, Pianist**  
[pianist@inmanmethodist.org](mailto:pianist@inmanmethodist.org)

*Be sure to send a special welcome email to our  
new secretary, starting in the office on December 7*

**Katie Jones, Secretary**  
[secretary@inmanmethodist.org](mailto:secretary@inmanmethodist.org)

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