

Inman Informer

December 2023



A Note From the Pastor

Dates & Times of Worship this Advent Season

**Dec. 3
11:00AM**

**Dec. 10
11:00AM**

**Dec. 13
6:30PM**

**Dec. 17
11:00**

**Dec. 24
11:00AM
5:30PM**

**Dec. 31
11:00AM**

**In the month of
December, we
will worship
together each
Sunday in one
combined
11:00am service.**

The month of December is always such a special time here at Inman. In the midst of the hustle and bustle, in the midst of Christmas shopping and preparations, we gather together throughout the month of December to remind one another of the impact that Christ's coming has upon our lives.

In the coming weeks, we will have numerous special services, where we'll decorate the Sanctuary, remembering the signs and symbols that surround us. We'll read together the prophets foretelling the coming of Christ's birth and join together in celebratory song. We'll be led by our youth as they tell of Christ's coming and the impact upon us today. Friends, I am so excited at all that is happening over the next few weeks as we prepare our hearts and lives for Christmas. I encourage you to plan to attend

As we journey this advent season, we anticipate all that God is doing in the world. We gather together as believers to proclaim to the world that there is light in the midst of the darkness, hope in the midst of life's uncertainties, and joy that extends beyond our circumstances.

My prayer for each of you this year is that you will encounter Christ this Christmas season like never before. For no matter whether you are filled with the wonder of the season or you feel as though you are wandering in the wilderness, there is a place for you at Inman UMC this season to come and be reminded that Emmanuel has come, for "God is with us".



Announcements

Parsonage Open House: On Sunday, December 10, drop by the parsonage between 2-4pm for some Christmas cheer. Wear your most festive outfit and enjoy light refreshments and fellowship.

Administrative Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 12 at 7pm

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. The last day to donate towards the Staff love Offering is Sunday, December 17. Don't forget to tag your gift "love offering"!

Church Office Closed: The church office will be closed Tuesday, December 26-Thursday, December 28.

We Invite You To Join Us For

ADVENT

12/3 HANGING OF THE GREENS
ONE SERVICE AT 11:00AM

12/17 YOUTH SUNDAY
ONE SERVICE AT 11:00AM
FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION

12/9 CHRISTMAS CRAFT BAZAAR AND
COUNTRY BREAKFAST
CRAFT BAZAAR 8:00-1:00PM
COUNTRY BREAKFAST 8:00-10:30AM

12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE
AT 11:00AM
CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
AT 5:30PM

12/10 LESSONS AND CAROLS
ONE SERVICE AT 11:00AM

12/31 WORSHIP SERVICE
ONE SERVICE AT 11:00AM
POTLUCK TO FOLLOW

12/13 AN EVENING OF ADVENT
SERVICE AT 6:30PM



Missions and Outreach

Alter 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 was/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 or AIDS. Approximately 7,500 people are infected daily, including about 900 babies born with HIV.

With your generous donations the face 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!

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10

Blessings,

Deborah Morris



Love & Fellowship Circle (United Women in Faith)



Christmas Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale

On Saturday, December 9th, the Inman United Women In Faith, Love and Fellowship 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 8th. Homemade donated cookies, brownies, cakes, etc. will be appreciated.

POINSETTIAS

The Inman United Women In Faith, Love and Fellowship Circle 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 Eve Services.

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 dropped in the offering by December 10th.

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 Treasurer'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**



*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Joni Janssen, President
Kathy Barb, Vice President*

Year End Giving: We are 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 2023 Giving Statement, we must receive your donation by December 31, 2023.

Financial Report for January- October, 2023

INCOME	JAN-OCT 2023	YTD Budget
GIFTS & TITHES	\$201,488	\$172,500
ASP	\$11,144	—
OTHER DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$11,624	\$6,666
GRAND TOTAL INCOME	\$224,256	\$179,166

EXPENSES	JAN-OCT 2023	YTD Budget
ASP	\$13,864	\$10,000
COMMITTEE EXPENDITURES	\$18,102	\$8,176
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$37,479	\$37,285
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	\$128,087	\$141,635
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$197,532	\$197,096

United Methodist Men

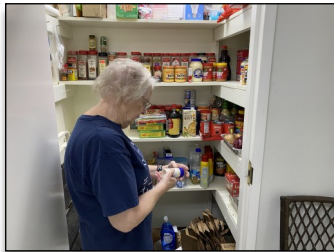
The UMM "Country Breakfast", in conjunction the ladies annual "Craft Bazaar," will be held on Saturday, December 9. Serving time for the breakfast will be 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Also, bring friends, neighbors and family members. All are welcome.



Trustees

November was a busy month for your Inman Trustees!

- ◆ Foundation leaks on the west side of the fellowship hall and in the rear of the offices were hopefully fixed. We'll know more after the winter rains during the next four months. A special thanks to Brandon Harp who provided the back fill dirt and the equipment to move it. Also, thanks to the UMM for helping level the dirt and re-mulch the area.
- ◆ Church wide work day on November 11 was a great success. Despite the rainy weather, we accomplished a few outside projects and many needed maintenance items inside the church and youth house. Thanks to all the ladies and men for all of their hard work.
- ◆ The juniper bushes in the rear parking lot islands were cut back. They had gotten so large over the past twenty-two years that they were unsightly and impossible to trim.
- ◆ Reroofing the three church buildings is almost complete. We'll have more on this project in the January 2024 Informer.



Do you have a favorite hymn? Share it with us!



Looking into the new year, we would love to have your hymn suggestions. There will be a folder hanging on the bulletin board under the calendar for you to submit your suggested hymns for our music team to choose from! So flip through that hymnal, find a hymn you would love to hear, and put the title into the folder!

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
Don Harp
Nicole Henry
Robin Hewell
Marie Large
Sara Jane Overstreet
Pat Parker (Nancy Allgood)
Eugene Pritchard
Riley Rada (Kim Jeffords)
Gloria Reid
Miriam Schmidt
Kenny Shure (Herm Janssen)
Lisa Spears (Nancy Allgood)
Jane St. Amour
Melanie Wagner
Billy Ward
Jenny Ward
Luz Webster (Gloria Reid)
Jeff Wedge
Rhonda Wheeler (George & Lynn Wheeler)
Margaret Whitaker (Ed Hicks)
Chance Whittington (Will Chance)

For Healing From Cancer

Denise Anderson (Joni Janssen)
David Booth (Martha Kozisek)
Betty Chally
Walter Delia (Martha Kozisek)
Dan Dudley (Pat Pratt)
Ashley Edwards (Katy Swanger)
Daniel Houghton (Martha Kozisek)
Tory Howe (Ruth Sitton)
Lee Jackson (David Cathey)
Deborah Morris
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

John Kozisek
Charlie Barnwell
Kenny Harp
Michael Barb
Ada Hewell

Other Concerns

For the children/youth of Inman UMC
For our Pastor, District Superintendent,
Bishop, and leaders of the United
Methodist Church
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 Swagner	December 9
Arlys Ferrel	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

December 3	Linda W. & Jeff W.
December 10	Brenda N. & Helen B.
December 17	Donna M. & Jerry W.
December 24	Nancy A. & Joni J.
December 31	Linda W. & Ed R.

Wednesday Night Supper

5:30-6:30pm

\$9.00 for adults

\$5.00 for children under 12

Three and under eat free

**Reminder: Our last Wednesday night
gathering of the year will be
December 13.**

**We will resume Wednesday night
activities and meals on January 10, 2024.**

Office Information

Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday 9am-1pm

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