

The Inman Informer

The Newsletter of Inman United Methodist Church
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February



Slow and Steady.....

You ever feel like the tortoise in the footrace?



I've had a couple of folks ask me about this visioning process, of why we are moving so slowly through it. For those of you asking this question, I'm right there with you. It feels as though we are making little progress. But the thing about visioning is that you can't breeze through it. For we aren't just setting a New Year's Resolution, to then forget about the vision on day 12. We are envisioning together how God is calling us to fulfill our mission.

Our mission as a congregation is clear, we get the words directly from Jesus "Go and make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19-20). We can live into that mission because we know that the Spirit is empowering

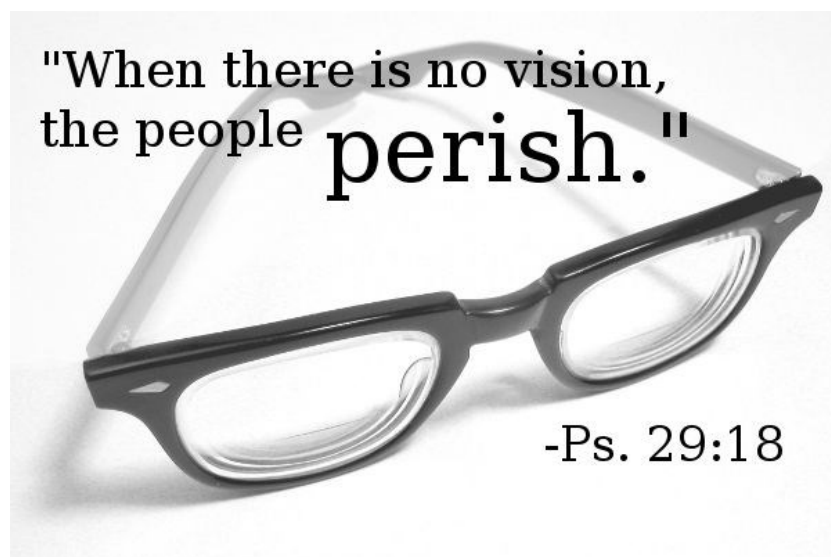
us. Over the last month, we've looked at foundational pieces of our faith that empower us to seek God's vision for the church: what it means to trust the Holy Spirit to work and speak to us as we look for signs of God's presence, who we are in Christ through baptism, what the mission & vision of Jesus is, and what it means to be a good neighbor.

One question we will wrestle with this month at our Board meeting is asking what are the core values of Inman? For within every congregation, there are 3-5 core values that are foundational to the fabric & culture of the congregation. These core values don't change, but they help give us perspective as to where we are going.

The ultimate question we will be asking is what is God most calling us to do as a congregation in the near future? For there are numerous ways we can make disciples. There are numerous ministries and projects we can focus on. But where do our strengths, our passions, and our energy level fit?

In the Informer, you will find a brief survey that I would like each of you to fill out. You can either fill it out with the online link or you can jot down your answers and place them in the offering plate. These surveys will be collected, and the responses will be compiled. For we need everyone's insight as we begin to discern where God is leading us. This isn't just a vision crafted by the pastor or by the Board- this is the congregation's vision of the future of Inman UMC.

Peace & Grace,
Whitney



Important Dates and INFORMATION

Administrative Board Meeting: The first Administrative Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 15 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please have your reports turned in to the secretary prior to the meeting.

Worship Committee Meeting: The Worship Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 16 at 4:30pm in Room 212 to prepare for Lent and Easter.

SPR: The Staff-Parish Relations Committee will be meeting on Monday, February 7 at 6pm in Room 212.

Bible Study: A new Bible study will begin on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 starting on February 9. We will be studying the Book of Jonah. All youth and adults are welcomed! We will meet in Room 212.

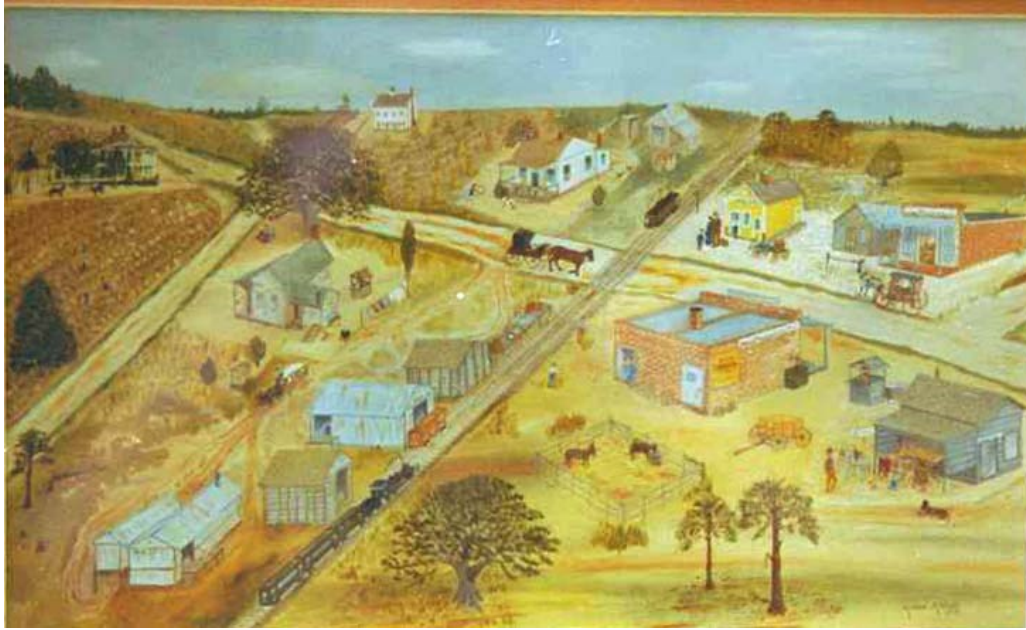
Mental Health First Aid Training: One in Five Americans has a mental illness or substance use disorder. Wespath, a partner with The United Methodist Church, is offering a free “First Aid for Mental Health training to all United Methodists. This training will teach how to identify, understand, and respond with empathy to people struggling with mental health issues—it can help with your own mental well-being or help you be more prepared to support others. Several session times will be offered on Thursday, March 10 with part 2 happening on Thursday, March 24. To sign up, you can use the QR code or send Whitney an email.



History of Inman Methodist Church

Written for "Homecoming" April 24, 1949 for Centennial Celebration

Letter provided by Walter Reeves to Jeff Wedge



One hundred years ago our church has its beginning in a small log house which was built on a 11 acre wooded area given by Uncle Roland Stubbs. In the deed which was dated February 6, 1849 this building was called a meeting house. It stood in a grove of trees across the road from our present cemetery. The Trustees were: Elisha Hill, James Hightower, Mozee Harp, and Thomas Turner. It was well attended and during revivals a brush arbor was built to accommodate the crowds, who came from miles around in carriages, wagons, on horseback and on foot.

No record of the pastors of this church has been found but we know that they were real circuit riders and that their churches were far apart. Rev. Alfred Dorman is known to have been one of these. In December 1853 another acre of land was obtained and long before the war between the States a new church was built across the road from the old one. Two new Trustees were added at this time - A.W. Gray and William Chambers. The Pastor of this church, called "Liberty Chapel", lived in Fayetteville and served several other churches. They sometimes had preaching during the week, and especially on Saturday. This was no occasion for dress and the men would often stop their plows, strip off the scarce, and the Sunday School teacher often taught the "blue back" along with the Bible. In this way many were taught to read who would have had no other opportunity to learn. There was no musical instrument in the old log church and none in this one until some years later when an organ was put in. The members brought their own hymn books from

home and sang some of the same good old songs that we sing today.

It was not customary to put flowers in the church at that time but the woods on the grounds were beautiful with wild flowers. There were many local preachers and exhorters, as they were called, but the first pastor we have on record was J.J. McIntosh in 1883, sometime after that came J.R. Smith and B. Sanders.

It was a common thing for members to be tried for misconduct and they were often dismissed from the church. Many of them were afterward re-instated.

About 1890 Inman was taken off the Fayetteville Charge and the Inman circuit was formed. This circuit consisted of Inman, Brooks, New Hope, and County Line for some time. The pastor preached on one Saturday and Sunday each month. At our church there was preaching every Sunday, the local elders filling the pulpit except on the pastor's Sunday. Uncle Daniel McLucas, Uncle Bogan Mask, and Uncle J.W. Elder had regular appointments for years.

The Sunday School at this time was well attended. There was a large Bible Class and many of the older people were regular attendants. Other minister's who served this church were: C.M. Verdell, C.S. Wright, S.M. Thomas, W.C. Davis, N.E. McBrayer, B.E.L Timmons, J.W. Bailey, J.S. Askew, A.E. Scott, R.P. Tatum, J.S. Hill, C.D. Read, and J.R. Jones.

By 1920 our church was badly in need of repairs. In winter the road would sometimes get almost impassable and Sunday School would have to be suspended. So it was decided to build a new church at Inman. This was done in 1920 under the leadership of Rev. A.W. Conway who felt that he was sent to build our church. Some of the members gave timber, others cut, hauled and sawed it into lumber, many gave of their time and worked faithfully. The last of the money was raised and the church was cleared of debt at a homecoming in 1924. It was then called the Inman Methodist Church. The women raised the money to paint the building, buy a piano and bell, by working a cotton patch.

During the hundred years since it was founded, our Church has had members in three wars. During World War II our flag had 23 stars, one of them a gold star.

Our pastors since Bro. Conway have been: W.E. Brown, Z. Speer, J.R. Terrell, J.S. Askew again, W.R. Williams, J.C. Callaway, V.O. Gentry, L.P. Huckaby, G.H. Stone, Z.V. Hawks, Graham, Jacob Lackey, R.E. Whatley, Fred Stinson, and J.R. Thompson.

We love our church and we pray that its influence may spread and that it will be a blessing to many people.

*“Oh, God, our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Be thou our guide while life shall last
And our eternal home.”*

*“Advance, O Church of God, Advance!
We dare not longer wait
To share our Christ with all the world
It is already late.”*



*Outside of Church, Beside Cemetery before 1900
Provided by Sara Jane Overstreet*



*Members of the Congregation ca 1900
Provided by Sara Jane Overstreet*



*Old Depot across the street
Provided by Sara Jane Overstreet*

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday Night Youth is back in session! We gather at the Youth House each Sunday night for a time of dinner, fellowship, and a lesson. All 6th grade-12th grade are invited!



Confirmation: Confirmation kicks off on Wed. February 2nd starting at 6:30 in the youth room.

Souper Bowl Lock In: We will be having a lock in the night of the Superbowl! We'll gather at the youth house on 2/13 starting at 6:00pm with the lock-in ending at 8:00am. (Local Schools are out for Winter Break from 2/14-2/18) We encourage each youth to bring canned goods to the lock in to help stock the shelves at Fayette Samaritans. If you would like to volunteer for the lock in for a portion of the evening or the full evening, please contact Whitney.

Spiritual Life Retreat: The Youth will be traveling to Camp Glisson March 25-27 for Spiritual Life Retreat. All youth, grades 6th- 12th are invited. The retreat cost \$155 per person, plus money for lunch on the way back. We'll leave the church after school on Friday and should arrive back at church on Sunday at around 2:30pm.

Please sign up by Sunday, February 13 if you are interested. Money is due by Sunday, February 20th. You can sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/InmanSLR22>.

We will be needing Chaperones. If you are interested, please reach out and let Whitney know!



Youth Sunday: The youth will lead us in worship on Sunday, February 20 at the 11am service. Preparations for Youth Sunday will happen on Sunday nights and at the lock-in. Any students who are interested in leading worship are encouraged to attend.

ASP Potato Bake: Our next ASP Potato Bake will be on Sunday, February 13th after the 11am service in the fellowship hall. Let the youth serve you as you enjoy this time of fellowship. All donations support the ASP teams on their mission trip in June.

ASP Yard Sale: The youth will be hosting a Yard Sale Friday March 4-5 to fundraise for their summer mission trip with Appalachian Service Project. Plan to come out support our young people by shopping at the sale and donating items for the sale. Items can be dropped off in the fellowship hall starting Thursday, March 3. If you are unable to drop off you items during this time, please contact John Rigby or the church office to coordinate another time.



COLLEGE STUDENTS

We want to support our college students.....



If you haven't already done so, and you are a college student (or have a student in college) we would love for you to update your mailing address if it has changed from your local address. You can update your campus address with the church office by emailing secretary@inmanmethodist.org.



Join us for Wednesday Night Supper. 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:

February 2: Lasagna

February 9: Pork Roast (Kids Chicken Nuggets)

February 16: Meat Loaf (Kids Hot Dogs)

February 23: Mexican

March 2(Ash Wed.): Spaghetti & Meatballs

Committee Helpers: Finance

Committee Helpers: Worship

Committee Helpers: Missions

Committee Helpers: Trustees

Committee Helpers: Membership Care

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.

FINANCE

Financial Report:

To everyone who has financially contributed to Inman UMC over the last year, we thank you! The generosity of those who attend this church is simply amazing and we are blessed beyond measure. Thanks to each of you, the church has been able to meet our financial commitments for 2021 and even put some money into savings

Financial Report for January-December, 2021

Income	2021	Budgeted
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 247,183	\$ 204,000
ASP	\$ 8,339	\$ -
Other Designated Funds	\$ 3,574	\$ 15,500
Grand Total Income	\$ 259,096	\$ 219,500
Expenses	2021	Budgeted
ASP	\$ 10,667	\$ 12,000
Committee Expenditures	\$ 3,784	\$ 4,450
Operational Expenses	\$ 35,780	\$ 41,577
All Other Expenses	\$ 144,926	\$ 165,702
Grand Total Expenses	\$ 195,157	\$ 223,729



2021 Giving Statements:

By now you should have received your Giving Statement for calendar year 2021. Please look this record over carefully to ensure our records match your records. If you have any questions or corrections, please see Linda Wagner or Brenda Neupert.



Sunday Offering Counting Schedule:

THANK YOU to everyone who has volunteered to help count the offering one Sunday per month. If you would like to volunteer to help, please let Linda Wagner know and we will get you put into the counting rotation. Below is the rough schedule for those who have signed up to count



- **1st Sunday:** Linda Wagner & Jeff Wedge
- **2nd Sunday:** Brenda Neupert & Helen Baylor
- **3rd Sunday:** Donna McChargue & Jerry Wagner
- **4th Sunday:** Nancy Allgood & Joni Janssen
- **5th Sunday:** Linda Wagner & Ed Roehm



February 8th, 2021 in Room 212

Trustees Meeting at 6:00 PM

Finance Committee Meeting at 7:00 PM

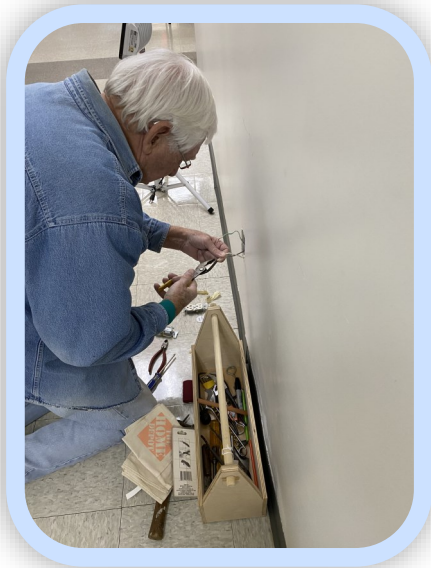
Board of Trustees: Ed Roehm, Donna McChargue, Mike Little, Jean Haygood, Linda Wagner, Herm Janssen, Roger Ferrell, Will Chance

Finance Committee Members: Linda Wagner, Maggie Clarke, Brenda Neupert, Donna McChargue, Dave Cathey, Chris Christian, Trenton Rigby, Roland Ivey, Janet Hilten

TRUSTEES

The weather has been somewhat less than ideal for working outside so the Trustees have been focused more on taking care of projects inside the church. Over the last few weeks we have:

- ◆ Replaced a burned out electrical outlet in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ Recycled the ballasts from where we converted the fluorescent light fixtures to more energy efficient LED bulbs.
- ◆ Painted the bathroom in Room 102 where we had removed some sheetrock to access an area under the stairs where we had water getting into the church.
- ◆ Painted the doorway to the area under the stairs and added a transition strip from the carpet to the concrete floor.
- ◆ Cleaned off the wasp nests and dirt dobber nests from under the portico.
- ◆ Took the lawnmower in for some warranty repairs to the gas gauge.



For those of you looking for ways to help out, we are working on coming up with a list of small projects that you might be interested in taking on. We will let you know once we get that list posted.

As always, we are grateful for the support of those who help keep everything going around the church!

UMM

The United Methodist Men enjoyed a delicious, home cooked breakfast at their meeting in the Fellowship Hall on January 19th.

Among the many topics of discussion, the Annual Report for 2021 was presented and the UMM financially supported the following church projects and organizations during 2021 with the donations they have received:

- ◆ *Murphy Harpst Children's Centers*
- ◆ *Fayette Samaritans*
- ◆ *Square Foot Ministry*
- ◆ *Toys for Tots - Fayette/Coweta*
- ◆ *Mary Reding - Church/Parsonage Painting*
- ◆ *Greg Harp - Electrical Work*
- ◆ *Inman Farm Heritage Days - Inman UMC Ad*



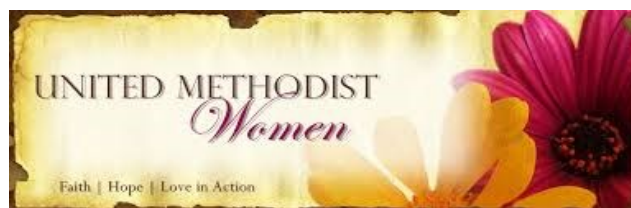
Next Meeting is Wednesday, February 16th at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. A light breakfast will be served. Make plans to join us and bring a friend!



Easter Breakfast will be Sunday, April 17th. The UMM will be serving breakfast on Easter morning between the Sunrise Service and the 11:00 AM Service.
We hope to see everyone there!

LOVE & FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

All ladies in our church are welcome to attend the following meeting:
February 8th – UMW Meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 pm.
May God bless you, Joni Janssen, President



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Dear Church Members,
Fayette Samaritans needs volunteers in all areas. If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering please call our office.



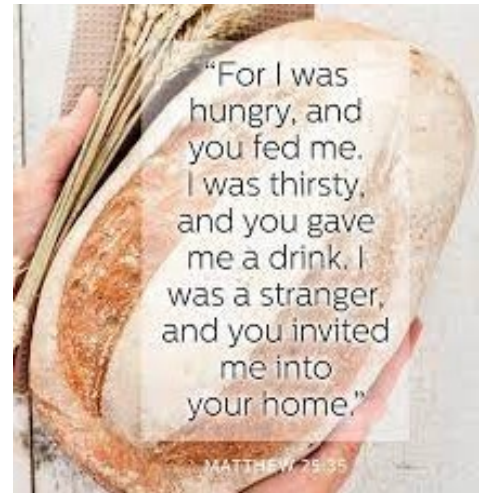
All our volunteers want to thank you for your contributions to those in need in our county.

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

1. Laundry Detergent
2. Jiffy Cornbread Mix
3. Canned Pasta

The Clothes Closet needs all sizes of men's boxer shorts.

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

Our Prayers

For healing from health concerns

Carlos Allen (Gloria Reid's brother)
Nancy Allgood
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
Griffin Lunceford
Sarah McCart (Jane St. Amour)
Karen Millman
Joanne Minter
Pat Parker (Nancy Allgood)
Eugene Pritchard
Ken Sandberg
Miriam Schmidt
Scott Smith (Melanie Wagner)
Ruth Sitton
Lisa Spears (Nancy Allgood)
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)
Justin Bennett (Ruth Sitton)
Katherine Bennett (Linda Wagner)
David Booth (Martha Kozisek)
Tim Casteel (Dena Anderson)
Lisa Camp
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
Marvin Markham (Brenda Schachle)
Katie Schmidt (Brenda Schachle)
Joey Shelton (Deborah Morris)
Bobby Smith (Tammy Cox)
Diane Tankersley (Donald Whiteside)
Brent Taylor (Jim & Karen Blue)
Earl Terry (Charles Cox)
George Wheeler
Ruth Williams
Bobby Williams (Rick Minter)
Louise Woods (Ann Hembree)
Penny Wofford
Kay Young (Forrest & Sara Ballard)

For Those Mourning the Death of These Loved

Ones

Amanda Marina (Janet Hilten)
Carol Kline (Linda Chaffin)
Kate Jones (Linda Chaffin)

Other Concerns

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

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Gloria Reid	February 1st
Cheryl Chance	February 4th
Charles Cox	February 8th
David Cathy	February 10th
Zachary Creel	February 15th
Donna McChargue	February 16th
Lawrence Tant	February 22nd
Angus Anderson	February 22nd
Roy Stilwell	February 23rd
Stephanie Adamek	February 27th
Kathy Barb	February 27th

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

