

Inman Informer

February 2023



Ash Wednesday Service

Wed. February 22
at 6:30pm

Join us as we kick off Lent with our Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. Over the course of the Lenten season, we'll be getting our hands dirty as we learn about our spiritual lives by talking about gardening.

From the Pastor

Rooted in Christ

Have you ever paid attention to the roots of a tree? I never did, until a few weeks ago when I was out hiking at Sweetwater Creek State Park. As I was walking the trail, it was rather muddy as it had rained the few days prior. To stabilize myself, I had to look and see where the roots were located and utilize them as footholds for my feet. It was on this hike that I began to think of how small these roots are and yet how they play such a pivotal role in the life and stability of the trees. For without them, the tree could not get the nourishment that it needed, sucking up the water and the nutrients from the soil. Without these roots, the trees would be tossed in the wind. And without the roots, I would have been slipping and sliding in the mud.

In a similar way, we are called as Christians to be rooted in Christ. Colossians 2:6-7 tells us that "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

For its only by digging our roots down deep into Jesus that we can get the nourishment that we need. It's only by securing ourselves in Him that we can withstand the wind and the storms that may come our way. And as we establish strong roots, we can serve as footholds for others, helping them along their journey of faith.

Peace,
Whitney



Announcements

- Youth Sunday- Wed. February 5 at 8:45am & 11:00am
Our middle school and high school students will be leading us in worship on Sunday, February 5 at both services.
- District Training- Sunday, February 5 at 3:00pm at Peachtree City UMC
On Sunday, February 5 from 3:00pm-5:00pm, the district is hosting a new format for District Training Event. After a time of worship together, there will be 7 breakout groups which are tailored to different committees/groups within the church. Below you will find a list of the breakout groups.

SPRC
Trustees
Finance
Fresh Expressions
Missions
Children/Youth
Visioning & Strategic Planning

- Administrative Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Worship Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 8 at 4:30pm in Room 211.
- Coffee with the Pastors- Wed. February 12 at 10:00am
Have you thought about joining the Inman UMC? Do you want to know more about what it means to be a member? Join Pastor Whitney for coffee (and tea) on Sunday, February 12 at 10:00 am in Room 104.



Choir

No matter the softness or loudness of your voice, you are needed in the Choir! We accept all volunteers with or without experience. Please join us at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday night in the choir room as we learn new and old music and join together in friendship and praise. Hope to see you there!

-Jolynn



A Message From Frank Stembridge

We have been appealing for folks to consider joining the choir. I think people do come to church regularly for many reasons. I have a music friend who shared the following on Facebook, and I thought it worth sharing. I realize for some it is the preaching, some the fellowship, for some it may be mostly habit. -Frank Stembridge (Pianist)

"I Go to Sing

I might be exhausted and the children might be cranky,
but I will be going to church on Sunday.

Don't know who is preaching, doesn't matter -

the sermon may be helpful or not, holds my attention or doesn't -

it's the singing. I go to sing. I get up, get clean, get dressed,

possibly get mad (at not-ready kids, at empty coffee pot, at traffic)

get going, get there, get seated, get comfortable,

get focused and when the music starts, get saved.

It's the singing. I go to sing.

It's the willingness to stand if you are able,

the common agreement on page number,

the voluntary sharing of songbooks with people on your row,

even ones you rode there with - but most of all,

it's the collective in-breath before the first sound is made,

the collective drawing upon the grace of God,

the collective, if inadvertent, admission

that we are all human, all fragile,

all in need of the sustaining air, freely dispensed,

all in need of each other to get the key right and not sound discordant --

it's the hidden life-celebration

in the act of making a joyful noise, all together.

We don't even have to sound that good.

Singing together still brings home

the we-ness of worship,

the not-alone-ness of life in God,

the best of all we have to offer each other.

When we are singing, I think that I might actually be able to forgive you

for being so terribly human,

and you might be able to forgive me

for being so terribly not there yet,

and we might be able to find peace now,

not postpone it for some heavenly hereafter

but live and breathe it today,

drawing in the grace of God,

voicing out our need and hope and gratitude and longing.

When we are singing, I can feel the better world coming,

and if I get to be a part of it, you do too . . .

so sing with me,

and we'll make our way down that blessed road together,

collectively better

than we ever thought

possible." Lindy Thompson Lyricist, poet, writer. Member of The Hymn Society in the US and Canada



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Missions and Outreach

Altar Rail Offerings for the month of February are for Aldersgate Homes/Camp Collinswood.

Aldersgate Homes is a related agency of the North Georgia Conference. Their mission is to assist persons with special needs lead productive lives by assisting them with residential and recreational alternatives, enhancing their quality of life as they become community participants. They help the residents to be welcomed into their congregations and to participate in church related activities, to connect with friends and mentors, to take part in the life of the community, to enjoy retreat and recreation in God's great outdoors. And to live as independently as their capabilities will allow.

The independent living ministry provides homes for person whose disabilities allow them to live fairly independently with some supports.

The residents are placed in apartments with roommates in proximity to their families, for continued contact there. The residents are able to take care of their own personal needs and take responsibility for many of the tasks of everyday living and working outside of the home.

Family and friends assist them with some of their needs such as shopping, getting to and from social opportunities and taking care of finances. Aldersgate Homes assists with paying the bills, negotiating rent and services with apartment management, and other such needs.

Connection with friends and mentors is an important part of social involvement for the residents. Best Buddies is a nationwide organization on college campuses across the country encouraging young people to become involved with persons with developmental disabilities. The residents are connected with volunteers from the Best Buddies organizations from Agnes Scott, Emory, and GA Tech. This involvement provides lots of fun for the residents and also impacts the student Buddies involved, heightening their lifelong awareness of special needs persons with disabling conditions.

Camp Collinswood is a special, non-residential part of the ministry of Aldersgate Homes. Camp Collinswood is located on 27 acres fronting on Lake Oconee. It offers a place of rest, retreat and recreation for all people, especially those with mobility issues.

Any and all donations are greatly appreciated and go a long way in supporting the ministries at Aldersgate/ Camp Collinswood.

1Peter tells us "To this you were called.....that you should follow in His steps."

Blessings

Deborah Morris



2023
Altar Rail Offerings
March
UMCOR
April
Bloom
May
United
Methodist
Student Day

Love & Fellowship Circle (United Women in Faith)

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 14, 2023 Our monthly meeting in the Fellowship Hall @ 1:00 p.m.

February 18, 2023- **CONNECT & CREATE**
Connect and Create together.

Join others around the District to worship and

First United Methodist Church

1401 Maple Drive

Griffin, GA 30224

Time: 8:30 am- 12:30 pm

With the support of all our members, this small group continues to make a difference locally and beyond. Our Love and Fellowship Circle answers the call to our community with faith, hope and love in action. We welcome you to join us at our February meeting.

Faithfully yours,

Joni Janssen, President

Kathy Barb, Vice-President

Inman United Methodist Men

We were able to accomplish two projects for our members in the last 45 days. The first one involved a fallen tree which was cut up and removed. The second one was the installation of six grab bars in a bathroom area to help minimize the possibility of slips and falls. A special thanks to Herm Janssen and Linda Wagner for their construction expertise and time.

The next UMM meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. A light breakfast will be served.



Trustees

The Trustees have worked hard to put the Fellowship Hall, upstairs bathrooms and classrooms back together after the ruptured water pipe on Christmas Eve. In all, we had to replace 20 plus ceiling tiles, all the insulation above those tiles and return furniture and other items moved around in the classrooms to their normal spots. Again, we extend our sincerest thanks to everyone who showed up at a moment's notice, on a holiday, and worked hard to ensure damage to the church was kept to a minimum.

Other projects the Trustees have worked on include monitoring the facilities for damage after the recent storms, overseeing the installation of a new regulator on the propane tank at the youth house, repairing a leak in the supply line to the ladies toilet in the youth house and repairing a leak in one of the sink drains in the church kitchen.

Finance Committee

Financial Report for January - December, 2022

Income	Jan. - Dec.	YTD Budget
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 225,107	\$ 212,000
ASP	\$ 24,307	\$ -
Other Designated Funds	\$ 27,508	\$ 10,000
Grand Total Income	\$ 276,922	\$ 222,000
Expenses	Jan. - Dec.	YTD Budget
ASP	\$ 15,299	\$ 12,000
Committee Expenditures	\$ 10,065	\$ 8,850
Operational Expenses	\$ 43,967	\$ 33,539
All Other Expenses	\$ 139,001	\$ 167,548
Grand Total Expenses	\$ 208,332	\$ 221,937

For Our Prayers

For Healing From Health Concerns

Carlos Allen (Gloria Reid's brother)
Michael Barb
Roger Barnhill
Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)
Cheryl Chance
Darleen Cornelison
Mary Jane Fortner
Charles Harp
Don Harp
Kenny Harp
Nicole Henry
Robin Hewell
Leigh Ann Hicks
John Kozisek
Sarah McCart (Jane St. Amour)
Pat Parker (Nancy Allgood)
James Pompey (Ed Hicks)
Eugene Pritchard
Gloria Reid
Miriam Schmidt
Lisa Spears (Nancy Allgood)
Jane St. Amour
Marvin Tidwell
Patricia Vaughn
Billy Ward
Luz Webster (Gloria Reid)
Jeff Wedge
Rhonda Wheeler (George & Lynn Wheeler)
Chance Whittington (Will Chance)
Kathey Young

For Healing From Cancer

Denise Anderson (Joni Janssen)
Justin Bennett (Ruth Sitton)
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
Lee Jackson (David Cathey)
Matt Kirkindall
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

Julie Ward (Joni Janssen)
Anne Drake
Pat Reeder (Barbara Ponzio)
Griffin Lunceford
Tom Rush
Allen Chance (Will Chance)
Roger Allgood (Nancy Allgood)
Marlene Westendorf
John Brannan
Betty Ruth Swahlen

Other Concerns

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

Birthdays & Reminders

Happy Birthday

Gloria Reid	February 1
Cheryl Chance	February 4
David Cathey	February 10
Valentine's Day	February 14
Zachary Creel	February 15
Donna McChargue	February 16
Bear Tant	February 22
Angus Anderson	February 22
Roy Stillwell	February 23
Stephanie Adamek	February 27
Kathy Barb	February 27

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

Offering Counters

Feb. 5	Linda W. & Jeff W.
Feb. 12	Brenda N. & Helen B.
Feb. 19	Donna M. & Jerry W.
Feb. 26	Nancy A. & Joni J.

Wednesday Night Supper

5:30 pm

\$9.00 for adults

\$5.00 for children under 12

five and under eat free

February 1:	Helpers-Finance
February 8:	Helpers-Worship
February 15:	Helpers-Membership Care

Office Information

Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday 9am-1pm

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