

The Inman Informer

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New Beginnings

A Brand-New Year. I don't know about y'all, but every January I feel this sense of excitement. I don't have any idea what the next year will hold, but we each get a fresh start, a clean page. There is so much potential when you look at the first day of a new year, starting with a fresh calendar. And the same applies to us as a church. You've heard me say numerous times from the pulpit in the last 6 months that "God aint done with Inman yet." As I sit and write this letter, I am reminded of the incredible ministry that we have accomplished and participated in during 2021.

- ◆ Sent ERTs to the Newnan tornado disaster relief
- ◆ Numerous trips to Decatur, Alabama to the UMCOR Warehouse
- ◆ Sent our youth to Appalachian Service Project
- ◆ Restarted of our Wednesday Night Programming
- ◆ Partnered with 6 troops in Scouting ministry
- ◆ Packed Christmas boxes for children around the world through UMCOR
- ◆ Collected food monthly for Fayette Samaritans
- ◆ Sent three students to 5th grade retreat at Camp Glisson
- ◆ Built & repaired housing through Impact & Square Foot Ministries
- ◆ Built numerous ramps for congregation & community members
- ◆ Sending baskets to our homebound members
- ◆ 9 new members joined the church
- ◆ AND SO MUCH MORE!



As we begin this new year, I can't help but be expectant on what God has in store for us. I think of Isaiah 43:18-19.

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

We celebrate the faithfulness of God and the ministry that has been accomplished, but we can't simply dwell on it. For God is calling us to go to new people to share the hope that we have found in Jesus Christ. Do we perceive where God is at work among us?

As we are moving towards a new year, I encourage you to be in intentional prayer, asking God to give us discernment as individuals and as a church. We are in the first phase of a visioning process, which you will hear more about throughout January. Together, we are seeking God's vision for where God is leading us as a church and who in our community is not being reached.

Peace & Grace,
Whitney



A View from The Board

By the time you read this we should be past the Christmas Day celebrations. Once again, the season is a whirlwind of activity followed by the flood of the new year. Who set up all these things to happen in such a rapid smothering order? Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and then the New Year, poof! Sprinkle in the other items that happen, insurance renewal, end of year reports for the conference, and oh Lord, Tax season! And don't forget all the bills from Christmas.

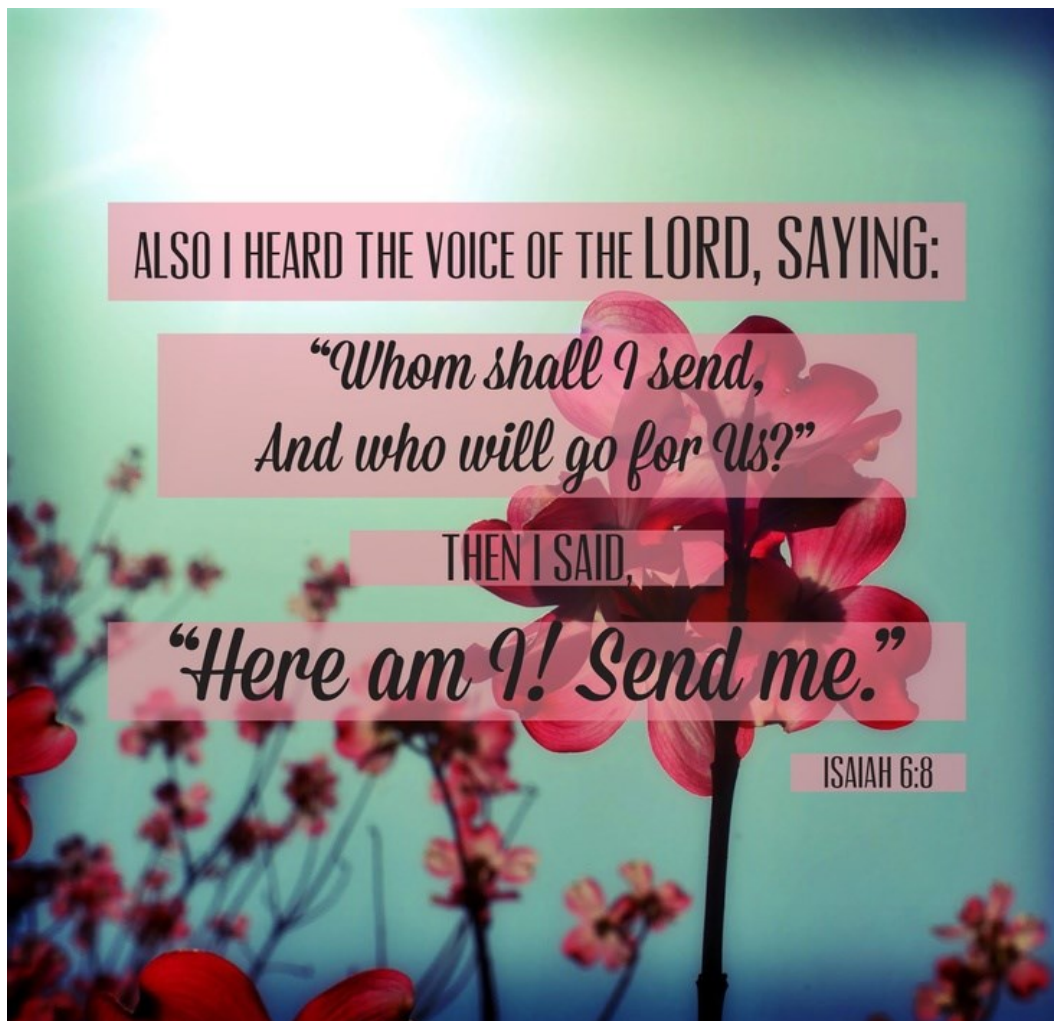
Are we living life to its fullest or simply trying to fill our life up? When done for the right reason and done with a willing heart, being busy is ok. When it starts to cause stress and pain it is time to look at our lives. I remember a member of the church and a long-time board member, Frank Reeves. I sat in many a board meeting with him and never heard him raise his voice or speak in anger. Whether he was for a decision to be made or against it, he would make his thoughts known calmly. He would not remain quiet and hit the "gossip fence" after the meeting if the vote went against his stand. BUT what he did do in those situations was to be the first to show up and support the decision made.

At December's board meeting we began the discussions on our "Vision Statement" presented by Pastor Whitney. In my opinion the vision should reflect our "community". Community now days has become more than a geographic description, it has become the area of our service to others. I was reminded that the largest part of our budget is used up by payroll and we all know that is a "must" area. But there is more in the "cost". We had a great beginning discussion and even got to play with Crayons! Since this followed our reports, the budget was fresh on my mind, and in reply to some of the ideas I asked if we were ready to pay for these ideas. You could have heard a pin drop in the room, maybe because everyone was waiting to see where I was going. While I know there is going to be a monetary amount attached to any increase in programs, normally that is offset by membership increases because of the programs. I am talking about "paying" for these things. All of you already do so much in the life of the church that it is easy to see how the church keeps going, but to move forward the hands and feet need to be involved even more.

At a meeting Sunday, I was convicted when I was informed by the statement, "I have done my time" in an area of service, that "I paid my dues". Yup, I have thought that to

myself many times, what was I thinking? Tough words to hear when you know it is true in your heart, I may not be able to stand for long or walk great distances but, I need to listen to the words whispered to me by God when he needs me, and to answer, “here I am Lord, send me”.

Loving you with the Love of the Lord,
Jeff Wedge



LAY LEADERSHIP

We want to celebrate those who have said “YES”, and will be serving as part of our Lay Leadership this year. On the next couple of pages you will find the committees & the names of those individuals who are serving. Please be in prayer for the leadership of our church.

Lay Leadership 2022

Administrative Board

Lay Leader Jeff Wedge & Scott Ballard
Lay Member to Annual ConferenceJeff Wedge
Administrative Board Chair Jeff Wedge
Administrative Board Vice Chair Kathy Barb
Administrative Board SecretaryKari Guy

Staff-Parish Relations

Chair: Caroline Akeman ('22)
Class of 2022 Jeff Wedge
Class of 2023 Brenda Neupert Donna Stillwell Will Chance
Class of 2024 Courtney Woodall

Board of Trustees

Chair: Ed Roehm (23')
Class of 2022 Donna McChargue David Harp
Class of 2023 Jean Haygood Linda Wagner
Class of 2024 Herm Janssen Roger Ferrell Will Chance

Lay Leadership (Nominations Committee)

Chair: Rev. Whitney Hair
Class of 2022 Jeff Allen
Class of 2023 Caroline Akeman Nancy Allgood Kay Cox John Rigby
Class of 2024 Jean McChargue Brad Wagner Ed Roehm

Finance Committee

Chair: Linda Wagner ('22) Treasurer: Maggie Clarke Secretary: Brenda Neupert
Class of 2022 Dave Cathey Chris Christian Trenton Rigby
Class of 2023 Roland Ivey Janet Hilten
Class of 2024 Brenda Neupert

Worship Committee

Chair: Judy Roehm

PastorRev. Whitney Hair

Music DirectorJolynn Stevens

Pianist Frank Stembridge

Hooked RepresentativeCaroline Akeman

RepresentativeMartha Kozisck

Altar Guild Jean McChargue/Vivian Christian/ Janet Hilton

Ushers..... Don Whiteside

Membership Care

Co-Chairs: Joni Janssen/ Kathy Barb

Nancy Allgood Janet Hilten Martha Kozisek Kay Cox

Patsy Elliott Ruth Sitton Mary Jane Fortner

Missions and Outreach Committee

Chair:Deborah Morris

Kay Cox Patty Rigby Lynn Wheeler Donna Stilwell

Brenda Neupert Wendy Rogers

Youth and Children's Council

Chair: Claire Starkey Interim Staff: Whitney Hair

John Rigby Caroline Akeman Katy Swanger

Linda Wagner Emily Wagner Zarinah Locke

Brad Wagner Andrew Starkey

Technology/Communications

Chair: Brad Wagner

Brad Wagner Jeff Wedge Whitney Hair

Eugene Pritchard Nathan Wagner Emily Wagner

Scholarship Committee

Chair: John Rigby

Brad Wagner Ed Roehm Nancy Allgood

MEMBERSHIP CARE

Thank you to all the ladies on the Membership Care Committee for all your hard work this past year. We had a busy year providing meals for members who were sick. We also sent cards and made visits. We hosted a reception for the Ross family wishing them well in their future endeavors; and a reception welcoming our new Pastor Whitney Hair and for the choir after the Christmas Cantata.

We also assembled Christmas fruit baskets for the shut-ins.

It has been a wonderful year of spreading God's love.

Blessings,
Linda Price
Joni Janssen





Our Christmas Bazaar was a success. Thank you for the crafts, baked goods, etc. you provided. We truly are grateful for your continued support.

We will be having a meeting on January 15th @ 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall to plan our activities for 2022. We hope you will join us. As we begin the New Year let us remember to:

Go in Peace, Go in Love
Let's find joy with each other.

Go in Peace, Go in Love,
We are sister and brother.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Blessings,
Joni Janssen
President





Wednesday Night Supper will resume on January 12th. 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:

January 12: Mexican, Committee Helpers: Missions

January 19: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Committee Helpers: Trustees

January 26: Chicken, Committee Helpers: SPR

February 2: Lasagna, Committee Helpers: Finance

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.

UMM

December has been a BUSY month for the United Methodist Men. Not only have we built two handicapped ramps for church members, we also had our first meeting in more than a year AND were able to host our Country Breakfast Fundraiser in conjunction with the UMW Craft Bazaar.

Thanks to all the men who have helped in numerous ways with a variety of projects over the last year. Your gifts of time, money and service have enabled the UMM to be a blessing to this church and it's programs, the community we live in, and to local individuals who needed a helping hand. We are looking forward to another successful year in 2022!
The next meeting of the UMM will be held on Wednesday, January 19th, at 9:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. A light breakfast will be served



TRUSTEES

As we head into the new year, the Trustees would like to thank EVERYONE who helped us have a successful and productive 2021. It takes a lot of hard work and a lot of people to take care of the church facilities and grounds and Inman UMC is blessed to have people willing to step up, pitch in and help out!

Thank You

Just as a reminder, a few of the MAJOR projects accomplished over the course of the year included:

- ◆ Upgrading 100+ fluorescent light fixtures throughout the church to operate with energy efficient LED bulbs.
- ◆ Repainting, routine maintenance, minor repairs and touch-ups taken care of at the parsonage when we changed pastors.
- ◆ Widening the ramp to the lawnmower shed, replacing the benches at the front of the Youth House, and replacing the top rail of the deck on the Youth House.
- ◆ Spreading mulch, pruning and taking care of some long-needed landscaping needs during the November Work Day

To all of the Trustees and to those who help in front of and behind the scenes here at Inman UMC, THANK YOU for all that you do!



FINANCE

2021 Giving Statements:

Giving Statements for 2021 will be prepared and distributed sometime mid to late January. Please look these statements over carefully to ensure our records match your records and let us know if there are any corrections that need to be made.

2022 Pledges:

As of December 12, 2021, we have received \$106,324 in pledges for 2022. Thank you to EVERYONE who will be making Inman UMC a financial priority in their lives in 2022!

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 November, 2021

Income	<i>November</i>	<i>Year to Date</i>
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 19,218	\$ 218,595
ASP	\$ 2,266	\$ 6,414
Other Designated Funds	\$ 536	\$ 3,252
<i>Grand Total Income</i>	<i>\$ 22,019</i>	<i>\$ 228,261</i>
Expenses	<i>November</i>	<i>Year to Date</i>
ASP	\$ -	\$ 10,569
Committee Expenditures	\$ 449	\$ 3,317
Operational Expenses	\$ 2,773	\$ 31,398
All Other Expenses	\$ 13,212	\$ 137,823
<i>Grand Total Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 16,434</i>	<i>\$ 183,108</i>



Thank you Dena!

For the ways you've helped mentor our young people and served Inman UMC!



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Youth Events:

Sunday Night Youth starts back on Sunday, January 9 at the youth house.

Confirmation will start in February!

Students 6th grade to 12th grade who have never completed confirmation are invited to participate this winter! Confirmation is a time where students learn about God and about what it means to be a Christian. At the end, they are given an opportunity to make a profession of faith and become a member of Inman UMC.

Confirmation classes will be held on Wednesday nights from February 2- March 30 from 6:30-7:30 in the youth room at the church.

Confirmation service will be part of our Easter Sunday service.

If your student is interested, please email Whitney (pastor@inmanmethodist.org) so we can order materials for your student.



ASP Potato Bake:

Our next ASP Potato Bake will be on Sunday, January 9th 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.

Winter Cleaning

As you are cleaning and going through your home after Christmas, be on the lookout for items you may want to donate to the ASP Yard Sale. The youth will be holding a Yard Sale in March, where all funds will support the ASP team on their mission trip.

We are asking that you DO NOT bring donations to the church yet. We will make an announcement on dates and locations when you can drop off items

For all upcoming events and questions regarding the youth, please contact Whitney Hair



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)
Lisa Camp
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
Arthur Hart

Other Concerns

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

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Jasmin Akeman	Jan. 8th
Glynis Tant	Jan. 16th
Nolan Harp	Jan. 17th
Grace Ann Rogers	Jan. 17th
Teresa Ivey	Jan. 18th
Mickey Harp	Jan. 19th

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