

# Inman Informer

January 2023



## Deuteronomy Bible Study

Want to learn more about the book of Deuteronomy? Ever wondered how do you pass on leadership to the next generation well? Join us on Wednesday nights, starting on Wed. January 11 at 6:30pm in Room 102 as we dive into the Book of Deuteronomy. This Bible study is created by our pastor and is part of her ordination requirement in the UMC.

## From the Pastor

As we start a new year, there is so much expectation in the air. January provides a fresh start, a clean page, a new beginning. And yet wouldn't it be great if we knew exactly what this year would hold? Yet the truth is, we have no idea what this next year will bring. There is potential for moments of extravagant joy but also potential for extravagant heartbreak.

I'm reminded of the "Hymn of Promise"

"In bulb there is a flower;  
In the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise:  
Butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
There's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season  
Something God alone can see."

I wish I had a crystal ball that we could gaze in to see what will happen this year: in our personal lives, in the life of our denomination, or in the life of our world. While we don't know what this year may hold, we do know that God is already there. No matter what we face, we do not face it alone. No matter what may come our way, we can trust that God is redeeming ALL events of our lives. For we may be entering a new year, but we know that God, the same God who has been faithful since the beginning, is walking with us into whatever may come.

May we always remember that, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

I'm praying that this next year will be a year full of joy and peace!

Whitney

# Missions and Outreach

## **Altar Rail Offerings for the month of January are for Fayette Samaritans.**

*"It is our mission to walk with Christ and serve the needs of others."*

*Fayette Samaritans is a Christian ministry serving families in Fayette County that are in critical need of food, clothing and emergency financial assistance. This ministry is run by volunteers that selflessly give their time to serve the needs of others.*

*Food, clothing and financial donations are always needed. Volunteers are also needed so, if you have a few hours once a week or once a month or so, it is a great place to serve God by serving those in need.*

*Any and all donations big or small are greatly appreciated!*

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me." Matthew 25:35-36*

*Blessings*

*Deborah Morris*



## **Angel Tree Project**

**25th ANNIVERSARY**

*On behalf of the Outreach Committee, we want to thank each and every one of you who opened your hearts and gave so generously to help make the 25th anniversary of the Angel Tree Project a great success!*

*With your generosity, we were able to provide gifts for 34 individuals who otherwise would not have had very much for Christmas.*

*Again, thank you all so very much for helping us spread the love of Christ to those in need.*

*Love and Blessings*

*Deborah Morris, Committee Chair*

**Thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve on committees this next year! Please be in prayer for our church leadership as we start a new year of ministry.**

# Inman 2023 Lay Leadership

## Administrative Board

Lay Leader .....	Jeff Wedge
Lay Member to Annual Conference .....	Jeff Wedge
Alternative Lay Member to Annual Conference.....	Brad Wagner
Administrative Board Chair .....	Jeff Wedge
Administrative Board Vice Chair .....	Kathy Barb
Administrative Board Secretary.....	Katie Jones
Finance Chair .....	Linda Wagner
Financial Secretary .....	Brenda Neupert
Treasurer .....	Maggie Clark
Trustees Chair .....	Ed Roehm
Staff-Parish Chair .....	Brad Wagner
Outreach Chair .....	Deborah Morris
Worship Chair.....	Judy Roehm
Membership Care .....	Joni Janssen, Kathy Barb
Youth and Children's Director .....	Caroline Creel (Interim)
Youth and Children's Council Chair .....	Caroline Creel
Church Historian .....	S.J. Overstreet
UMYF Representative .....	Emily Wagner/ Jasmine Akeman (rotating)
UMW President .....	Joni Janssen
UMM President .....	Roger Ferrell
Nominations.....	Whitney Hair
Technology.....	Brad Wagner
Scholarship.....	John Rigby

## At Large Members

Class of 2023 Jean McChargue    Jean Allen    Linda Chaffin  
Class of 2024 Janet Hilten

## Staff-Parish Relations

Chair: Brad Wagner (2025)  
Class of 2023 Brenda Neupert    Donna Stilwell    Will Chance  
Class of 2024 Courtney Woodall  
Class of 2025 Jerry Haygood

## Board of Trustees

Chair: Ed Roehm (2023)  
Class of 2023 Jean Haygood    Linda Wagner  
Class of 2024 Herm Janssen    Roger Ferrell  
Class of 2025 Will Chance

**Lay Leadership (Nominations Committee)**

Chair: Rev. Whitney Hair

Class of 2023 Caroline Akeman Nancy Allgood John Rigby

Class of 2024 Jean McChargue Brad Wagner Ed Roehm

Class of 2025 Nicole Henry

**Finance Committee**

Chair: Linda Wagner (2025) Treasurer: Maggie Clarke Secretary: Brenda Neupert

Class of 2023 Roland Ivey

Class of 2024 Brenda Neupert Donna McChargue

Class of 2025 John Rigby Ed Roehm

**Worship Committee**

Chair: Judy Roehm

Pastor ..... Whitney Hair

Music Director ..... Jolynn Stevens

Pianist ..... Frank Stembridge

Hooked Representative ..... Frank Stembridge

Altar Guild ..... Janet Hilten

Ushers..... Don Whiteside/Ed Roehm

**Membership Care**

Co-Chairs: Joni Janssen/ Kathy Barb

Nancy Allgood Janet Hilten Deborah Morris Karen Millman

Patsy Elliott Ruth Sitton Mary Jane Fortner Joann Turner

**Missions and Outreach Committee**

Chair: Deborah Morris

Patty Rigby Lynn Wheeler Donna Stilwell

Brenda Neupert Wendy Rogers Joni Janssen

**Youth and Children’s Council**

Chair: Caroline Creel Interim Staff: Whitney Hair

John Rigby Caroline Akeman Katy Swanger

Emily Wagner Allie Brisbois Jasmine Akeman

Brad Wagner

**Technology/Communications**

Chair: Brad Wagner

Jeff Wedge Emily Wagner Eugene Pritchard Nathan Wagner

**Scholarship Committee**

Chair: John Rigby

Brad Wagner Ed Roehm Nancy Allgood

# Membership Care Committee

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, made visits and delivered 7 prayer shawls. We had a reception for the choir after the Christmas Cantata. We also assembled 21 Christmas baskets for the shut-ins.

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

Blessings,

Joni Janssen

# Love & Fellowship Circle (United Women in Faith)

Our Christmas Bazaar was a success. Thank you all for the crafts, baked goods, etc. that you provided. Thank you, too, Will Chance for playing your guitar and singing Christmas songs

during the bazaar.

We will be having a "planning meeting" for "2023".

All ladies in the church are welcome to attend.

As we begin the New Year let us remember to:

Go in Peace, Go in Love,

Let's find joy with each other,

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Blessings

Joni Janssen, President



# Inman United Methodist Men

Reflecting back on 2022, the men of the Church along with the help of several great women, accomplished many things. These included helping to maintain our physical plant and ongoing maintenance such as grass cutting, trimming of trees and bushes, weed eating, blowing off the parking lot, herbicide and fire ant treatment, and every ones favorite "spreading mulch." Both of our breakfast fund raisers last year were a great success with over \$1,000.00 in net profit which will go to support our mission work. The recipients for 2022 are Murphy Harpst Children's Center (Cedartown, GA), Fayette Samaritans, Toys for Tots (Coweta/Fayette), and Square Foot Ministry.

Thanks for all of the Church members, family and friends who supported us during past year. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be provided.



# Trustees

During 2022, we were able to complete many projects around the Church. The air conditioning unit and some duct work were replaced at the Griffith Youth House. The parking lot was relined and the handicapped spaces and speed bumps were painted. Major bush pruning and tree trimming were done at the parsonage and around the Fellowship Hall. Also, a serious effort was made to clean the aging carpeting in the education wing. In the attic of the education wing, the walkways were reworked to facilitate easier access to the three HVAC units.

For 2023, the big projects include more gutter repairs and installing additional leaf guards, painting and reglazing the sanctuary and office windows, repairing and reupholstering the acolyte chairs, replacing the water line from Hills Bridge Road to the youth house, and repairing the drainage ditch on the south side of the parking lot.

## 5th Sunday Social

Our 5th Sunday Socials are back! We will gather for one worship service on Sunday, January 29 at 11:00am for worship & then will share in a church-provided meal in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to come out for a time of worship and fellowship.

## A Special Thank You!

A HUGE Thank You to everyone who came out and assisted in cleaning up after the pipes burst on Christmas Eve. Because of their swift response and hard work, they were able to get the facilities cleaned up and functional for the Christmas Eve Service.

Thank you to...

Jeff Creel  
Zach Creel  
Penny Wofford  
John Rigby  
Brad Wagner  
Melanie Wagner  
Nathan Wagner  
Emily Wagner  
Whitney Hair  
Linda Wagner  
Herm Janssen  
Ed Roehm



# For Our Prayers

## **For Healing From Health Concerns**

Carlos Allen (Gloria Reid's brother)  
Michael Barb  
Roger Barnhill  
Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)  
Linda Chaffin  
Cheryl Chance  
Darleen Cornelison  
Mary Jane Fortner  
Charles Harp  
Don Harp  
Kenny Harp  
Nicole Henry  
Leigh Ann Hicks  
John Kozisek  
Sarah McCart (Jane St. Amour)  
Pat Parker (Nancy Allgood)  
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**

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  
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**

Allen Chance (Will Chance)  
Roger Allgood (Nancy Allgood)  
Marlene Westendorf  
John Brannan  
Betty Ruth Swahlen  
Carol Fisher (Joni Janssen)  
Bon Jenkins (Joann T. & Brenda N)  
Wendy Heller (Jack Price)  
Griffin Lunceford  
Tom Rush

## **Other Concerns**

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

# Birthdays & Reminders

## Happy Birthday

Jasmine Akeman	January 8
Glynis Tant	January 16
Nolan Harp	January 17
Grace Ann Rogers	January 17
Teresa Ivey	January 18
Helen Baylor	January 18
Mickey Harp	January 19

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

## Offering Counters

<b>Jan. 1</b>	Linda W. & Jeff W.
<b>Jan. 8</b>	Brenda N. & Helen B.
<b>Jan. 15</b>	Donna M. & Jerry W.
<b>Jan. 22</b>	Nancy A. & Joni J.
<b>Jan. 29</b>	Linda W. & Ed R.

## Wednesday Night Supper

*Suppers will resume for the winter and spring seasons on January 11th. However, we need everyone's help to improve attendance. Remember, if you are unable to attend in person, we offer take out and in special situations with advanced notice, we can do home delivery. Also, as we all know, food and other prices have escalated substantially in the last eight months which necessitates that we raise the supper cost from \$7.00 to 9.00 for adults, \$3.00 to \$5.00 for children under 12 and those five and under eat free.*

*Please note that this is the first price increase in over seven years and that all we try to do is break even on the meals and support other Wednesday evening Church activities.*

# Office Information

## Office Hours

**Tuesday - Thursday 9am-1pm**

You may call 770-461-2123  
or email  
secretary@inmanmethodist.org  
to reach our new secretary,  
Katie Jones

## Our Staff

**Rev. Whitney Hair, Pastor** | pastor@inmanmethodist.org

**Jolynn Stevens, Director of Music**  
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**Frank Stenbridge, Pianist**  
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**Katie Jones, Secretary**  
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