

# Inman Informer

January 2024



## Important Dates

### **Youth Council Meeting:**

Sunday, January 14 after 11:00am service

### **Administrative Board Retreat:**

Saturday, January 20 from 9am-2pm

### **SPR Online Training (RSVP Required):**

Thursday, January 25 at 6pm

### **Board of Trustees Meeting:**

Tuesday, January 30 at 6pm

### **Finance Committee Meeting:**

Tuesday, January 30 at 6:30pm

## *A Note From the Pastor*

### **First Things First**

Looking back over all the ministry Inman has participated in during 2023, I am amazed at the faithfulness of so many of you and God's work among us. When the Giving Statements are mailed this year, we will include an "Impact Report", which will give an overview of the incredible ministry that happened because of your generosity of prayers, presence, gifts, and service.

As we enter 2024, I am excited about what is happening at Inman.

There are so many things this next year which could easily create conflict and division in the church, from the General Conference in April to the presidential elections in November. My prayer for us as a church is that we will look toward the ministry God has for us this year and stay on track with our mission. We are called to be the Church and work together - no matter our differences - to reach the hurting and the broken in our community and worldwide.

In January, we are beginning a series called "Things First" where we go back to the foundations of faith, looking at who God has called us to be in the world. We are called through our baptism to be at work in the world, sharing the message and the hope of Jesus Christ. We share this message in our actions, how we live, and how we live into the Kingdom's values. It's easy to lose track of our priorities and our mission but we must remember who we are called to be. As we begin this new year, let's put the first things first in all that we do.



# Announcements

## Confirmation Kick-off:

It's that time again for Confirmation! Any youth who has not completed confirmation is invited to join us as we talk about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and what it means to become a member of the church.

Confirmation will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45am in the Youth Sunday School Room, starting January 21st through the end of March.

Have questions? Want to register your student? Reach out to Pastor Whitney.

## Thank you from the Staff:

Thank you to everyone who donated to the staff love offering last month. Through your generosity, we were able to bless our staff members with a generous Christmas check from the congregation!! Thank you!

## Our Youth did a great job leading us in worship on December 17, 2023.



# Finance

## Financial Report for January - November, 2023

<b>Income</b>	<b>Jan. - Nov.</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 215,435	\$ 189,750
ASP	\$ 11,144	\$ -
Other Designated Funds	\$ 11,824	\$ 7,333
<b>Grand Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 238,403</b>	<b>\$ 197,083</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Jan. - Nov.</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
ASP	\$ 13,865	\$ 11,000
Committee Expenditures	\$ 18,996	\$ 8,994
Operational Expenses	\$ 39,951	\$ 41,014
All Other Expenses	\$ 140,368	\$ 154,699
<b>Grand Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 213,181</b>	<b>\$ 215,706</b>

## Trustees

The re-roofing of the sanctuary, educational wing, parsonage, and youth house have now been completed by D.T. Chastain of Tyrone, GA. A significant portion of the old decking over the sanctuary had to be replaced. Keep in mind that this structure dates back to 1966. Also, we replaced some decking on the parsonage, educational wing, and youth house. Barring and catastrophic weather, our new roofs should last until 2048 or longer.

Thanks to all who help maintain the outside areas around our buildings. While the grass has slowed down, the leaves keep falling.

A special thanks to Will Chance for the beautiful manger display in front of the sanctuary. Will reconditioned the entire scene and installed lighting with a timer to illuminate it in the evening hours. The display is dedicated to the memory of Paula Hicks and in honor of Ed Hicks, who donated all of the items.



## United Methodist Men

The UMM Christmas breakfast was a great success. Thanks to all the men who helped cook, serve and clean up. We could not have done it without you. We raised over \$360.00, which will be used to support our charitable giving.

Also during December, we accomplished several projects for our church members. These included rebuilding a wheelchair ramp, replacing ceiling tiles, and changing bulbs in our security lighting.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

# Missions and Outreach

## Altar Rail Offerings will now be "Special Offering Sundays"

"What is "Special Offering Sundays," you ask? It is one or two Sundays a month which have been designated by the United Methodist Conference or the North Georgia United Methodist Conference. On those Sundays, a special offering will be collected for UMC agencies and programs. All of the organizations we supported with Altar Rails, including the Fayette County organizations, are included in the schedule and will have a special offering Sunday throughout the year. Instead of putting your donations on the altar rail, there will be baskets at the exits of the sanctuary where you can drop your donations.

To start off the year, "Human Relations Day," will be celebrated on January 14, 2024. Again, you ask; what is "Human Relations Day?" The Human Relations Day offering supports social justice and outreach ministries such as; the Community Developers Program, United Methodist Voluntary Services, At Risk Youth and Food Insecurity on College Campuses.

Through these ministries and your offerings, this fund will empower all God's children through encouragement to realize their full potential as human beings in relationship with others.

ALL OFFERINGS BIG OR SMALL ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

"The LORD came and stood there, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"  
Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

1 Samuel 3:10.....Listening Hearts: Responding to the Prophetic Call.

Blessings,

Deborah Morris



# Community Outreach

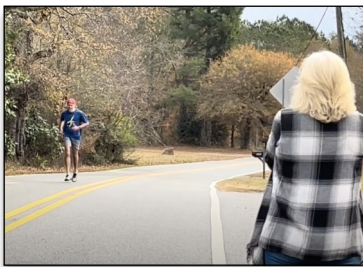
On behalf of the Outreach Committee, I would like to thank each and every one of you who opened your hearts and gave so generously to help make this years Angel Tree Project a great success. Your generosity provided gifts for 30 individuals who otherwise would not have had very much, if anything at all, for Christmas.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for helping us spread the love of Christ to those in need.

Love and Blessings,  
Deborah Morris, Committee Chair



A big THANK YOU to everyone who came out to cheer on the 5k participants from Inman Elementary! The runners were so grateful for the water, the music, the high fives, and the bells!



## *Love & Fellowship Circle (United Women in Faith)*

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

Thank you for your orders for the Christmas Poinsettia's in the Sanctuary. We will be having a meeting on January 9th @ 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall to plan our activities for 2024. 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  
Kathy Barb  
Vice-President

## *Membership Care*

Thank you to all the ladies on the Membership Care Committee for all of your hard work this past year.

Our committee:

- Sent cards, called and visited members who were in the hospital, ill, or recovering at home from surgery, etc.
- Provided meals for members as needed and receptions after funerals.
- Hosted a farewell reception for Jolynn, Director of Music as she retired.
- Assembled boxes for our College Students with gifts of snacks, encouraging messages, etc. to help them as they studied for their spring finals.
- Hosted a reception after the Youth Sunday worship service in December.
- Made and assembled 23 Christmas bags, with fruit, pretzels, juice, etc. and delivered to our shut-ins.

Blessings,  
Joni Janssen  
Kathy Barb

# *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  
Rebecca Goss  
Don Harp  
Nicole Henry  
Robin Hewell  
Marie Large  
Sara Jane Overstreet  
Pat Parker (Nancy Allgood)  
Eugene Pritchard  
Riley Rada (Kim Jeffords)  
Molly Rader (Whitney Hair)  
Gloria Reid  
Tommy Ross  
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

## **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

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>January 7</b>	Linda W. & Jeff W.
<b>January 14</b>	Brenda N. & Helen B.
<b>January 21</b>	Donna M. & Jerry W.
<b>January 28</b>	Nancy A. & Joni J.

## Wednesday Night Supper

**5:30-6:30pm**

\$9.00 for adults

\$5.00 for children under 12

Three and under eat free

**Our Wednesday Night Activities start  
back January 10, 2024**

Bible Study in room 104 at 6:30.

Choir rehearsal begins at 6:30 in the choir  
room.

# Office Information

## Office Hours

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

You may call 770-461-2123  
or email  
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to reach our secretary,

Katie Nalley

## Our Staff

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