

Inman Informer

June, 2022



Connection Group

Be on the lookout for a new ministry to kickstart in August.

As part of Pastor Whitney's Ordination project, Inman UMC will be having monthly activities to get to know our neighbors on Hills Bridge Road and throughout the community.

If you are interested in helping to coordinate and/or plan these meetings, please reach out to Whitney.

From the Pastor

One of my favorite questions to ask kids is, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" For the longest time, I wanted to be a gymnastics teacher (which is hilarious, considering I never took a single gymnastics class my entire childhood). I always find it so refreshing when I have conversations with elementary school kids, for the world is still wide open to them. They have so much excitement for life, so many dreams- they don't see limitations on what they can achieve.

And yet at some point in growing up, we encounter this narrative of inadequacy- the story that we must limit ourselves and our potential because we don't have what it takes. If you ask a room of first graders, "Who in here is good at art", a majority of hands will shoot up. Yet if I ask a room full of adults, there would be only a few hands. Did

our art skill change that drastically or did we learn from other sources that we weren't "good" at it?

For God has a purpose for each of our lives and it is so easy to come up with all the reasons why we feel inadequate and disqualified. After all, Moses came up with every reason in the world why he could not lead the people out of Egypt. Yet God knew Moses and countered every limitation with a God-ordained way.

Sometimes, life is not about us being capable enough on our own, but instead is being confident in the One who is calling us. Choosing to listen the God's voice over the voices of the world.

And truthfully, even as adults we continually must ask the question, "What do I want to be when I grow up?" For each of us are created with gifts that we can offer the world if we will use them. As long as we have breath in our lungs, God ain't done with us yet.

Peace,
Whitney

Memorial Day | Remember & Honor



Liberty Chapel/Inman United Methodist



Members of the Congregation ca 1900

Submitted by Sara Jane Overstreet

Homecoming

This year marks the 190th anniversary of our congregation!

Liberty Chapel, the predecessor to Inman UMC registered their first deed in 1832.

To celebrate, we will be having Homecoming service on Sunday, July 31st. Rev. Royeese Stowe will be preaching that day! ***We will have one worship service at 11:00am with a church provided meal to follow.***

Please RSVP by Sunday, July 17th

We need to plan accordingly for seating and for the meal. Please RSVP by going to:

inmanmethodist.org/homecoming

and follow the link to RSVP -or- scan the QR code with your phone and go to the Homecoming web page.



Do you have pictures to share?

Would you like to help compile some photo albums?

Please let us know! Please let us know you want to help with photo albums or send photos to

secretary@inmanmethodist.org

Would you like to bring a dessert

o share at the meal afterwards?

Please get with Joni J. or Kathy B. & let them know.

Homecoming Workday

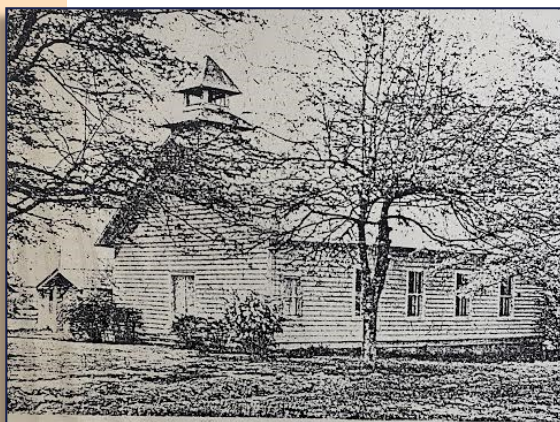
Saturday, July 30th at 9:00am

There will be lots to do inside and outside the church to get ready for Homecoming.

Please, make plans to join us

and help get the church ready for our big day.

For more info, please see Ed R. or Linda W.



*Inman Methodist Church
Built in 1920
Finished " 1921
Rev. A. W. Conway, Pastor*

The church on John Street.
Fellowship building is at the left.



Ground-breaking for our new church
(1965)

A Message From Frank Stemberge

The New Guy, also known as the "Only" Guy. Yeah, we laughed about that when I started.

Hi out there. I am the new guy sitting over at the piano these past 8 months. I want to start out by saying how kind and welcoming you all have been to Lucy and me. We proclaim a great big "Thank You" for that. And we are very grateful for the prayers and outpouring of kind words, cards, and presence during our grieving over my Dad's death April 14th.

So this newsletter is named the "Informer". It will be my mission to be sure you are more informed about whatever I submit after reading than before. I thought I would start out with something I know a lot about and you know little; a short summary of my background.

First of all, I am a native Georgian, born at Crawford Long, and raised on the southside of Atlanta, mostly in East Point. I have one sister, Evelyn, who you have seen, or will see, at the services. She is an attorney, living in Sylvania, GA. Her main clients now are children in foster care that must be checked on periodically and report back to the state court with their condition. This takes her all over the state. She is a great sister and I am indeed a fortunate brother.

Long ago, while I was in a graduate program at GA Tech, I played the piano at the GT Wesley Foundation, the Methodist Church on campus. One of the guitar players at the Foundation dated a very cute girl he met at St. Mark UMC in Atlanta. When he graduated and moved to California, she attended a few Sunday services and somehow I worked up the courage to ask her out. Her name was Lucy Hudson. She sang with the voice of an angel and had graduat-



ed from Converse College with a music degree. We dated on and off for a few years as she moved to South Carolina for a music director position with a large United Methodist Church. We eventually decided to get married and had a beautiful ceremony at Sweetwater Creek State Park on a hill overlooking the reservoir. This May 1st was our 40th anniversary. We have one child, Gwen, who also graduated from Converse with a music degree (and also sings like an angel). She married Kaitlyn Price in March of 2019 and they reside in Cleveland, OH with their dog, Jack.

My Dad was a very smart man. He also loved to fish for bass. When I was 3 or 4 years old, he dug out the basement and started making fishing lures, working out the recipe for a soft plastic, and designing and building molding machines to produce them. The lures were called Fliptails, and it was a leading product for bass fishing for years. So I grew up in a family business until the oil embargo of the 1970's ended that business. Dad had hired a GT professor to design a digital sonar for bass fishing and I worked briefly on that system when I first graduated from GT with a degree in

Electrical Engineering. We decided to start an electronics business, Demico Inc., which is what I have done over the past 43 years. We design and manufacture electronic instruments and controls, mostly for the electric power industry (like GA Power) and the architectural fountain industries. You will find some of our products in thousands of electrical substations across the US, and in fountains and water features in small towns and large theme parks. We also designed and installed an automated carbonated beverage cup detector and filling system for a large Atlanta based carbonated beverage company and installed it in their Underground Atlanta exhibit.

A few months before we married, I bought an old 1927 era house and, with help from my Dad, rehabbed and added onto the house before moving to Sandy Springs for 13 years. Once Gwen graduated from

North Springs HS and went on to college, we began to look at our commutes across town, and decided to move back to the southside, finding ourselves in Forest Park, where we currently reside.

I should add to this first article, that it was a wonderful surprise to come to the first choir practice back in August and see a familiar face. John Rigby. John and I share a love of the game of soccer, and I played in high school, at GA Tech, in the Atlanta Amateur League, and in an indoor league in Fayetteville. John and I played in the Amateur League and in the indoor league together for a number of years and it is great to catch up with him.

What about the music?

More "Informer"-ation next month. Although I don't do puns that often, when I do, I make sure they are terrible.

From the Choir

Summer Choir Schedule

The choir will kickoff our summer schedule at the beginning of June.

Summer Choir will start on Wednesday, June 1, at 6:30pm in the choir room. Starting with June 1, we will meet every other week in June, July, and August.

Practice Dates

June 1st, 15th & 29th

July 13th & 27th

August 10th & 24th

Singers Needed!

The choir and I welcome all that would like to sing with us on Sundays at the 11:00am services to come join us in preparing for the services on Wednesday evenings.

Seats are available, smiles are needed, and voices are welcome.

Come help us make a joyful noise,

Jolynn

Appalachia Service Project

We are so grateful for all the ways that this congregation has supported our ASP team. Please be in prayer for our youth and adults traveling on ASP to Carter County, TN!



What Is Gaga Ball?

"Gaga ball is a fast paced, high energy sport played in an octagonal pit. The more players the better! Dubbed a kinder gentler version of dodge ball, the game is played with a soft foam ball, and combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees. Players need to keep moving to avoid getting hit by the ball. Fun and easy, everyone gets a serious workout."

Copied from gagacenter.com, "What is Gaga?"

United Women in Faith Love & Fellowship Circle

Father's Day Acknowledgements

In honor of Father's Day on June 19th, the LAF Circle is preparing a list of loved ones that you would like to remember or honor in our church bulletin on that Sunday.

- **Cost is \$1.00 per name.**
- **Names need to be turned in by Sunday, June 12th.**



UMCOR Christmas Shoeboxes

In April of this year members of our Missions & Outreach Committee and Inman United Women in Faith (LAF Circle) went to the UMCOR Disaster Relief Warehouse in Decatur, AL. We brought back 100 shoeboxes to be filled: 20 boxes (10 each, male and female) for each age group: 2-4, 4-6, 6-8, 8-10 and 10-12.

This year, as in previous years, there are specific needs for each shoebox. We will again do the shopping and offer an opportunity for our members to:

"Build a Christmas Shoebox"

Each member has an opportunity to help with this mission:

1. Purchase a shoebox for \$25.00 (\$20.00 for filling shoebox and \$5.00 for shipping)
2. Chose male and/or female; ages 2-4, 4-6; 6-8; 8-10 and 10-12
3. Members are welcome to come and fill the "Shoebox" they bought at our July Packing Party with items already purchased for them.

If members would like, we welcome donations to help with our expenses in filling shoeboxes and cost of shipping.

Blessings,

Joni Janssen, President

Membership Care

We would like to thank everyone who came out to support the family of Kay Cox at her memorial service in April and the meal that followed.

The outpouring of love and support for the family was truly amazing and we are grateful for everyone who helped provide items for the meal as well as those who helped prepare, serve and clean up.

Thanks Again,

Joni Janssen & Kathy Barb

United Methodist Men

At our breakfast meeting on May 18th, everyone was well fed and a good time was had by all the attendees. The major topic of discussion was whether to have our traditional Chicken Q in September. At this time, we could not come up with enough workers to successfully put on the event. The decision was made to hold off for 2022 and revisit the subject in early 2023.

Next Meeting

- Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 15th.
- Meet at 6:00pm and eat at 6:30pm
- This will be a dinner meeting at Judy & Ed Roehm's home.
- The menu will be steak, baked potatoes, salad and dessert. All food and beverages will be provided.
- In order to be sure that we have enough food, **we would appreciate a RSVP by June 13th.**
- You can call/text Ed at 770-855-5273 or email edroehm@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on the 15th!



Children & Youth

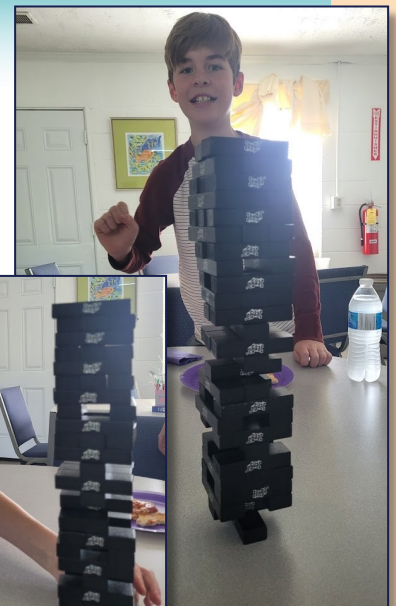
Due to summer vacation, there will be not be regularly scheduled Youth Group on Sunday night.

There will be special events throughout the summer so make plans to join us!

July 3 - Pool Party at the Roehm's house

July 23 - Serve & Play Day at the church

If you would like to volunteer to help with the children & youth program, please let us know by signing up on the bulletin board outside the Children & Youth Director's office!



Missions & Outreach

Altar Rail Offerings for the month of June are for UMCOR - United Methodist Committee on Relief

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson has named UMCOR as the 2022 North Georgia Annual Conference Offering.

UMCOR, which began in 1940, is a nonprofit global humanitarian aid and development organization of the United Methodist Church.

UMCOR responds to disasters in the United States and around the world; providing essential relief supplies and supports the long-term rebuilding efforts.

UMCOR brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by war, conflict or natural disaster.

The reality is that we are UMCOR! It is our praying, giving and going that makes up UMCOR!



As John Wesley would say:

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can, as long ever you can."

Blessings,
Deborah Morris



2022 Altar Rail Offerings

June
UMCOR

July
Murphy Harpst

August
Golden Cross

September
Wellroot

October
Aldersgate Homes

November
Homeless
Offering

December
AIDS Awareness

Trustees

Thank you to everyone who helps keep things going around the church! And a special THANK YOU to:

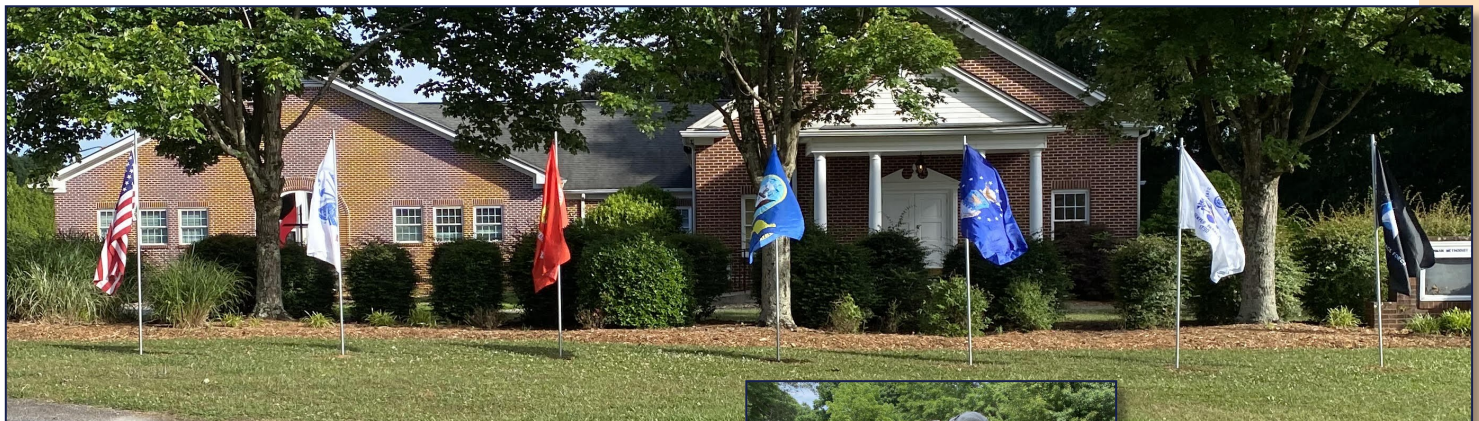
Moody Elliott & Forrest Ballard

Always willing to pitch in and help out. Did you know they keep our church lawnmower up and running? If the mower needs servicing or repairing, one of these two men are here to help!



Jean & Jerry Haygood

These folks help out in countless ways around the church with a variety of projects such as killing fire ants and spreading mulch. This month, they even repainted the church mailbox!



New Flag Display

Be sure to take a look at the flags displayed in front of the church on Memorial Day weekend.

Thanks to the efforts of Deborah Morris, Herm Janssen, Ed Roehm, Linda Wagner, Brad Wagner and several helpful folks from other local churches, we now have a system in place to display the US Flag and the flags of our Armed Forces on special occasions!



Opportunities to Serve

Grass Cutting

We need a volunteers to help with cutting the grass and taking care of routine lawn maintenance such as weed trimming, edging & blowing off the sidewalks. The church has the necessary equipment. You can sign up on the bulletin board outside the Pastor's office. *Please see Ed R. or Herm J. for more information.*

We still need people for:

- May 29 - June 4
- June 26 - July 2
- July 10 - 16
- July 17 - 23
- July 31 - August 6
- August 7 - 13
- August 14 - 20
- August 28 - September 3
- September 4 - 10
- September 11 - 17

Homecoming Workday

Saturday, July 30. We will need all the help we can get to take care of projects inside and outside of the church to get ready for Homecoming. **We will start at 9:00am.**

Children & Youth

We need volunteers to help with teaching Sunday School (starts at 10:00am) and to help with programming for children and youth. *Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Youth Directors office.*

Small Projects

There are a number of small projects around the church that we could use some help on. The list is posted on the bulletin board outside the Pastor's office. *Please see Ed R. or Linda W. for more information.*

Finance Committee

Financial Report for January - April, 2022

Income	Jan. - April	YTD Budget
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 74,121	\$ 70,667
ASP	\$ 13,670	\$ -
Other Designated Funds	\$ 3,911	\$ 3,333
Grand Total Income	\$ 91,702	\$ 74,000
Expenses	Jan. - April	YTD Budget
ASP	\$ 4,825	\$ 4,000
Committee Expenditures	\$ 2,797	\$ 2,950
Operational Expenses	\$ 17,569	\$ 11,180
All Other Expenses	\$ 47,473	\$ 55,849
Grand Total Expenses	\$ 72,664	\$ 73,979

For Our Prayers

For Healing From Health Concerns

Nancy Allgood
Carlos Allen (Gloria Reid's brother)
Roger Barnhill
Michael Barb
Ray Barday (Charles Cox)
Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)
Jack Brannon (Jeff Wedge)
Tyrion Bruce
Russell Clarke (Maggie Clarke)
Darleen Cornelison
Charles Cox
Lane Cox (Lyn Wheeler)
Karen Glessner (Kay Cox)
Charles Harp
Don Harp
Kenny Harp
Nicole Henry
Leigh Ann Hicks
John Kozisek
Griffin Lunceford
Sarah McCart (Jane St. Amour)
Karen Millman
Joanne Minter
Pat Parker (Nancy Allgood)
Ken Sandberg
Miriam Schmidt
Ruth Sitton
Lisa Spears (Nancy Allgood)
Jane St. Amour
Claire Starkey
Roger Starkey
Katy Swanger
Marvin Tidwell
Patricia Vaughn
Julie Ward
Luz Webster (Gloria Reid)
Billy Ward
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)
David Booth (Martha Kozisek)
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
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)
Ruth Williams
Bobby Williams (Rick Minter)
Louise Woods (Ann Hembree)
Penny Wofford
Kay Young

For Those Mourning the Death of Loved Ones

Sue Swain (Judy Roehm)
Bill Stemberge (Frank Stemberge)
Bill Harp
Kay Cox
Pam Arrington (Billy & Jenny Ward)
Wendy Heller (Jack Price)

Other Concerns

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

Birthdays & Reminders

Eugene Pritchard	June 3
Paul Ballard	June 4
David Ballard	June 5
Samantha Stephens	June 8
Lyn Wheeler	June 11
Melanie Wagner	June 12
Ed Hicks	June 14
Dorsey (DJ) Pitts	June 14
Sam Jones	June 17
Scott Ballard	June 23
Patsy Elliott	June 24
Ruth Sitton	June 24
June Dudrow	June 25
Nathan Wagner	June 25

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

Offering Counters

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

Grass Cutting Volunteers

May 29-June 4

****Volunteer Needed****

June 5-June 11

Forrest B.

June 12-June 18

J. Haygood

June 19-June 25

Moody E.

June 26 - July 2

****Volunteer Needed****

Office Information

Summer Office Hours

By Appointment Only

To schedule an appointment,
call 770-461-2123 or email
secretary@inmanmethodist.org
and let us know.

Volunteers will be checking
the mail, email and phone
for messages and
following up accordingly.

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