

# Inman Informer

November 2023



## A Note From the Pastor

**The Psalmist writes in Psalm 95:1-2 (NRSV), O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!"**

Time and time again, we see a call towards Thanksgiving, a call towards lifting songs of praise before our God. Yet it can be hard at times to be thankful. When uncertainty and conflict is all around us, when we are in the midst of grief, when the road before us appears blocked, we may not feel very thankful in our hearts. Thankfulness is not an emotion to feel, but an attitude to have. Even when life is not going well, we still can choose to be thankful for things we have because of Christ Jesus. Because of Jesus, we can always choose gratitude. We can choose to recognize and celebrate the blessings around us- even the ones that may not be apparent at this moment. We can choose to be thankful. Thankful for another day.

Thankful for food on our table. Thankful for a church family. Thankful for our God and the way he is working in our lives and in the world.

**"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." -Philippians 4:6-7**

Peace,  
Whitney



# Announcements

## Upcoming Meetings:

- ◆ **SPR Committee: Monday, November 13 at 6:00pm**
- ◆ **Trustees Committee: Tuesday, November 14 at 6:00pm**
- ◆ **Finance Meeting: Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30pm**

**The church office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 24.**

**It's that time of year again, mark your calendars for advent.**

**In the month of December, we will worship together each Sunday in one combined 11:00am service.**

We Invite You To Join Us For

## ADVENT

12/3 HANGING OF THE GREENS  
ONE SERVICE AT 11:00AM

12/17 YOUTH SUNDAY  
ONE SERVICE AT 11:00AM  
FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION

12/9 CHRISTMAS CRAFT BAZAAR AND  
COUNTRY BREAKFAST  
CRAFT BAZAAR 8:00-1:00PM  
COUNTRY BREAKFAST 8:00-10:30AM

12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE  
AT 11:00AM  
CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
AT 5:30PM

12/10 LESSONS AND CAROLS  
ONE SERVICE AT 11:00AM

12/31 WORSHIP SERVICE  
ONE SERVICE AT 11:00AM



# Missions and Outreach

**Alter Rail Offering for the month of November are for Fayette Samaritans.**

**2023  
Upcoming  
Altar Rail  
Offerings**

**December**  
*AIDS Awareness*



"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



Be on the lookout for the Angel Tree, which be set up soon in the church!

Help us provide the Magic of Christmas to underprivileged children and seniors by choosing an angel tag from the tree and shopping for gifts for them.

# Love & Fellowship Circle (United Women in Faith)



Our Christmas Craft Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 9th.

We will be at the church to receive crafts, etc. on Friday, December 8th.

Please contact Joni Janssen 770-468-8947 or Kathy Barb 770-713-3861 if you would like to contribute crafts, baked goods, canned goods, etc. or to volunteer in any way.

We would appreciate you pricing what you contribute.

Below are some pictures of our 2022 Christmas Craft Bazaar.

The December Informer will have information for the Christmas Card Post Office and the Poinsettias order form.

May God Bless you,  
Joni Janssen, President  
Kathy Barb, Vice-President



# Trustees

Great news! FALL is FINALLY here! You know what that means - time to get outside and enjoy the great outdoors! Sign up today to come blow the leaves off the church parking lot or ride around on the mower and mulch the leaves while you enjoy cooler temperatures and bright blue skies! To sign up, please see Ed Roehm.

Thank you!

The Trustees would like to thank Russell Prevatt for donating his time and expertise to repair the lighting in the sign in front of the church AND for installing an outlet we can use to power lights to shine on our flag displays and Christmas display.

Thanks to Russell's efforts, the Trustees can now work towards adding a new backer board and signage to the sign box in front of the church.



This Veterans Day, we honor and thank ALL who served!

# Finance

## Financial Report for January - September, 2023

<b>Income</b>	<b>Jan. - Sept.</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 180,846	\$ 153,750
ASP	\$ 9,775	\$ -
Other Designated Funds	\$ 11,001	\$ 7,500
<b>Grand Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 201,622</b>	<b>\$ 161,250</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Jan. - Sept.</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
ASP	\$ 13,020	\$ 9,000
Committee Expenditures	\$ 17,899	\$ 7,359
Operational Expenses	\$ 36,039	\$ 33,557
All Other Expenses	\$ 119,051	\$ 126,572
<b>Grand Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 186,009</b>	<b>\$ 176,487</b>



## Thankful For you!

Each week, there are so many people who faithfully serve this church with their gifts in ways that never receive appreciation or recognition. From our offering counters, to our grass cutters, to our altar guild, to our technology crew on Sunday morning, to our trustees, to our kitchen crew, to our committee chairs, to membership care providing meals for the sick, to our Sunday School teachers, to our youth volunteers, and so many more faithful servants, THANK YOU!



### Church Work Day

November 12  
9:00am-2:00pm

Come out and help us get the church cleaned up.  
We have volunteer opportunities inside and outside.  
Lunch will be provided!

# 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  
Don Harp  
Nicole Henry  
Robin Hewell  
John Kozisek  
Marie Large  
Sara Jane Overstreet  
Pat Parker (Nancy Allgood)  
Eugene Pritchard  
Riley Rada (Kim Jeffords)  
Gloria Reid  
Miriam Schmidt  
Kenny Shure (Herm Janssen)  
Lisa Spears (Nancy Allgood)  
Jane St. Amour  
Billy Ward  
Luz Webster (Gloria Reid)  
Jeff Wedge  
Rhonda Wheeler (George & Lynn Wheeler)  
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)  
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**

Michael Barb  
Charlie Barnwell  
Kenny Harp  
Ada Hewell  
Joe James

## **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

Rick Minter	November 11
Ed McGee	November 11
Connie Corley	November 13
Kathy Stowers	November 13
Nicole Henry	November 15
Clair Starkey	November 15
Don Whiteside	November 23
Kevin Schachle	November 24
Edith Anderson	November 27
Melanie Ballard	November 29
Jeff Wedge	November 30

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

## Offering Counters

<b>November 5</b>	Linda W. & Jeff W.
<b>November 12</b>	Brenda N. & Helen B.
<b>November 19</b>	Donna M. & Jerry W.
<b>November 26</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

# Office Information

## Office Hours

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

You may call 770-461-2123  
or email  
secretary@inmanmethodist.org

to reach our secretary,

Katie Nalley

## Our Staff

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