

Inman Informer

September 2023



Important Info

Farm Heritage Days

Brush Arbor Church Service:

Join us at the Brush Arbor on the farm on Sunday morning, September 17th at 9:00am!

Sign up to Volunteer:

We're looking for several folks to sign up to help out at the church booth. This year, we have created a scavenger hunt that will send kids all over the farm looking at the different exhibits.

We need some volunteers to come and give out prizes for the scavenger hunt, hand out water, and just talk with folks. The sign-up sheet is outside of Whitney's Office.

Please Donate Bottled Water:

As we have in years past, we are collecting bottled water to hand out at our booth. Please put your donations on the desk near the exit in the Fellowship Hall.

A Note From the Pastor

I always love this time of year! There's something special as we enter fall, especially here around Inman. For as we transition from the busy days of summer, we enter a time where everything seems to get going strong and we get to be together. From the joy found at the tables on Wednesday Nights, to the legacy we continue by having worship down at the Brush Arbor during Farm Heritage days, to the faithfulness displayed by this church during Stewardship season, there is so much to celebrate here at Inman this fall!

As we are entering this season, my challenge for each of us is that we will find a way to get connected with one another here at Inman. From the beginning of Methodism, small groups have played such a critical part in our formation as disciples and growth as Christians. We were not meant to be Christians on our own. By meeting together, by praying, by reading and discussing Scripture, we grow in our love for God and our love for neighbor.

If you are not already, there are a variety of small groups you can get involved in at Inman. And if none of these small groups seem to tract any interest, I'd love to chat to see if there are other formats or groups that need to be started.

Peace & Grace,
Whitney

Current Small Groups Offered

Group	Day & Time of Meeting	Location	Format
Pathfinders Sunday School Class	Sundays from 10:00-10:45am	Room 212	All ages welcomed; Read and discuss Scripture from Genesis through Revelation, currently in Numbers
TBD Sunday School class	Sundays from 10:00-10:45am	Room 220	All ages welcomed; Various Topics studied, currently studying David's Life & the Psalms
Wednesday Night Bible Study	Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm Starting Sept. 13	Room 104	All ages welcomed; Various short term studies. Next study will be; <i>The Return of the Prodigal Son</i>

Announcements

Wednesday Night Supper & Programs

We hope you have enjoyed getting together for sandwiches on Wednesday nights this summer. It has been a wonderful experience and the fellowship has been fantastic! With the start of school though, it's time to get back to our traditional Wednesday Night Suppers! We anticipate starting back on Wednesday, September 13th, but please stay tuned for more information and what's going to be on the menu once we get the details worked out. Wednesday Night Programming starts at 6:30PM. Choir practice takes place upstairs in the choir room and Bible Study is downstairs in room 104. We are looking forward to getting back into our regular routine in the next few weeks and we hope to see you on Wednesday Nights!

Calling All College Students:

As our students are returning to their colleges and technical schools, we want to stay connected with them! If you are a college student (or you have a college student), we ask you to update your mailing address if it has changed from your local address. You can update your campus address with the church office by emailing secretary@inmanmethodist.org.

Meetings this month:

- **SPR Meeting**- Monday, September 11th at 6pm
- **Nominations Meeting**- Tuesday, September 12th at 6pm

A Farewell note from Jolynn

Dear Inman Church, Pastor Whitney, and Mr. Frank,
Thank you to all of Inman for the wonderful years that I have had with you, and for the sweet sendoff time that we have had together. The years have gone by quickly, with great fun and blessings, and I will treasure them and everyone at Inman as I journey along. On Sunday, I mentioned my favorite contemporary composer, Heather Sorenson. Her website says it better than I could, so this is the site: heathersorenson.com . It is amazing to see what she has done for the Lord in her young life. She is quite an inspiration to church musicians. Signing off with love,
Jolynn



A Note From Frank Stenbridge

To everything there is a season
And a time to every purpose under the heaven
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Ah yes, the seasons. Yes, the summer has been a hot one. The spiders have spun so many webs in our yard preparing for the next change in season. Oh, not that kind of season. I am almost "of the age" where I could speak to the seasons of life with some authority, but many of you have experiences that dwarf my own, create unique chapters, or seasons in your life. You inspire me, and... it doesn't stop me from trying.

Last night we had our last choir rehearsal with Jolynn Stevens, choir director at Inman UMC for over 22 years. She has put her creative energy and talents into not just enhancing the worship services, but handling all of the "back office" responsibilities that are not always obvious. Thank you for all that. I hope you have felt the love and appreciation for everything you do and the person you are. Thanks be to God.

You have made the decision that this season is ending, and a new one begins for you and for us. We have the dichotomy of happiness for you, and a sense of loss for us. We pray and wish for you a new season of joy and enjoyment, knowing that God will continue to lead and bless you. Thanks be to God.

"It's okay if I don't have the answers

It's okay to be right where you are

It was patience and kindness and love

That brought us this far

He is here

He is love

God is good

And that's enough" -"That's Enough" Brandon Heath

Love & Fellowship Circle (United Women in Faith)

Hello Ladies,

Our Love and Fellowship circle is sponsoring the **All Daughter's Luncheon on Sept. 10th** at 12:00 following the 11:00 worship service. Our guest speaker will be from Fayette Samaritans.

We will have a table set up for donations. Fayette Samaritans has requested these items:

Canned Chicken	Canned Pasta
Canned Beans	Boxed Cereal
Canned Corn	Pancake Mix
Canned Mixed Vegetables	Syrup
Canned Fruit	Jelly

Please have your reservations in by Sept. 3rd!

Heads Up to all our craft lovers, Creators and Buyers . December 9th will be our Christmas Craft and Bake Sale. Can't wait to see your creations!

LAF members continue to support our community, our church and each other and I am most grateful! See you at the luncheon!

Blessings to you all,
Kathy Barb, Vice President

Missions and Outreach

The Alter Rail Offerings for the month of September will be for Wesley Woods Senior Living.

"WELCOME to WESLEY WOODS. WELCOME HOME."

As a "pioneer" Wesley Woods, which began in 1953 was among the first, thanks to the concern and compassion of The North Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church, in recognizing the growing need for accessible, independent senior living.

Seven decades later it would be accurate to call us a "leader," with communities throughout Atlanta and across North Georgia (Athens, Augusta, Blairsville and Newnan),

Our Mission: To create communities of connection, well-being and promise.
Our Vision: We envision a world in which older adults are celebrated for the lives they have lived, the wisdom they share and everything they have yet to teach us.

Your donations will assist with meals, housing, wellness programs and Pastoral care for the older adults living in Wesley Woods communities.

BIG or SMALL, ALL DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

"Wisdom belongs to the aged, and understanding to the old." Job 12:12

Blessings,
Deborah Morris

2023 Upcoming Alter Rail Offerings

October

Wellroot

November

Fayette Samaritans

December

AIDS Awareness



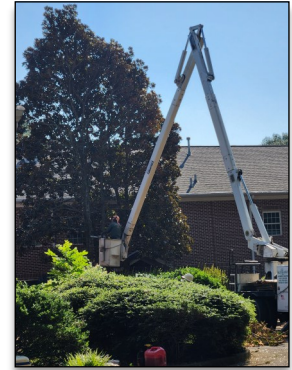
Trustees

The Trustees have been busy taking care of several projects over the last month. Projects have included changing out the filters in all the air conditioners, routine maintenance on things like floor drains and staying up to date on paperwork and reports.

Thanks to everyone who has helped maintain our facilities over the last month!

If you are looking to pitch in and help, mark your calendars for Saturday, November 11th from 9:00AM - 2:00PM for our church wide work day.

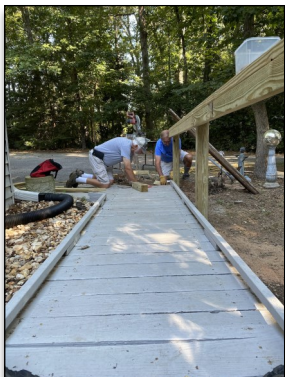
A light lunch will be served.



United Methodist Men

The Men's Club has been busy this past month helping church members with some maintenance and repair projects around their homes and looking at other projects that need to be done once the weather cools off.

Additionally, another wonderful and well attended breakfast was held on Wednesday, August 16. It's always great to get together and fellowship with everyone. The next breakfast will be on Wednesday, September 20th at 9:00AM in the Fellowship Hall and we hope you can join us!



Finance

The Finance Report for January - July of 2023 is below. If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the Finance Committee.

A few items to note:

- 1) Mid-year giving statements will be distributed in September. Please look these over carefully and make sure our records accurately reflect your records.
- 2) Stewardship season will be here before you know it. Please be thinking of how you can bless the church with your gifts in the upcoming year!
- 3) The Finance Committee has approved new Fundraising Policies and Procedures. If your group wishes to conduct a fundraiser, please reach out to the Finance Committee for a copy of the policies and procedures so we can be good stewards of the financial gifts of the congregation.

As always, thank you to everyone for your generosity to Inman UMC!

Financial Report for January - July, 2023

Income	Jan. - July	YTD Budget
Gifts & Tithes	\$ 149,570	\$ 138,000
ASP	\$ 9,700	\$ -
Other Designated Funds	\$ 9,876	\$ 5,333
Grand Total Income	\$ 169,146	\$ 143,333
Expenses	Jan. - July	YTD Budget
ASP	\$ 14,170	\$ 8,000
Committee Expenditures	\$ 14,421	\$ 6,541
Operational Expenses	\$ 26,819	\$ 29,828
All Other Expenses	\$ 95,115	\$ 112,508
Grand Total Expenses	\$ 150,524	\$ 156,877

Check out our new Little Library!

Thanks to Dana & Steve, our neighbors down the street, Inman UMC is now home to a local Little Library! Dana has had a vision of this project for some time and thanks to her and her husband, it is now a reality! They designed, built and installed the Little Library at the entrance to our church and everyone is welcome to stop by and take a book or leave a book!

The Little Library will be monitored to make sure there are books in there for readers of all ages. Visitors are encouraged to leave a little note or sign the guest book. Be sure to stop by and see what's in the library and leave a special message of thanks for Dana & Steve next time you're at church!



For Our Prayers

For Healing From Health Concerns

Carlos Allen (Gloria Reid's brother)
Michael Barb
Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)
Cheryl Chance
Darleen Cornelison
Katy Fowler
Don Harp
Kenny Harp
Nicole Henry
Robin Hewell
Neil Johnston (Mary Jane Fortner)
John Kozisek
Martha Majewski (Mary Jane Fortner)
Sara Jane Overstreet
Pat Parker (Nancy Allgood)
Eugene Pritchard
Gloria Reid
Miriam Schmidt
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
Wendy Rogers
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

Ann Hewell
Joe James
Greg Harp

Other Concerns

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

Birthdays & Reminders

Miriam Schmidt	September 6
Terrie Hart	September 7
Sara Jane Overstreet	September 7
Lori Schachle	September 12
Katie Nalley	September 14
Trenton Rigby	September 16
Patty Rigby	September 18
Michael Barb	September 19
Catherine Hogeland	September 28
Jeff Allen	September 29

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

Offering Counters

September 3	Linda W. & Jeff W.
September 10	Brenda N. & Helen B.
September 17	Donna M. & Jerry W.
September 24	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

**Normal Wednesday Night Suppers and
Activities resume September 13.**

**A few items to note on Wednesday Night
Supper:**

- ALL food, drinks & supplies are provided by the church. Jenny & Billy do a fantastic job of making sure we have everything we need to take care of you on Wednesday nights.
- If you're interested in helping prep before the meal or clean up afterwards, please see Ed Roehm or Linda Wagner.

Office Information

Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday 9am-1pm

You may call 770-461-2123
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