

Inman Informer

September 2022



Inman Farm Heritage Days

September 16, 17 & 18

Brush Arbor Church Service

Join us at the Brush Arbor on the farm on Sunday morning, Sept. 18th at 9:00am!

Sign up to volunteer!

We're looking for several folks to sign up to help out at the church booth. We're going to have games like checkers and other fun stuff, hand out water and just hang out. The sign up sheet is located outside 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.

From the Pastor

As we begin the mad dash into the fall, we've got so many exciting things happening at the church. We are preparing for Farm Heritage Days, the Blessing of the Animals, Charge Conference, and Stewardship Season! So many good things happening in and around the church!

In preparation for Charge Conference, the Nominations Committee will be meeting to discuss filling vacancies in church leadership positions as the class of 2022 rolls off at the end of the year. Serving in church leadership is such a privilege - for the mission of the church can't be accomplished without those who give of their time! As the Nominations Committee meets, you may receive a phone call requesting that you serve on a committee starting in January of 2023. I urge you to seriously pray about this opportunity. For it is by your willingness to say YES that we can continue to serve and minister in this area.

Peace & Blessings,

Whitney

Committee Meetings & Announcements

Nominations Committee

Sept. 13, 6:00pm in Room 212

Sept. 26, 6:00pm in Room 212

Staff/Parish Relations Committee

Sept. 12, 6:00pm in Room 212

Board of Trustees

Sept. 27, 6:00pm in Room 212

Finance Committee

Sept. 27, 6:45pm in Room 212

Giving Statements

The Finance Committee will be handing out mid-year giving statements in early September. Please look your statement over carefully to ensure that our records match your records.



Bella & Cupcake

Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 2 at 2:00pm

Wednesday Night Supper & Programming

Wednesday Night Suppers: Starting Wednesday, September 14 at 5:30pm

We are looking forward to getting back to Wednesday Night Supper in the next few weeks. Pick up a copy of the menu from the end of your pew or grab one when you get your bulletin! The cost will be \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 3-12.

Denominational Update: September 14th at 6:30pm

- The church will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall, to discuss the future of The United Methodist Church and answer any questions you may have.
- **Please email your questions ahead of time to Pastor Whitney at pastor@inmanmethodist.org** Questions will be taken from the floor, but having them early is helpful for preparation.
- **There will be no choir practice or Bible Study on September 14 to allow for all interested persons to attend.**

Bible Study: Starts Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30pm in Room 212

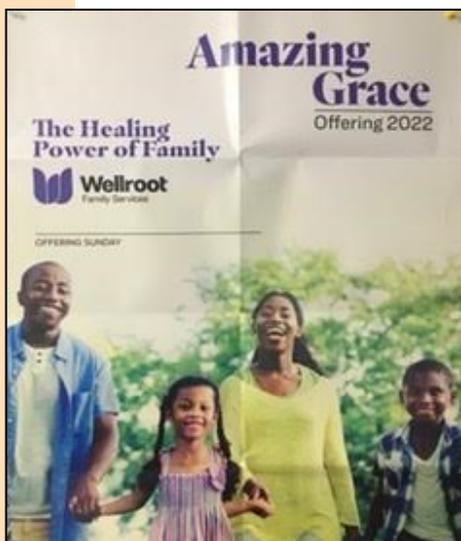
Missions & Outreach

Altar Rail Offerings for the month of September are for Wellroot Family Services

Wellroot is a ministry of the UMC in North Georgia and has a long history (150 years) of providing unconditional love to children. Through their faith centered programs, Wellroot has been leading the effort to transform the lives of children and families in Georgia.

Rev. April McGlothlin-Eller of Wellroot will be our guest preacher at the 11:00am service and at the All Daughter's Luncheon on October 11th.

"Did you know, that there are over 12,000 children in the foster care system in Georgia?" Wellroot cares for and encourages the growth of and healing of children and young adults and families in and affected by the foster care system in Georgia.



100 percent of your gift(s) goes directly to their programs! With focus on supporting youth from infancy through early adulthood. Your support allows Wellroot to provide more loving, compassionate, and nurturing homes. All donations (gifts) are greatly appreciated.

Mission: To restore children and families from trauma through Jesus Christ.

Our Vision: To envision a world where every child is raised in a loving, compassionate, and nurturing home.

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7

**2022
Altar Rail
Offerings**

September
Wellroot

October
Aldersgate Homes

November
Homeless
Offering

December
AIDS Awareness

Blessings, Deborah Morris

A Message From Frank Stemberge

I would like to say a few things about gifts. No, I am not presenting a list for my Christmas presents or even for my birthday. Maybe next year. Ha! Just kidding. (That's jk if you're under 20)

I have a childhood friend with whom I played sports and attended high school. We both went to GA Tech but we never crossed paths there, and really had not connected until I joined Facebook. He finished Tech and apparently headed off to a Baptist Seminary and became a Baptist preacher and somewhat of an evangelist on college campuses (or is it campi?) His name is Tom Rush, same name as our own beloved, but a different fellow. Almost a decade ago, he wrote a book on spiritual gifts. I bought a copy and received it in the mail with a nice note inside the cover. It arrived a few days before I had jury duty, so I was glad to have something to read as I waited, and waited, and waited. You know the drill. There were a few heresies noted from my UMC world view (lol), but I can appreciate his earnestly held viewpoints.

The main point I got from the reading is that God has blessed us all with wondrous gifts. They are unique and precious as each of us are to God. It is unfortunate that God does not arrange for a birth notice detailing those gifts. Some people spend a lifetime looking for their gifts. Others learn their gifts early and spend a lifetime developing them. Each of our lives is an adventure in that way.



Spiritual gifts are not like the special Star Trek Next Generation tee shirt I received from my daughter for my birthday. That is for me to have and wear. It is also time limited and I expect it will fade and fall apart far too soon. Spiritual gifts are infused with the Holy Spirit and are, by their nature, everlasting and meant to be shared. I do think of my musical gift as such. So when I gaze across the congregation Sunday mornings or at choir practice, I wonder what wonderful gifts God has bestowed upon each of you and how and when I will recognize that Holy Gift. What is your God infused gift? How can you share that with me and our church family?

That being said, we would love to have your Holy Spirit infused voice join us for the Cantata this December. No pressure. The choir and staff will support and guide you. And we laugh a lot. Maybe too much. Ha!

Fayette Samaritans

Food Pantry Needs for September

- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Laundry Detergent
- Cookies
- Pop Tarts
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Shampoo

Clothes Closet Needs for September

Women's underwear size extra-large and all sizes of men's boxer shorts.

Music Notes

"O For a Closer Walk with God" by William Cowper (1731-1800)

Mr. William Cowper, a popular poet of the eighteenth century, was also known for his hymn writing. Cowper wrote "O For a Closer Walk With God", "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" as well as the well known verse, "God Moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform", from "Light Shining into Darkness."

Life wasn't easy for Mr. Cowper who lived through difficult times long before he was an accomplished poet. William Cowper was the only child of a church rector and his wife. His parents had lost five of his infant siblings before his mother gave birth to his brother, John. Shortly after John's birth, his mother passed away. His Uncle Robert and his wife stepped in to help with the raising of the two boys. The family shared the love of reading and literature with William, and he was well prepared for school. His father sent him to boarding school at the age of ten (10).

After Cowper's early days at boarding school, William was placed in training for a career in law near the home of his Uncle Robert. There he fell in love with his cousin, Theodora. Uncle Robert would not allow them to marry which led to William falling into a serious mental depression. He was hospitalized and not able to complete the law exam for which he had prepared.

After William's recovery and release from the hospital, he met an older couple, Morley and Mary Unwin, a retired clergyman and his wife. The Unwins offered to house him for a couple of weeks. William ended up living with the Unwins for twenty-two years, and Mary became a second mother to him. Later on, they all moved to Olney where William met and worked with John Newton (Amazing Grace composer). William and John Newton worked on a new hymnbook, "Olney Hymns", published in 1779. That is the first hymnbook to print Cowper's hymn, "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood."

Mr. Unwin died suddenly in a horse accident, but Mrs. Unwin continued to be a mother figure to William. When she became very sick in 1769 and her condition was grave, William wrote, "O For a Closer Walk with Thee." Mary recovered, and she lived twenty-seven years longer, passing away in 1796. This was another difficult time for William, and it is said that he never fully recovered from the loss. He continued to write his poetry and served the Lord.

William Cowper wrote many poems, hymns, translations of Homer's works, and other Greek literature translations. There are beautiful church windows in St. George's Chapel at Westminster Abbey, the chapel of St. Thomas of Canterbury, and St. Peter's Church in Berkhamsted in William Cowper's memory.

Blessings,
Jolynn S.

Membership Care

We are grateful for everyone who helped by setting up tables, etc., serving and clean up for our meal at Homecoming!

The outpouring of love and support by the members who prepared and brought desserts for the meal was appreciated.

Thanks again,
Joni Janssen & Kathy Barb

United Methodist Men

The UMM had a wonderful breakfast get together on August 17th. Afterwards, a few of the guys got together and planted a new tree in the front yard of the parsonage to replace one that died. Special Thanks to Moody Elliott, Dave Cathey, Jerry Haygood and Don Whiteside for their efforts to get this tree planted. Thanks to everyone that came out and joined us. It was great to see a few additional faces at the meeting!

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 14 at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. A light breakfast will be served.



Children & Youth

Youth Group: Meets from 5:00-7:00pm on Sunday evenings at the Youth House. See *Caroline C.* to volunteer to help.

High School Youth Breakfast: Meets at 7:30am at Chick-fil-A at Fayette Towne Center beginning Wednesday, September 14th. They will meet every Wednesday morning throughout the school year. *Bring a friend!*



United Women in Faith Love & Fellowship Circle

UMCOR Christmas Shoeboxes: A "big" thank you for all your prayerful support, donations and help with this mission in providing 100 shoeboxes (filled with toiletries, toys, clothing, fishing kits, sewing kits, etc.) to be received by children in Central and South America for Christmas.

Thank you all, too, who helped in filling the "100" shoeboxes in one hour. We delivered the boxes on August 1st to the UMCOR Disaster Relief Warehouse.

All Daughter's Luncheon: Sunday, September 11th, 2022 at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. The guest speaker at this luncheon will be Rev. April McGlothlin-Eller from Wellroot! **Reservations are required as we will need to plan accordingly for the meal.**

Next Meeting: October 11 at 1:00pm. We will not be meeting in September.

Blessings to All,

Joni Janssen, President



For Our Prayers

For Healing From Health Concerns

Carlos Allen (Gloria Reid's brother)
Nancy Allgood
Michael Barb
Roger Barnhill
Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)
Jack Brannon (Jeff Wedge)
Darleen Cornelison
Mary Jane Fortner
Charles Harp
Don Harp
Kenny Harp
Nicole Henry
Leigh Ann Hicks
John Kozisek
Griffin Lunceford
Sarah McCart (Jane St. Amour)
Pat Parker (Nancy Allgood)
Luna Ponzio
Ken Sandberg
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

Roger Allgood
Denise Anderson (Joni Janssen)
Amanda Bennett (Linda Wagner)
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
Joey Shelton (Deborah Morris)
Bobby Smith (Tammy Cox)
Diane Tankersley (Donald Whiteside)
Brent Taylor (Jim & Karen Blue)
Ruth Williams
Bobby Williams (Rick Minter)
Louise Woods (Ann Hembree)
Kay Young

For Those Mourning the Death of Loved Ones

Wendy Heller (Jack Price)
Charles & Kay Cox
Kendall Burton (Jerry & Marie Large)
Jerry Mask

Other Concerns

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

Birthdays & Reminders

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| Tom Rush | September 1 |
| Miriam Schmidt | September 6 |
| Terrie Hart | September 7 |
| Sara Jane Overstreet | September 7 |
| Lori Schachle | September 12 |
| Trenton Rigby | September 16 |
| Patty Rigby | September 18 |
| Michael Barb | September 19 |
| Ashley Anderson | September 22 |
| Catherenne 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

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| Sept. 4 | Linda W. & Jeff W. |
| Sept. 11: | Brenda N. & Helen B. |
| Sept. 18: | Donna M. & Jerry W. |
| Sept. 25: | Nancy A. & Joni J. |
| Oct. 2: | Linda W. & Jeff W. |

Grass Cutting Volunteers

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| Sept. 4-10: | J. Haygood |
| Sept. 11-17: | *Volunteer Needed* |
| Sept. 18-24: | M. Elliott |
| Sept. 25-Oct. 1: | *Volunteer Needed* |
| Oct. 2-8: | J. Haygood |

Wednesday Night Supper

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| Sept. 14: | Spaghetti & Meatballs Helpers: Trustees |
| Sept. 21: | Mexican Helpers: Membership Care |
| Sept. 28: | Chicken Helpers: SPR |
| Oct. 5: | Lasagna Helpers: Finance |

Office Information

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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