



# *The Inman Informer*

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## Family and Games

Many of you know that I am a board and card game fanatic. Rebekah might go as far as to say obsessed. Over the past few years, I have found that games can help bring people together, to help build community in the church, and to reach people where they are in the world. I think that games can help build family communication and strengthen the family bond.

We find in Acts 2:42-44, "The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teachings, to the community, to the shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything."

In this passage, we see where the early Christians came together to share meals, to share time, to share worship, and to build a community of believers. We learn from this passage that fellowship is more than just a social gathering; when we gather in the name of Christ we enter into a true, spiritual experience where we encounter Christ himself. Jesus reminds us in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them." Families are close to the heart of God the Father. From the very beginning of time, we see God use the family unit to carry out His will and purposes through Abraham and his descendants. In the early church, we see entire families coming to accept and follow Christ as Lord. The family home is a good starting place for learning, worshipping, fellowship, and prayer.

Families are important. With today's demands and technology, it is hard for families to sit down for a meal or even have a small discussion that does not use cell phones or text messaging. I have noticed in many studies, the communication in families significantly decreased over the past few years. It was brought to my attention at our last board meeting, parents today on average spend less than five minutes a day talking to their children.

If God's plan was to build up a family to carry out His will and purposes, then why do we find ways to push ourselves away from each other? I would like to ask Inman UMC to come together as a Christian family. A family that loves to spend time with each other. A family that will be there for each other in a time of need. A family that will help build our individual families stronger in Christ.

I am suggesting a new idea to help bring us together. A place where we can put down our phones and tablets long enough to talk to each other and to share the time that God has given us. I would like to start a family game ministry here at Inman UMC. This ministry will consist of church wide family game nights for all ages. This will be a place where you can bring a game to share with others or to come and learn something new. We are currently working on a game club with Inman Elementary School to teach 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders how to play and teach board games. Once a month, the children in the board game club will have the opportunity to invite their family to attend a game club family night hosted at Inman UMC. The students in the club will share a meal with their family members and teach a new board game they have learned during the club meetings to their families. Each family will be paired with a person in the church, who will serve as the table host at the family game night. The table host will be responsible for serving the family during meal time, engaging in faith discussions, and serve as the table leader that will assist the child in teaching the game as needed. This new program will help build family communication and connection. I also think it will be a great way to open our doors to families in our area and invite them to be a part of our family here at Inman UMC.

I have been praying for new creative ways to help bring us together and to build relationships with those in our community. Let's come together and step out on faith for this new ministry opportunity.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tommy

# Board Game Ministry: Play to Love

## Seeking Truth, Fellowship, and Love through Board Games

Play to LOVE is a ministry whose purpose and goal is to bring individuals and families closer together through Jesus Christ using Board and Card Games. Inman United Methodist Church will have an opportunity to start a new and creative ministry. Pastor Tommy will be starting a gaming ministry that partners with Inman Elementary School. This ministry will teach 3rd through 5th graders how to play and teach games. The children and their families will be invited to a dinner and game night once a month hosted by our church. Church members will be serving the families and joining in conversation with families. After the meal is finished the children will then have an opportunity to teach the game they have learned to their family.

The goal for this ministry is to help build family communication skills and to help us, as Inman UMC, to build relationships with our community. I hope you will join us for this ministry. All volunteers are welcome and needed for this new ministry.

We have received very generous donations of the following games from Brain Games and Calliope Games.



## Joy & Sharing

Joy & Sharing will meet Tuesday, August 14th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share. For more information, see Gloria Reid. We hope to see you there!

## Primetimers

The Primetimers will meet Tuesday, August 28th at 11:30 a.m. at Italian Oven in Fayetteville Please join us! For more information, please see Jean McChargue.



# Outreach

The Outreach Committee is launching a mat ministry for homeless people. While on the mission trip to the UMCOR warehouse last month, members of the Outreach committee learned how to make these mats using plastic shopping bags. The sleeping size mats are weaved from plastic grocery bags on a loom frame. The mats roll up for easy transport, can be used in many ways, and will be given to the homeless. The mats do not hold bacteria, mold, or mildew and can be spray washed. Linda Wagner has graciously offered to construct the looms. The materials and expenses for each loom is \$25. If you are interested in purchasing a loom, place your order with Linda Wagner.

There will be a learning session at the church to learn how to make the mats once everyone interested has a loom. It will be an ongoing ministry project for our church to do on your own time as you desire. When we have a supply of mats, we will provide them to local homeless organizations. There is a container in the Fellowship Hall to collect plastic grocery bags.



Donna Stilwell, Deborah Morris, and Donna McChargue at the UMCOR warehouse in Decatur, Alabama





# Impact

The Inman Children and Youth started June by volunteering at IMPACT in Griffin with Square Foot Ministries. This year our team worked at the Garden/Community Center helping pull weeds, install a compost bin, repair fencing, cleaning the exterior of the building, and cleaning out gutters. Several of our youth have also been back down volunteering with Square Foot Ministries working to install siding and applying caulking on the new homes being built on Lynn Lane. *If you would like to help with Impact, we will be participating in another workday on Saturday, August 18th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. See Linda or Dena if you have any questions.*

Our youth are very blessed to have the support of the church, their parents, and adult leaders that enable them to give back to their local community and people in other areas. Thanks to everyone for their prayers, financial support, and donations of time and materials!



# Trustees

The large window on the front of the education building has now be refurbished and the Methodist emblem and cross should be finished and in place in the next month. If you haven't noticed, a large oak tree fell on the north side of the tennis court near the youth house. Fortunately, the tree had been trimmed in 2017 and we incurred no significant damage to the tennis court or the fencing. Due to the size of the downed tree, we will have a professional tree service cut up and remove the fallen tree. For those church members who have any extra time on their hands, we have many maintenance projects which need to be handled in the next six to twelve months. Contact David Harp, Linda Price, Linda Wagner, or Ed Roehm for details or to volunteer to help.

**Wednesday Night Suppers will resume on Wednesday, September 12th. The meal that night will be Mexican, served by our SPR Committee. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help, please see Ed Roehm.**

# MINTER'S FARM

## Heritage Days

**Minter's Farm Heritage Days is coming soon! Mark your calendars for September 21 - 23rd.**

The three-day event, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will showcase the tractors and equipment that once worked the fields around the show grounds at 283 Hills Bridge Road, and there are many other exhibits that make the show far more than just tractors and engines, although those are the most popular for many who attend. Featured exhibits include a pottery exhibit complete with a wood-fired kiln, broom-making, weaving, threshing, syrup-making, a blacksmith shop, a sawmill, a 100-year-old printing press, and a moonshine still.

There also will be pedal tractors for kids to ride, food vendors, displays of various other crafts and music. There is no admission fee for Inman Farm Heritage Days, but you can help offset the cost by purchasing the programs, t-shirts, and other items that will be for sale.

Inman UMC volunteers every year at Heritage Days. If you would like to help with crafts, first aid, or other tasks, please see Dena Anderson.

## Camp Shoreline

Our Children's Department had the blessing to attend Camp Shoreline in Lagrange last month. Shoreline is a lake based camp of the Glisson program through the North Georgia Conference. The camp offers Godly guidance in a fun and water filled week, that included, music, chapel, crafts, sailing, boating, swimming, rock walls, camping, fishing, fellowship, and so much more. We look forward to taking a much larger group of third -twelfth graders next year.





## Our Prayers

### **For healing from health concerns**

Jayne Akeman  
Carlos Allen (Gloria Reid's brother)  
Wanda Anderick (Nancy Allgood)  
Anna Anderson (Angus Anderson)  
Sara Ballard  
Ray Barday (Charles Cox)  
Liz Beardon (Judy Becco's sister)  
Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)  
Cameron Cathey (deployed to Iraq)  
Brad Cook  
Darleen Cornelison  
Kathy Cottrell (Kay Cox)  
Charles Cox  
Nancy Dunaway (Mary Jane Fortner)  
Brenda Durkee  
Arlys Ferrell  
Cheryl Gibbs, aneurysm (Tommy Peacock)  
Luke Gilliam (Jane St. Amour)  
Ed Goins (Kay Cox)  
Nicole Henry, colitis  
Paula Hicks  
Bill LaTerre (Martha Kozisek)  
Tommy Mask  
Agnes McChargue  
Nancy Mullen (Trenton Rigby)  
Skip Petsch (Charles Cox)  
Miriam Schmidt  
Lori Smith  
Roger Starkey  
Katy Swanger  
Dorothy Swanson (Nancy Allgood)  
Lee Wagner (Brad Wagner's father)  
Jeff Wedge  
Rhonda Wheeler (Daughter-in-law of  
George & Lynn Wheeler)  
Don Whiteside

### **For healing from cancer**

Terri Adams (Virginia Adams' daughter)  
Ben Akeman  
Brandon Brown (Claire Starkey)  
Sandy Burns (Kay Cox)  
Wayne Byrd (Cyndie Hogeland)  
Barbi Charles (Dena Anderson)  
Nancy Cox (Cox's sister-in-law)  
Marcie Daudry (Brenda Neupert)  
Walter Delia (Martha Kozisek)  
Dan Dudley (Pat Pratt)  
Jack Fowler (Katy Fowler)  
Mary Lee Giddings  
Donna Hilton (Claire Starkey)  
Matt Kirkindall  
Marvin Markham  
Harry Martin (George & Lynn Wheeler)  
Barbara Redmon (Nancy Allgood)  
James Rideout, bone marrow transplant  
Katie Schmidt (Brenda Schachle)  
Joey Shelton (Debora Morris)  
Ann Talant (Caroline Akeman)  
Brent Taylor (Jim & Karen Blue)  
George Wheeler  
John Williams (Arlys Ferrell)  
Louise Woods (Ann Hembree)  
Kay Young (Forrest & Sara Ballard)

### **For those mourning the death of these loved ones**

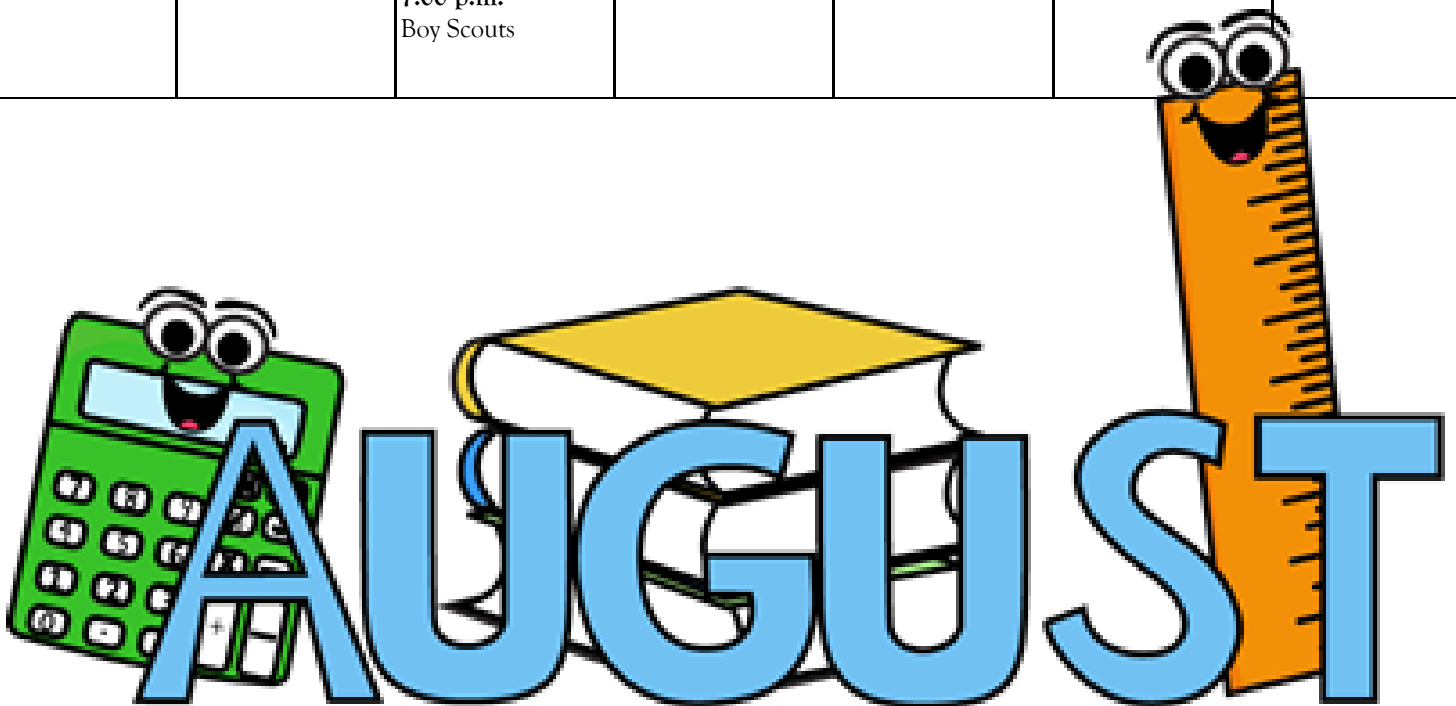
Albert Williams  
Lindsey Powell

### **Other Concerns**

For the children and youth programs of  
Inman  
Unspoken prayers of the congregation

# AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31 11:30 a.m. Primetimers 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	1 6:00 p.m. Youth Encounter	2	3	4
5 Holy Communion Noisy Buckets	6	7 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	8 5:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	9	10	11
12 Youth Braves Game	13	14 11:30 a.m. Joy & Sharing 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	15 1:30 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting	16 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Recruitment Event	17	18 Christmas in August Shoebox Packing Party 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Impact Work Day
19 12:15 p.m. Children/Youth Council	20	21 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	22 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	23	24	25
26	27	28 11:30 a.m. Primetimers 6:30 p.m. UMM 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	29 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	30	31	



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**United  
Methodist  
Women**

We are excited to  
announce "Christmas in  
August!" Our mission for  
August is Samaritan's Purse  
Operation Christmas Child.

We will be assembling shoe-

box gifts for children around the world. You can participate by donating items for the shoeboxes, filling your own shoebox, or participating in the shoebox packing party on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Shoeboxes and a list of suggested items are available in the bulletin and at the Landing Get Togethers during the months of August.

#### Upcoming dates to remember:

- August 18<sup>th</sup> - Gathering to fill the shoeboxes
- September 23<sup>th</sup> - "All Daughter's Luncheon"

May God bless you, Joni Janssen, President



Please mark your calendars for our annual UMM "Chicken Q" will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2018. As most members know, this is the UMM's big fundraiser of the year and needs everyone's support to be successful. All the profits will again be used for church projects and to support local community non-profits including Fayette Samaritans, Inman Elementary Angel Tree fund, Murphy Harpst, and Square Foot Ministry. Chicken Q tickets will be available in August at the 8:45 and 11 A.M. services. If you need any additional tickets or have any questions, please contact Mike Barb, Charles Cox or Ed Roehm..

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## August Birthdays



**BIRTHDAYS  
THIS MONTH**

Brenda Neupert	Aug 6
Cathy Herron	Aug 7
Charys Hogeland	Aug 9
Caroline Akeman	Aug 12
Cyndie Hogeland	Aug 16
Herm Janssen	Aug 19
Bill Maloney	Aug 19
Shelly Scurry	Aug 19
Sharon Elliott	Aug 22
Fay Wofford	Aug 23
Donna Stilwell	Aug 28
Martha Kozisek	Aug 29
David Harp	Aug 31

If you see that a birthday is missing, please notify the church office so that we can make the correction in our database.