

# *The Inman Informer*



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## A New Song for the New Year

*“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” (Isaiah 43:19 NIV)*

Happy New Year! What images come to mind when you think of the New year? The cartoon of the Old, wizened year limping out, while the brash baby New Year comes crawling in? Perhaps it's the parties you may attend, the joy of ringing in the New year with family and friends. Perhaps for its watching the Bowl games on January 1st. I've always associated the New Year with the smell of black eyed peas and turnip greens or cabbage being cooked. My parents firmly believed the eating of greens for money and black-eyed peas for coins in some form, on the first day of the year would bring good luck for the rest of the year. It is one of those crazy superstitions.

I'd like to suggest that New Year's Day needs is a better song. We sing Auld Lang Syne, when to be honest, those are the only three words of that song we know, and we don't even know what they mean. We might as well make singing "Louie, Louie" our New Year's Eve song. We don't know the words to that either, but the music and the beat are much better. We need a better song than garbled, melancholy songs about how quickly life is passing us by, or missed opportunities or missed love. And perhaps that's the problem with most New Year's Eve songs. They want to look back to the past rather than the future. And looking back, while making us nostalgic, can also cause us pain and sadness.

So, let me suggest we join with a new song this year. And here is the good news - it's a song, no matter what your past year has been, you can sing. It fits your life because it's written especially for you. It's a song I hope and pray you will hear and begin to sing not just during New Year's Eve, but every day. It's the song we hear God singing in the Scripture above. It's the song God sang through Isaiah to the captives as He promised the coming of the Messiah. It's the song God put on the lips of the Angels as they announced the birth of Christ to the Shepherds. It's the Song Jesus whispers to Nicodemus in John 3:3. He sang it to Paul on the road to Damascus. It was the song in the midst of the flames as they fell on the Disciples on the Day of Pentecost. It's the song Jesus has sung in the life of every new believer. It's the song He sings to you.

See, I am doing a new thing! Can there be any greater lyric? Jesus says to you, right now I am doing a new thing in your life. Not a retread or a cover of an old song. I am doing a new thing in your life. What a great God we must have who can do a new thing in our lives. No matter how far down the rabbit hole of sin you may have fallen, Jesus is doing a new thing in your life. No matter how many times you have failed Him, He is doing a new thing in your life. No matter how much guilt or regret you carry, Jesus is going to do a new thing in your life. I don't care how many layers of callouses you have allowed to grow over your heart, the song of Jesus can penetrate them. You can be made new!

Now it springs up! Do you not perceive it? Can't you feel it? Do you not hear the song of a new life sung into your heart today? I am doing a new thing, I have come to make all things new, you must be Born Again. It's your song. God wants more for us than simply "do overs". He hasn't come to simply forgive us of our sins and encourage us to try harder. No, He has come to make us new. New!

As we come to this New Year will you allow the presence of the Holy Spirit to make a way in the wilderness of your soul? Will you experience the streams in the wasteland of your dry and barren heart? Oh, that you might take this song as yours and be made new, alive, and fruitful.

Hear and sing God's song today and every day. May you truly experience the joy of a New Year.

And sing God's song.

In Christ,

Pastor Tommy



## Angel Tree

The Outreach Committee thanks you, the members of our Church, for your prayerful support and generous giving to our Angel Tree Missions for Christmas. The children you supported will have a very Merry Christmas.

## Backpack Buddies Ministries

Thank you all for your continued support in supplying our needs and helping with the assembling on Wednesday evenings. We will be resuming packing of backpacks on Wednesday, January 3rd and hope you will join us as we help to meet the needs of children and families in our community.



## Church Photo Directory

your information with the secretary so that it will be correct for the new directory. You can leave a note with your updated information on the secretary's desk, call the church office at 770-461-2123, or send an email to [secretary@inmanmethodist.org](mailto:secretary@inmanmethodist.org).

## Directory Photos

If you ordered directory photos and had them delivered to the church, they are available to be picked up in the Landing on Sundays or in the Secretary's office during the week.

If your address or phone number has changed in the last year and you have not already done so, please be sure to update all of



## Joy & Sharing

Joy & Sharing will meet Tuesday, January 9th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, see Gloria Reid. We hope to see you there!

## Primetimers

The Primetimers will meet Tuesday, January 23rd at 11:30 a.m. The location will be announced in the bulletin. Please join us! For more information, see Jean McChargue.

# January Mission

Our mission focus for the month of January is the Fayette Samaritans. The Altar Rail and Noisy Bucket collections for January will be given to this local mission. Fayette Samaritans provide resources of food, clothing, and financial assistance to families in the Fayette County area. They have a list of needed items for the month of January. All donated items can be placed in the boxes located in the Landing or the Fellowship Hall.

Items currently needed: canned chicken, canned beef stew, canned fruit, canned chili, canned spaghetti sauce, mac & cheese, dry instant potatoes, jelly, toilet paper, & detergent.

The Clothes Closet is in need of the following items: girls' clothes size 4-18, boys' clothes size 4-18, men's shirts size small and medium; new socks for men, women, boys, and girls.

They are also in need of volunteers in all areas of the organization. If you know anyone who would be interested in volunteering, please have them call the volunteer coordinator at 770-719-2707.



## Landing Get-Togethers

Each Sunday, following the 8:45 a.m. service and again between Sunday School and the 11:00 a.m. service, a group in our church will sponsor a brief time of hospitality on the stair landing. During the month of January, the Pathfinders and TBA Sunday school classes will be promoting our Sunday School programs. Stop by to see how you can get involved.

The Outreach Committee has planned for the followings groups to host the Landing Get-Togethers for the coming year:

January	Sunday Schools - Pathfinders and TBA
February	Sunday Schools - Youth and Children
March	ASP
April	Special Needs
May	Outreach Committee to promote Missions
June	VBS Sign up



# Fellowship Groups

Inman has a few small groups that each gather for a meal and fellowship once a month. In January, the times for the group meetings are as follows:

- The 1st Friday Lunch Group will meet January 5th, at 12:00 noon. Location will be announced soon.
- The 1st Monday Dinner Group will meet January 8th at 6:30 p.m. Location will be announced soon.
- The 3rd Friday Dinner Group will meet January 19th at 7:00 p.m. Location will be announced soon.

Wednesday Evening Fellowship Meals are at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Adults and Teens are \$7.00 and Children ages 3-12 are \$3.00. Please fill out a form found in the pews in the sanctuary or call the church office by Tuesday with your reservation. Please join us for a meal and time of fellowship together, and maybe stay for Choir practice, Adult Bible Study, TeamKID, or Youth Ensemble.

The meal schedule for January is as follows:

1/3	Chicken	SPRC
1/10	Lasagna	Finance
1/17	Pork Roast (kids - chicken nuggets)	Worship
1/24	Meat Loaf (kids - hot dogs)	Outreach
1/31	Mexican	Trustees



## Fellowship Meal



## TeamKID

We have successfully completed our first semester of TeamKID. It is such a blessing to watch the children who attend TeamKID grow in their knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Over the past semester, the children have learned 10 bible verses, bible stories, and the various missionaries of the United Methodist Church. The children have also participated in several mission projects here at Inman including the flood buckets, the back pack ministry, Operation Christmas Child, and most recently the Christmas baskets for the shut-ins. TeamKID is not only a ministry at Inman United Methodist Church but also answers the call that Jesus gave when He said, "Let the children come unto me." The amazing work of TeamKID would not be possible without our diligent youth and adult volunteers. If you would like to see the work of TeamKID in action and help the children learn of God's great love for them please see Dena Anderson to learn how you can get involved.

This next semester will be filled with more learning about God, using the Bible, and living for Jesus. If you know a child (neighbor, grandchild, your own child), please invite them to attend TeamKID on Wednesdays at 6:30. p.m.



## Children & Youth Ministries

Dear Church Body,

My name is Dena Anderson and I am excited to be serving as your Children and Youth Coordinator for Inman United Methodist as of December 1, 2017. I will be overseeing the children, middle school, and high school programs. I live with my beautiful family (of five children) here in Fayetteville. We feel blessed to be a part of Inman and the community.

I have had the privilege of meeting and building relationships with so many families here already at Inman United Methodist and I look forward to getting to know your family better as well. There are many, varied opportunities for children and youth to build community, grow in faith, get connected to church life, participate in service, and learn more about their Christian identity. The children and youth groups provide a safe, welcoming place for your child to have fun and have faith!

I am excited to announce that Children's Church will resume on January 7<sup>th</sup> and continue each Sunday during the 11:00 a.m. service. This will be a fun faith-building time for all children from 2 years old to fifth grade. We will also be starting a new and exciting Bible study in youth called "The Thread". It is a wonderful, multi-faceted study that connects the old and New Testament in a 360-degree approach to teach and equip your student with faith building, relative, and creative resources and knowledge. This study, combined with dinner and fun, will begin again on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:pm at the Youth House for youth in grades 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Thank you for allowing me to be a partner in ministry with your child. This is truly a ministry that we share and therefore your input and communication is vital and appreciated! I welcome you to come along side us as we work to grow each aspect of our congregation.

My door is always open. If there are ever any questions, comments, or ideas you'd like to share with me--please feel free to do so!

God bless you and your family!

Dena Anderson, Children & Youth Coordinator



## Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help with Sunday Children's Church, which takes place during the 11:00 a.m. service, beginning on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. This would be on a rotating basis. We are also in need of volunteers for our youth ministry on Sunday evenings. If you would like more information about this opportunity to serve the children of our church, please see Dena Anderson.

# Our Prayer List

## **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)  
Judy Becco  
Charlotte Booth (Martha Kozisek)  
DeLois Casebier, kidney disease  
Jess Cash (Kathy Stower's sister)  
Brad Cook  
Brenda Durkee  
Arlys Ferrell, surgery  
Shannon Fowler  
Cheryl Gibbs, aneurysm (Tommy Peacock)  
Junior Hale, stroke  
Nicole Henry, colitis  
Rogelio Henry, hip replacement (Gloria Reid)  
Paula Hicks  
Jean Hilten (Claire Starkey's aunt)  
Jerry Mask  
Lenny Mayfield (Herm Janssen)  
Agnes McChargue (Jean McChargue's cousin)  
Tiny Peebles  
Jack Price  
Miriam Schmidt  
Thelma Shackelford  
Claire Starkey  
John Stevens  
Ursala Strickland (Linda DeLisle's mother and Eve's grandmother)  
Katy Swanger  
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)  
Shannan Archer (Arlys Ferrell)  
Ben Akeman  
Brandon Brown (Claire Starkey)  
Pat Cooper (Jane St. Amour)  
Nancy Cox (Cox's sister-in-law)  
Walter Delia (Martha Kozisek)  
Berta Folds (John & Patty Rigby)  
Mary Lee Giddings  
Susan Hale (Janet Hilten's sister)  
Gina Henderliter (step-daughter of Carolyn Kramlich)  
Donna Hilton (Claire Starkey)  
Matt Kirkindall  
Marvin Markham  
Harry Martin (George & Lynn Wheeler)  
Kim Moss (Arlys Ferrell)  
James Rideout, bone marrow transplant  
Mike Sams  
Katie Schmidt (Brenda Schachle)  
Lee Turner (Dean Turner)  
Louise Woods (Ann Hembree)

## **Other Concerns**

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

# JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Church Office Closed	2 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	3 5:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble 5:30 p.m. Evening Supper (Chicken - SPRC) 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. TeamKID	4	5	6
7 Holy Communion Noisy Buckets	8	9 11:30 a.m. Joy & Sharing 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	10 5:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble 5:30 p.m. Evening Supper (Lasagna - Finance) 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. TeamKID	11	12	13 10:00 a.m. United Methodist Women
14	15 Life Line Screening	16 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	17 5:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble 5:30 p.m. Evening Supper (Pork Roast, Kids Chicken nuggets - Worship) 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. TeamKID	18	19	20
21 12:15 p.m. Children/Youth Council	22	23 11:30 a.m. Primetimers 6:30 p.m. UMM 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	24 5:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble 5:30 p.m. Evening Supper (Meat Loaf, Kids hot dogs - Outreach) 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. TeamKID	25	26	27
28	29	30 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	31 5:00 p.m. Youth Ensemble 5:30 p.m. Evening Supper (Mexican - Trustees) 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. TeamKID			

**January**

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## United Methodist Women

UMW will meet on Saturday, January 13th at 10:00 a.m. In the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us as we plan our activities for the year at this meeting.

Our Christmas Craft and Bake Sale Bazaar was a success again this year. Thank you for the crafts and baked goods you provided. We truly are grateful for your continued support.

May God bless you,  
Joni Janssen, President



Jasmine Akeman	1/8
Glynis Tant	1/16
Teresa Ivey	1/18
Mickey Harp	1/19
Malcolm Hill	1/20
Ken Scurry	1/24
Junior Hale	1/25

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

Happy New Year