

# Inman Informer

October

## *The Quiet Shape of Love*

Some time ago, a member of a church I previously served came to see me. She sat down and said, "Pastor, I feel like I'm just surviving my days. Raising three children is exhausting enough and caring for my aging parents leaves me completely worn out. I want to do something meaningful for God, but I just don't have the time or energy. Most of my life feels filled with small, repetitive, ordinary tasks."

I could see the weariness in her eyes. I sat with what she had said for a while, and a thought came to me:

Maybe most of the truly important things in life are made up of small and repeated things.

Perhaps that is because small, faithful acts often look the most like love.

A parent caring for a child day after day. Someone preparing breakfast every morning. Someone quietly keeping a home together. Washing, cleaning, driving, checking in, remembering, showing up. These things may not look impressive from the outside. They may feel repetitive and unnoticed.

But it is through these small, repeated, ordinary acts of care that children grow and families are sustained.

Maybe love is not usually one great thing that happens on one remarkable day.

Maybe love is built out of the small things we choose to do again and again.

New York Times columnist David Brooks once wrote:

"I have been thinking about the difference between résumé virtues and eulogy virtues. Résumé virtues are the skills you list on your résumé, the qualities you bring to the marketplace. Eulogy virtues are the ones mentioned in your eulogy, and they are deeper. Who are you at your core? What is the character of your relationships? Are you courageous, loving, reliable, and consistent? Most of us would agree that eulogy virtues are more important. But do we live our lives focusing on them the most? The answer, in most cases, is no."

My prayer is that this is what our lives—and our church—would look like.

Sometimes it is as simple as asking someone how they are doing and truly listening.

Sometimes it is handing out a bulletin, sitting with someone who is sick or grieving, bringing a meal, cleaning the church, helping with a small ministry, or taking a few minutes each day to pray for our church and our neighbors.

None of these things may seem extraordinary.

Some of them repeat week after week, without applause or recognition.

But love rarely asks us to be extraordinary.

More often, it asks us to be faithful.

So perhaps this month, won't you join us in that kind of small, faithful service?

Call someone just to ask how they are doing. Come to a church event and ask, "Is there something small I can help with?" Help put the chairs back after worship. Join the choir. Give a little of your time to our children.

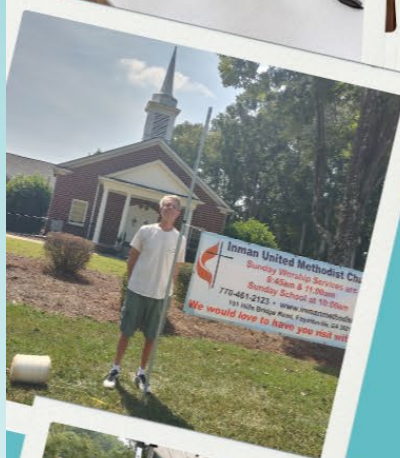
It does not have to be something big.

It may simply be one small act of faithfulness in the middle of an ordinary day.

And through those small acts of faithfulness, we may leave behind something more beautiful than anything that could ever be written on a résumé: a life shaped by love.

In Christ

Rev. Daniel Chung Ho Lee



ENJOY SNAPSHOTS FROM THE  
PAST MONTH AROUND INMAN.  
FROM SUNDAY SERVICES, TO ALL  
DAUGHTER'S LUNCHEON, AND  
INMAN FARM HERITAGE DAYS AT  
THE BRUSH ARBOR, GOD IS  
PRESENT IN IT ALL!



# Children's Church Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested in  
helping in Children's Church,  
please sign up on the bulletin  
board in the staff hallway.



## Financial Report for August 2026

| INCOME                                               | Aug 2026           | Jan-Aug 2026                                         | Annual Budget This Year |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| GIFTS & TITHES                                       | \$22,275.30        | \$130,258.90                                         | \$0.00                  |
| OTHER REVENUE                                        | \$5.91             | \$1,906.28                                           | \$0.00                  |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL INCOME</b>                            | <b>\$22,281.21</b> | <b>\$132,165.18</b>                                  | <b>\$0.00</b>           |
| EXPENSES                                             | Aug 2026           | Jan-Aug 2026                                         | Annual Budget This Year |
| PROGRAM EXPENDITURES                                 | \$108.74           | \$1,710.33                                           | \$27,525.00             |
| OPERATIONAL EXPENSES                                 | \$2,396.79         | \$35,567.67                                          | \$57,120.00             |
| ALL OTHER EXPENSES                                   | \$11,7804.62       | \$101,895.68                                         | \$178,329.20            |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                          | <b>\$14,210.15</b> | <b>\$139,173.68</b>                                  | <b>\$262,974.20</b>     |
| <b>Net Total for July</b><br>(Income minus Expenses) | <b>\$8,571.06</b>  | <b>Net Total for Year</b><br>(Income minus Expenses) | <b>\$ -7,008.50</b>     |

## Happy Birthday to

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Joann Turner      | October 1  |
| Craig Zoeliner    | October 9  |
| Collin Gibson     | October 14 |
| Dixie Berner      | October 18 |
| Mary Jane Fortner | October 18 |
| Linda DeLisle     | October 18 |
| Linda Chaffin     | October 19 |
| Mindi Black       | October 20 |
| Melanie Maloney   | October 23 |
| Drew Brisbois     | October 23 |

### Offering Counters

|                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| <i>October 4</i>  | Kathy B. & Arlys F.  |
| <i>October 11</i> | Brenda N. & Sarah F. |
| <i>October 18</i> | <b>Volunteer</b>     |
| <i>October 25</i> | Joni J. & Brisbois   |

### Securing the Building

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| <i>October 4</i>  | Kathy B.         |
| <i>October 11</i> | <b>Volunteer</b> |
| <i>October 18</i> | <b>Volunteer</b> |
| <i>October 25</i> | Brisbois         |

### Our Staff

**Rev. Daniel Chung Ho Lee, Pastor**  
pastor@inmanmethodist.org

**Frank Stembridge, Pianist**  
pianist@inmanmethodist.org

**Katie Nalley, Secretary**  
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### Office Hours

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

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

# *For our Prayers*

## ***For Healing From Health Concerns***

Nancy Allgood  
Scott Brown (Mary Jane Fortner)  
Heather Carlin (Herm Janssen)  
Cheryl Chance  
Will Chance  
Madge Cox (Lyn Wheeler)  
Whitney Dunlap (Brenda Neupert)  
Sharon Elliott  
Mary Jane Fortner  
Brenda Harp  
Lee Hartman (Linda Chapman)  
Ed Hicks  
Robert Ihnen (Herm Janssen)  
Kathe Leo (Nancy Allgood)  
Jack Lostlen (Joni Janssen)  
Deborah Morris  
Sara Jane Overstreet  
Chris Payne (Forrest Ballard)  
Pat Pratt  
Riley Rada (Kim Jeffords)  
Gloria Reid  
Miriam Schmidt  
Ruth Sitton  
Keith Sparks (Mary Jane Fortner)  
Lisa Spears (Nancy Allgood)  
Diane Tankersley (Donald Whiteside)  
Steve Underwood  
Doug Wheeler  
Rhonda Wheeler (George & Lyn Wheeler)  
Chance Whittington (Will Chance)

## ***For Healing From Cancer***

Judy Becco  
Tom Brisbois  
Lenoir Culbertson (Janet Hilten)  
Tory Howe (Ruth Sitton)  
Linda Jeffords  
Joey Swanger  
George Wheeler

## ***For Those Mourning the Death of Loved Ones***

Katy Fowler  
Jim Minter  
Barbara Ponzio

## ***Other Concerns***

For the children/youth of Inman UMC

For our Church Leadership Board

For our Pastor, District Superintendent (Rev. Dr. Julie Boone), Bishop (Bishop Robin Dease), and leaders of the United Methodist Church.

Unspoken prayers of the congregation

Please help keep our Prayer List  
updated by forwarding changes  
and updates to the office at  
[secretary@inmanmethodist.org](mailto:secretary@inmanmethodist.org)

# OCTOBER

# 2026

| SUN                            | MON                                   | TUE                     | WED                                               | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
|                                |                                       |                         | 1                                                 | 2   | 3   |     |
| 4<br>World Communion<br>Sunday | 5<br>Leadership Board<br>12:15        | 6<br>Staff Meeting 10am | 7<br>Choir 6:30pm                                 | 8   | 9   | 10  |
| 11                             | 12                                    | 13<br>UWIF 2pm          | 14<br>Choir 6:30pm                                | 15  | 16  | 17  |
| 18<br>Laity Sunday             | 19<br>Annual Charge<br>Conference 6pm | 20                      | 21<br>Men's Club<br>Breakfast 9am<br>Choir 6:30pm | 22  | 23  | 24  |
| 25                             | 26                                    | 27                      | 28<br>Choir 6:30pm                                | 29  | 30  | 31  |