

# Inman United Methodist Church

## Informer

October 2025

Rev. Joe Blackwelder, Pastor

### From Bill McCartha

Our annual charge conference has been scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 26, and one of the things we'll do there is approve a slate of officers and committee members for 2026.

I've served on a number of these committees through the years and, no sugar-coating, it ain't always easy. It can be time-consuming and a bit of a hassle. Sometimes more than a bit. Resources are limited, the challenges are real, and people can and will disagree about what's best for the church and its work in our community.

Despite all that, I enjoy it, because I see demonstrated, again and again and again, the essence of our statement of faith played out.

When people with sharply different viewpoints give one another the benefit of the doubt ...

When they argue opposing sides, sometimes with heat, and then find the grace to laugh and hug about it afterward ...

When they put aside ego and find joy, or at least a trace of hope, in the work of this little church and the promise of our future ...

... then they are putting flesh to the words: *"We are connected because we are family. We gather because we all have something to share. We encourage each other and hold each other accountable, but most of all, we love one another."*

It is a rare and special privilege to see people uphold those words. It doesn't happen everywhere. It does happen here.

All to say, please consider helping us. As pastor, Joe is the head of the committee on nominations. Also on the committee: Paulette McAllister, Cheryl Monk, Beverly Abrams, Sheryl Slaton and Vicki McCartha.

If you are willing to help, just let one of them know. The governing committees are Finance, Trustees, Staff-Parish Relations (a fancy way of saying Personnel) and, tying those together, the Administrative Council. We also need volunteers for the very important work of the Shiloh Committee, which oversees and plans for events at that historic church; the Nurture Committee, which visits the sick and homebound, and the Worship Committee, which oversees dozens of little details that make everything run smoothly on Sunday morning.

And yes, you can serve on more than one committee — double (or even triple) the hassle at no extra charge. But most of all, we love one another.

## Condolences

Our condolences go to the family and friends of two special women.

Betty Scott, wife of George Scott, passed away Wednesday, September 24 after a long illness.

On Thursday, September 25, Cathy Stokes' mother, Marcine Anderson, passed away. Cathy had been her in-home caregiver for several years.

### **Offerings and Other Income for July 2025**

Food Pantry	\$ 260
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<b>General Budget Monthly Need 2025</b>	\$ 11,310
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Offering to General Budget for July	\$ 6,847
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Budget Year-to-Date (end of July)	\$ - 10,112.06
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### **Offerings and Other Income for August 2025**

Food Pantry	\$ 350
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<b>General Budget Monthly Need 2025</b>	\$ 11,310
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Offering to General Budget for August	\$ 7,175
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Budget Year-to-Date (end of August)	\$ - 14,247.06
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### **Offerings and Other Income for September 2025**

Food Pantry	\$ 970
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Donation to Epworth Work Day	\$ 645
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<b>General Budget Monthly Need 2025</b>	\$ 11,310
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Offering to General Budget for September	\$ 4,417
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Budget Year-to-Date (end of September)	\$ -21,140.06
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# What's Happening?



George Scott, Gus Jenkins and Jean Champaign celebrating Gus' 90 birthday.

Amanda Crago married Gaurav Bohara September 20, 2025. Here they are at the reception at the old Shiloh Church, surrounded by some Inman UMC folks, past and present.



Pastor Joe looks on as Deanne sings Beulah Land, August 31.



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10 – 11:30 Line Dance Bible Study @ Aldersgate 6:30 Choir Practice	2 <b>Bart Sistare</b> 6 – 7 Zumba	3 <b>William Gentry</b>	4 <b>Amanda Bohara &amp; Vicki McCarthy</b> 10-12 Narcotics Anon. 5:30 - 9:30 Roadhouse Band
5 <b>Bill Verdell</b> 10:00 Sunday School 11:15 Worship	6 8:30-9:30 Coffee at Bojangles 10 – 11:30 Line Dance 6-7 Zumba	7 8-10 Food Pantry Bible Study @ IUMC 11:00 in Parlor Kaleidoscope Learning 1:30-3:30 7-9 Sq Dance Lessons	8 10 – 11:30 Line Dance Bible Study @ Aldersgate 6:30 Choir Practice	9 <b>Nancy Holden &amp; Cathy Stokes</b> 6 – 7 Zumba	10 <b>George Scott</b> Peach Blossom Sq Dancers 7-9:30	11 10-12 Narcotics Anon. 5:30 - 9:30 Roadhouse Band
12 10:00 Sunday School 11:15 Worship	13 8:30-9:30 Coffee at Bojangles 10 – 11:30 Line Dance 6-7 Zumba	14 8-10 Food Pantry Bible Study @ IUMC 11:00 in Parlor Kaleidoscope Learning 1:30-3:30 7-9 Sq Dance Lessons	15 <b>Sandy Dalton</b> 10 – 11:30 Line Dance Bible Study @ Aldersgate 6:30 Choir Practice	16 <b>Molly McCarthy</b> 6 – 7 Zumba	17	18 <b>Deanne Blackwelder, Donna Boiter, &amp; Lew West</b> 10-12 Narcotics Anon. 5:30 - 9:30 Roadhouse Band
19 10:00 Sunday School 11:15 Worship	20 <b>Packy Crago</b> 8:30-9:30 Coffee at Bojangles 10 – 11:30 Line Dance 6-7 Zumba	21 8-10 Food Pantry Bible Study @ IUMC 11:00 in Parlor 7-9 Sq Dance Lessons	22 <b>Ryan Stokes</b> 10 – 11:30 Line Dance Bible Study @ Aldersgate 6:30 Choir Practice	23 6 – 7 Zumba	24 Peach Blossom Sq Dancers 7-9:30	25 <b>Jean McDowell</b> 10-12 Narcotics Anon. 5:30 - 9:30 Roadhouse Band
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