

May 2026

Inman

United Methodist Church



Setting the Captive Free

A little brother and sister went to spend the summer with their grandparents. One day the grandfather made the little boy a slingshot, “Now, be careful with this, and never shoot rocks at people or animals.” “OK, Gramps,” he solemnly promised. He spent the next few days firing rocks at trees, cans, and other make-believe antagonists. Then one morning he spied, far across the pond, his grandmother’s pet duck. Not really aiming, he let fly a rock. It arched through the air and hit the duck squarely in the head.

The little boy, fearing his grandparents’ wrath, desperately searched for a place to hide the dead duck. Finding the perfect place, he hid the duck under the pile of firewood near the barn. As he stood up congratulating himself on his cover-up scheme, he spied his sister watching him from the front porch, “lunch is ready, brotherrrrr.” She drew out “brother” ever so sweetly. “Oh no,” he realized, “she saw everything.” His spirit fell.

All through lunch he was silent. His food sat in his stomach like lead. He waited for his sister to expose his misdeed. She smiled and sat silently eating her sandwich. Then grandmother spoke, “Sally, will you help me wash the dishes?” “I’d be happy to Grandma,” she replied, “but Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen today. Didn’t you, Johnny?” Johnny was considering whether to protest or not, but she leaned toward him and whispered as she left the room, “Remember the duck!” Johnny sat there in grim silence realizing bad days were ahead.

The rest of the week was a nightmare for Johnny. He skipped

Upcoming Events

1. **Sunday Worship Service** -

11:15 AM

2. **Mother’s Day Service** -

May 10 @ 11:15 AM

3. **Shiloh UMC Homecoming** - Potluck at IUMC

May 17 @ 12:30

4. **Shiloh UMC Service** - on the grounds of Shiloh

May 17 at 2:00

5. **Memorial Day** - Church office Closed

May 25

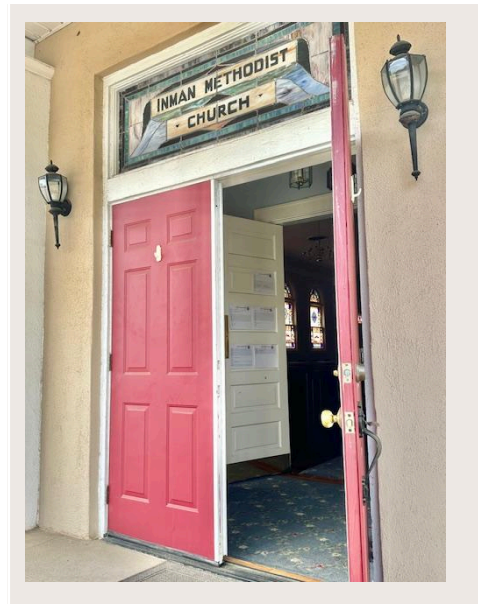
a fishing trip so he could help make supper, and then he graciously let his sister lick the fudge pan. After many days of doing his sister's chores, he could take it no longer. "Grandma," he tearfully confessed, "I didn't mean to, but I killed your duck." "I know Johnny," she gave him a hug, "I was standing at the window. I saw the whole thing. Because I love you, I forgave you. But I had to wait until you were ready to come to me and ask forgiveness. I wondered how long you'd let your sister keep you a slave."

[*Will Daylight Come*, Richard Hoefler]

"A man is a slave to whatever masters him."

"You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of sin."

II Peter 2:19; I Cor 7:23



Memorials

***The following individuals
have given in memory of
Anna Sistare :***

- *Bill & Vicki McCartha*
- *Randy & Sarah Smith*

A memorial service for Anna will be held at 2:00 PM, Monday, May 11, 2026, at Inman United Methodist Church, 27 Bishop Street, Inman, SC. The family will receive friends in the church parlor one hour prior to the service, 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM.



Some of our neighbors spotted enjoying our beautiful memorial garden one sunny morning!

Shiloh United Methodist Church Homecoming

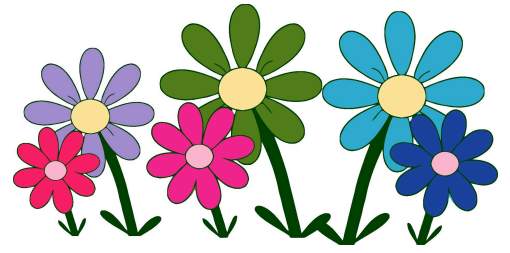
Join us for our annual Shiloh Homecoming service, May 17 at 2:00pm. Shiloh is known as the mother church of several nearby churches; methodist and along with other denominations. The church was left standing after the members closed the doors in 1915 and is the oldest surviving church building in Spartanburg County.

The old candle stands remain on the walls and the original pews still sit in place. Though rather primitive — unpainted, unvarnished, and morticed together with pegs, they are sturdy, inviting, and stubbornly beautiful.

To worship here, to bow your head in the same pews, and to share in the same traditions as those who witnessed the Revolutionary War, the Second Great Awakening, the end of slavery, the first automobiles, and the first World War, is a uniquely holy and moving experience.

INMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 10:00 Sunday School 11:15 Worship | 4 8:30-9:30 Coffee at Bojangles 10 – 11:30 Line Dance 6-7 Zumba | 5 8-10 Food Pantry Bible Study @ IUMC 11:00 in Parlor | 6 10 – 11:30 Line Dance Bible Study @ Aldersgate 6:00 6:30 Choir Practice | 7 6 – 7 Zumba | 8 | 9 10-12 Narcotics Anon. 5:30 - 9:30 Road House Band |
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