

BELL'S MESSENGER



The Newsletter of
Old Union United Methodist Church
& Surrounding Community



December 2012

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Christmas Program and Barbecue Meal

The Christmas Program and FREE Barbecue Meal will be Sunday, December 16th at 6:30 pm. The Young Adult Class once again will have a Free Barbecue Meal after the program. We ask everyone to please bring a dessert that night.

Church Christmas Caroling

The Youth Ministry would like to invite everyone in the church to go Christmas Caroling with us on Sunday, December 2nd. We plan to meet at 6 pm at the church and then leave shortly after for an evening of Christmas Caroling in the Sophia Community. We hope you will join us.

Christmas Parties

It is that time of the year were Sunday School Classes and the Groups in the church will start having their Christmas Parties. Any that would like their Christmas Parties in the Newsletter let me know. The ones I know so far are:

Sunday, December 2nd: Youth Ministry will have their party from 4pm until 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a \$5 gift. Then at 6 pm will go Christmas Caroling in the Community.

Saturday, December 8th: United Methodist Women at Debbie Coggins' Cabin at 10:30 am. Bring a \$5 gift to play Dirty Santa.

Saturday, December 8th: Senior Adult Class Christmas party in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 8th: Adult Sunday School Class Christmas Party at Ricky Frazier's office at 6 pm. Bring a \$5 gift to play Dirty Santa.

Cooked Pork Shoulders for Christmas

The Young Adult Class is now taking orders for their Annual Cooked Pork Shoulders for Christmas. They are \$40 each and includes 1 bottle of Sauce.

They will need to be picked up between 3 pm and 5 pm on Sunday, December 16th or after the Christmas Program. The Last day to order is Thursday, December 13th.

Other Churches Christmas Programs in the Community

Glenola Baptist Church- Live Nativity Scene: Sunday, December 2nd at 5:30 pm

Sophia Christian Church- "A Cricket County Christmas Cruise": Sunday, December 9th at 6 pm and Monday, December 10th at 7pm

Fairview UMC- Christmas Cantata: Sunday, December 23rd at 6 pm

Sophia Baptist Church- "Bethlehem's Big Night": Sunday, December 23rd at 6 pm in their Family Life Center

Christmas Card Box

The Christmas Card Box is in the hall under the bulletin board. It has been updated to the best of our knowledge with at least one person in each household. Start you Christmas Cards now.



History of Old Union UMC
Trivia Question

November's Question: How many years has the Country Buffet been going on?

Answer: 8 years

December's Question: There was a lady was born January 13, 1908 she was a historian for the church, she could remember a lot of what happened in her life time, many people enjoyed talking to her and learning from her and she passed away December 11, 1998. Who was she?

(Answer will be in the January Bell's Messenger)

United Methodist Women

We would like to thank everyone that participated in the 9th Annual Country Buffet and Auction on Saturday, November 10, 2012. As everyone knows we didn't have a Live Auction but a Silent Auction due to not interfering with Keith's Benefit. We are very proud at clearing over \$1300.00 and know it will be very useful in doing God's work in the coming year. We look forward to next year's 10th Annual Country Buffet with Live Auction. All begin to look forward to it.

The next meeting, which is our Christmas Party, will be Saturday, December 8th at 10:30 am at Debbie Coggin's Cabin. All ladies are welcome, Please come we have fun. If you are interested bring a \$5 gift wrapped. We love playing Dirty Santa.

We will also plan our 2013 plans. So come out and put your 2 cents in at our Country Christmas Party.

The January meeting will be Tuesday, January 8th at 6:30 pm. Thank you and have a Merry Christmas from the UMW Ladies.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men would like to thank everyone that bought pork shoulders for Thanksgiving. We made \$1012.00.

The last meeting was Sunday, November 18th at 7 am in the Fellowship Hall. We decided the dates for our Country Breakfasts in 2013. They are March 9th, May 18th and September 21st. Please put these dates on your 2013 calendars. Also Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast will be at Old Union for 2013 on March 31st.

We will not have a December meeting. The next meeting will be Sunday, January 13th at 7 am in the Fellowship Hall. Merry Christmas from the United Methodist Men of Old Union UMC.

United Methodist Youth Ministry

The United Methodist Youth Ministry met Sunday, November 18th, in the Fellowship Hall from 6 pm until 8 pm.

Our December Meeting, which is our Christmas Party, will be Sunday, December 2nd from 4 pm until 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall we will have Pizza and Krispy Kreme Donuts to eat. At the Christmas Party everyone is to bring a \$5 Gift that would be for a boy or a girl. Then at 6 pm we ask anyone in the church that can to join us going Christmas Caroling in the Community.

We have also decided to get a boy and girl off the Angel Tree to buy presents for at Christmas.

We are continuing to sell the Rada Knives etc. What a wonder Christmas Gift!!! If you would like to purchase see any of the Youth Ministry members.

Our January meeting which will be a Sleep over in the Fellowship Hall will be Friday, January 11th starting at 7 pm. Everyone is to bring snacks and drinks for everyone to share. There will be a meal and breakfast provided. Please pick up your children by 9 am.

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Nancy out of town on Vacation

Nancy will be out of town on Vacation from Monday, December 24th through Saturday, January 5th. If there is a death or someone sick you may contact Nancy on her cell phone at (336) 414-4224. If there is a church emergency you may contact Darrell on his cell phone at (336) 906-2393.

The only Sunday Nancy will miss is Sunday, December 30th. Johnny Harvell will be speaking on that Sunday.

Meals After Church

We will continue our tradition in 2013 as we have the last few years. A group or Sunday School class in the church will take one Sunday a month to fix a meal after church for a Fund Raiser.

January 27th: The Young Adult Class will have Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Dessert and Drink after Church

Then we need someone to sign up for the month of February and the month of April. The Month of March we will not have anyone since Easter is Sunday, March 31st. Just let Jeffrey know if you group would like a month and what Sunday you will be doing it.

Worship Nursery

A Worship Nursery will be starting soon for ages 4 and under. Please see Doris Abee for more information.

Church Directories

There has been a slight delay on the Church Directories. We should have them sometime in January.

Missing You Mission

Please remember that if there is any person that you have noticed that is not at church and would like a card sent to them, please write their name on paper provided in the pews and give them to Linda Byrd or place them in the offering plate.

Dustin's Address

A1C Spillman, Dustin L
101 Airman Circle 2112
Offutt AFB, NE 68113-2070

Scheduled Board Meetings 2013

Sunday, January 27th at 2pm
Sunday, April 7th at 2 pm
Sunday, July 14th at 2 pm
Sunday, October 20th at 2 pm

Shut Ins Addresses

Ted Bame
1333 Commonwealth Road
Randleman, NC 27317

Mabel Farlow
5080 Walker Mill Road
Sophia, NC 27350

Church Cleaning Schedule

December: Whomever has Christmas Program.
January: Terry Parrish & Lesa Luckado

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Please forgive me if your Birthday or Anniversary has not been included in the Newsletter. I only publish the ones that I have been given. If you would like yours to be included please give all your family's birthdays and anniversary on an index card or piece of paper. Thanks.

Birthdays

December:

12/3: Toni Brown
12/4: Lukas Blakely
12/5: Jeffrey Smith
12/12: Brayden Gladden
12/16: Ron Byrd
12/20: Zack Stinnett
12/21: Nellie Johnson
12/28: Dalton Spillman

January:

1/6: Darrell Spillman
1/8: Lovier Stephens
1/8: Luke Johnson
1/9: John Johnson
1/15: Jaylyn Gladden
1/18: Tommy Johnson
1/19: Chris Stinnett
1/24: Alex Johnson
1/28: Michele Blakely
1/31: Lynda Spillman

Anniversaries

January:

1/21: John & Jan Johnson

Newsletter Submissions

Please have all newsletter submissions for the December edition of the Bell's Messenger to me by Sunday, December 30th. Remember my email is jws13@northstate.net.

United Methodist Woman Country Buffet



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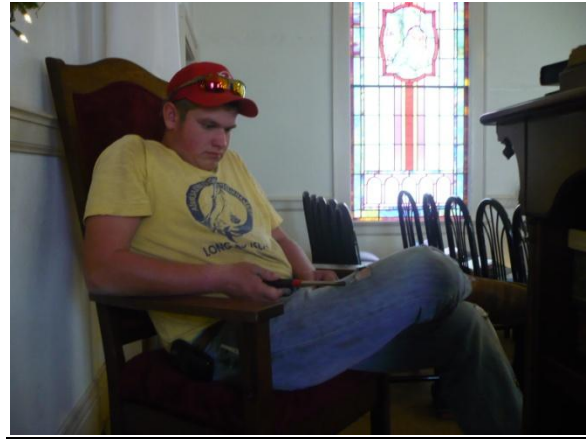


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Young Adult Class Decorating





United Methodist Men Pork Shoulders

