

# BELL'S MESSENGER



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## Porch on Side of Fellowship Hall

At the last called Board Meeting after church the Board decided to build a 10x17 porch with roof on side of Fellowship Hall. It will cover both doors and there will be 2 lights installed. Construction will be starting shortly. While construction is going on you can still access the Fellowship Hall through the door under the shelter.

## Pastor Parish Relations Committee Meeting

There will be a Pastor Parish Relations Committee Meeting on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be an hour video then discussion. Members are: Jeffrey Smith, Clarence Knight, Delbert Spillman, Alex Johnson, Ricky Frazier, Ashley Case & Darrell Spillman. Also Seth Smith & Cherry Crotts who just came off at the end of 2012 will need to attend.

## Meals After Church

We will continue our tradition this year 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 27<sup>th</sup>:** The Young Adult Class will have Hot Dogs, Homemade Potato Salad, Homemade Baked Beans, Dessert and Drink after Church. Price will be Donations.

Invite Everyone:

**February 17<sup>th</sup>:** The Senior Adult Class will be doing a meal. Menu will be announced.

Then we need someone to sign up for the month of April. The Month of March we will not have anyone since the

United Methodist Men will have a Country Breakfast on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and Easter is Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Just let Jeffrey know if you group would like the month of April and what Sunday you will be doing it.

## Church Bowling Outing

We are going to continue another tradition that anyone in the church that would like to go we will be getting a group together to go bowling on Sunday, February 24. We will be going to High Point Bowling Center on Fairfield Road in High Point. On Sundays it is a \$1 for Shoes and \$1 per game all day. The Lanes are not reserved they are first come basis. More details will be following soon about plans for dinner that day. If you would like to go that Sunday let Jeffrey know by the end of the Month.

## Country Breakfast for 2013

The Country Breakfasts for 2013 are going to be:

Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>



**History of Old Union UMC**  
**Trivia Question**

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: Iro Swaim

January's Question: What was the name of the woman who gave \$50,000.00 to beautify the church in 1997? Hint: Her picture is in the hall in the case.

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

**United Methodist Women**

The United Methodist Women are looking forward to an exciting 2013.

Our last meeting, which was our Christmas Party, was Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at Debbie Coggin's Cabin.

The January meeting will be Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. All ladies are welcome.

**United Methodist Men**

The United Methodist Men has decided the dates for our Country Breakfasts in 2013. They are March 9<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup>. Please put these dates on your 2013 calendars. Also Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast will be at Old Union for 2013 on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The next meeting will be Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 am in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are welcome.

**United Methodist Youth Ministry**

The United Methodist Youth Ministry met Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4 pm until 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall we had

Pizza and Krispy Kreme Donuts to eat. Then we went Christmas Caroling in the Community. We had 21 people go Caroling to 9 different houses in the church.

We are continuing to sell the Rada Knives etc. 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 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 pm. Everyone is to bring snacks and drinks for everyone to share. For Supper we will be having Chili Beans and Camper Stew and for breakfast we will have pancakes. Everyone can bring one friend. Visitors must have a paper filled out with their name, parents name and an emergency contact number. Everyone must place cell phones on table as they come in the door. Please pick up your children by 9 am.

At our February meeting, on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, we are planning to have a Christian Band at our meeting. More details will be coming at Sleep over and next newsletter.

**Special Singing**

On December 2, 2012, we had a wonderful singing service during worship service.

Thanks to Nancy for allotting her time for Christmas songs, and playing of musical instruments.

I hope everyone was truly blessed. I was. Thanks to all who participated and played.

We'll be planning our next one sometime in the first couple of months of 2013. Thanks from all

Eugene Farlow

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## **Looking Back at 2012**

I thought it was a good thing to look back at some of the things we have learned and accomplished in 2012.

We started out the year with our Annual Meals after church by a group and our annual Bowling Trip to High Point Bowling Center. And then in January the Bell's Messenger was started up. And we have learned the history of the church through the questions each month.

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the new Youth Ministry was started at Old Union with 10 members. We are now up to 20 members.

Also in February Keith Auman started getting sick and we were without a pastor from February until July.

In April we had Easter Sunrise Service with our sister church Fairview at their church. This year Easter Sunrise Service will be at Old Union.

In May was the annual Relay for Life in Asheboro this year Old Union raised the most money it has ever had. Our total this year including the \$1000.00 that the church matches was \$2702.00.

In June we celebrated our Graduates giving them a Bible and then a Covered Dish Meal afterwards.

In July we had our Vacation Bible School which the theme was "Christmas in July." That weekend we had 43 kids. The 2013 theme will be "Let's Build an Ark." We also welcomed a new Pastor, Rev. Nancy Krall in July.

In August we had the Annual Back to School Party for the community. A

welcome home covered dish meal for Dustin Spillman was also held.

In September we had our 226<sup>th</sup> Homecoming and we invited back Rev. Donnie Durham as our speaker.

In October we had the Hamburger Steak Meal and Live Auction Benefit for Keith Auman. What a huge success that was. Also we had our annual Halloween Party where we had at least 50 visitors.

In November the United Methodist Women had the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Country Buffet but had a Silent Auction instead of a Live Auction. The Live Auction will be back in 2013. The United Methodist Men had their annual Pork Shoulder sale right before Thanksgiving.

In December the Youth Ministry went Christmas Caroling, the first time anyone in the church has done this in years, and we had 21 people go out caroling. Each of the groups and Sunday School classes had their Christmas parties. And then we had our annual Christmas Program and Barbecue Meal and we estimated around 130 attended it.

With all the Fund Raisers and Benefits we have had this year there was at least \$20000.00 made on those this year.

So as you can see we have a lot to be blessed about over the past year. I know there are some things I have missed but these are some of the highlights. We have learned this year that we are a very strong congregation. Let's make 2013 an even more blessed year.

### **Churches Urged To Be Alert**

After two fires at United Methodist Churches in our district (*Gideon Grove United Methodist Church & Mt. Zion United Methodist Church*) right before Christmas, District Superintendent Nancy Rankin urges all churches to be especially alert and aware. News reports say investigators have pointed to arson as the cause of the fire at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. The cause of the fire at Gideon Grove United Methodist Church is under investigation.

### **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 soon.

### **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 27<sup>th</sup> after meal  
Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm  
Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm  
Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 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**

January: Terry Parrish & Lesa Luckado  
February: D.W. & Debbie Coggins

### **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**

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  
1/23: Robin Parrish  
1/24: Alex Johnson  
1/28: Michele Blakely  
1/31: Lynda Spillman

February:  
2/1: Seth Smith  
2/2: Katlyn Johnson  
2/3: Geneva Godbey  
2/4: Carsie Hill  
2/11: Ricky Frazier  
2/18: Mary Farlow  
2/20: Tamara Frazier

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## Anniversaries

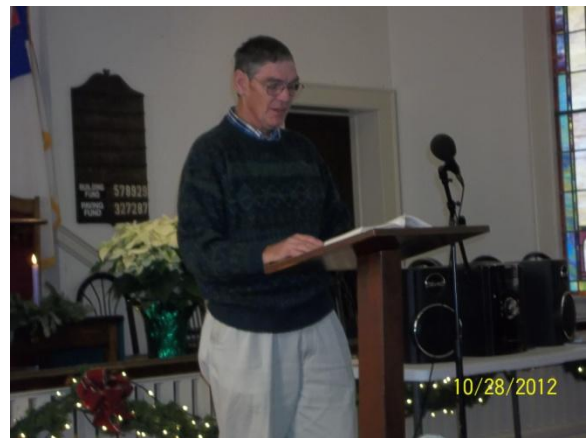
January:

1/21: John & Jan Johnson

## Newsletter Submissions

Please have all newsletter submissions for the February edition of the Bell's Messenger to me by Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Remember my email is [jws13@northstate.net](mailto:jws13@northstate.net).

## Special Singing







**Christmas Program**



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