

BELL'S MESSENGER



The Newsletter of
Old Union United Methodist Church
& Surrounding Community



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Meals After Church

We will continue our tradition in 2014 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.

Sunday, January 12th : Young Adult Class will have Chili Beans, Vegetable Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwiches, Dessert and Drink. Price: Donation

February 9th: Senior Adult Class will be having Spaghetti
(Snow date will be February 23rd)

We will also go bowling after the February Meal

March 16th: Adult Sunday School Class will announce their menu later.

End of year Reports

Jeffrey has emailed all the individuals that needs to give information for the End of year Reports. Remember he needs all information to him by Sunday, January 12th.
Thanks

Committees of the Church

This is a reminder there is a list of the Committees of Old Union for 2014 on the Bulletin Board. Please check to see what committees you are a member of. All Officers and Committees took effect on Wednesday, January 1, 2014

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 9. We will be

going to High Point Bowling Center on Fairfield Road in High Point.

I have reserved lanes for 25 people from 2pm until 4 pm on Sunday, February 9, which is after the Senior Adult Class Meal. If there is more who wants to go I can reserve more lanes. The cost per person is \$9 a piece. I need to know by Sunday, February 2nd who is going and have their money to me also. If you are going to just watch you do not have to pay.

If you want to purchase food from the grill you will need to bring money for it also.

Country Breakfast for 2014

The Country Breakfasts for 2014 are going to be:
Saturday, March 22nd
Saturday, May 17th
Saturday, September 20th

Winter Weather Closing

When there is winter weather in the future and the decision is made to not have any or part of church service or event, it will be announced on Fox 8 WGHP.



History of Old Union UMC

Trivia Question

December's Question: When was the current church sign put up?

December's Answer: 2004

January's Question: The banner over the organ in the Sanctuary, Who made it and what was it made for?

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

How to increase our Attendance?

We are asking everyone to continue brainstorming. These ideas will be discussed at future board meetings. Our goal is to become a growing church again. In order to do this we need everyone working together and praying.

United Methodist Women

Old Union UMW met for our Christmas Party the morning of Saturday, December 7th in the fellowship hall. Each lady brought a breakfast dish and a \$5 gift if they wanted to. Food was enjoyed and gifts exchanged and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 7th at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men met Sunday, December 1st at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. Jeffrey Smith was our host. At this meeting we decided who would be the host for the first 3 months of 2014 they are January: Delbert Spillman, February: Seth Smith and March: Claude Smith.

The January meeting will be Sunday, January 5th at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. The February meeting will be Sunday, February 2nd at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall

We do encourage all the men of the church to come out and join us the first Sunday of each month.

United Methodist Youth Ministry

The United Methodist Youth Ministry had it's meeting which was our Christmas Party on Sunday, December 1st in the Fellowship Hall. We went Christmas Caroling in the Community after our Christmas Party. We had 19 people that went caroling.

The Youth Ministry presented the Christmas Program "Christmas in Black & White: Discovering the real story of Christmas" on Sunday, December 15th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. The Youth did an awesome job and we would like to thank the parents for letting their children be a part of the Christmas program.

We are continuing to sell the Rada Knives etc. The new books have been given to each of the Youth Ministry members and there are also books on the desk of the Financial Secretary. If you would like to purchase see any of the Youth Ministry members.

Our next meeting will be a Lock-in on Friday, January 24th starting at 7 pm. We will take care of the food, snacks and drinks. The Youth is welcome to bring one visitor with them to the lock in.

Special Singing

Dear Fellow Christians,

I want to thank each and everyone who participated in any way concerning the Special Christmas Singing. I want to thank Jake (our Pastor) for giving us some of his morning worship time to have it. Be on the lookout and listen for the next singing to be announced. As always, thanks again.

Gene Farlow



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Looking Back at 2013

I thought it was a good thing to look back at some of the things we have learned and accomplished in 2013. It is amazing this starts the 3rd year of the Bell's Messenger.

We started out the year with our Annual Meals after church by a group and our annual Bowling Trip to High Point Bowling Center.

In January, Keith Auman made an announcement that due to continued health issues he will not be able to return to Old Union and Fairview in July as once hoped. At that time the Pastor Parish Relations Committee had a meeting with the District Superintendent to find a new pastor. Also a new porch was added to the side door of the Fellowship Hall and the 2 big trees in the front of the church were cut down. We also lost a member of our church to death, Ted Bame.

In February, we welcomed the Christian Band "The Morning" as our Youth Group Meeting. We also lost two members to death, Walter Crotts and Mary Ruth Farlow.

In March, we welcomed the group "The Lebaus" on a Sunday night. The Sidewalk from the Paved Parking Lot to the back door was added, the side walk in front of the ramp of the church was added and the sidewalks damaged during the tree cutting was fixed. We had another successful Country Breakfast. We also had our annual Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast.

In April, we got word that the first time in recent Old Union History we would not be on a charge with another church and would not be sharing a preacher. Also we learned our new pastor in July would be the Rev. Jake

Brady and Rev. Nancy Krall would retire and be Fairview's pastor part time.

In May was the annual Relay for Life in Asheboro. Also it was decided that in July we would start having Sunday School at 10 am and Worship Service at 11 am. We lost another member of the church Ron Byrd. We also had another successful Country Breakfast.

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 "Let's Build an Ark." That weekend we had 33 kids. We also welcomed a new Pastor, Rev. Jake Brady.

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

In September we had our 227th Homecoming and Rev. Jake Brady was our speaker. We also had another successful Country Breakfast.

In October we had our annual Halloween Party where we had at least 100 visitors.

In November the United Methodist Women had the 10th Annual Country Buffet and Live Auction. The United Methodist Men had their annual Pork Shoulder sale right before Thanksgiving.

In December the Youth Ministry went Christmas Caroling and we had 19 people go out caroling. Each of the groups and Sunday School classes had their Christmas parties. We welcomed a new baby to the congregation, Cullen Lane Frazier. And then we had our annual Christmas Program which was "Christmas in Black and White" and was by the Youth Ministry and we also had our

Barbecue Meal after the program and we estimated around 150 attended it.

So as you can see we were blessed over the past year. I know there are some things I have missed but these are some of the highlights.

We should also be thankful that we are blessed by so many individuals who serve our church without a salary.

I read in the paper last week there is a United Methodist Church in Lexington that their last day open was Sunday, December 29th. We all need to continue to think of ways we can grow Old Union because we don't want to end up like that church. Let's make 2014 an even more blessed year.

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

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Scheduled Board Meetings 2014

Sunday, January 12th at 2 pm
Sunday, April 6th at 2 pm
Sunday, July 13th at 2 pm
Sunday, October 19th at 2 pm

Shut Ins Addresses

Mabel Farlow
5080 Walker Mill Road
Sophia, NC 27350

Church Cleaning Schedule

January: Jeffrey Smith
February: Seth Smith

We are starting fresh with who is cleaning up the church for next year. I have posted a new sign up sheet on bulletin board. If you are willing to take a month, please sign up on sheet. The only month that is left is September.

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
 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
2/20: Tamara Frazier

Anniversaries

January:

1/21: John and Jan Johnson

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Newsletter Submissions

Please have all newsletter submissions for the February edition of the Bell's Messenger to me by Sunday, January 26th. Remember my email is jws13@northstate.net.

Christmas Caroling



Special Christmas Singing



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UPCOMING EVENTS

(as of Monday, December 30, 2013)

- **Sunday, January 12th: Young Adult Class Meal after Church. Menu: Chili Beans, Vegetable Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwiches, Dessert and Drink. Price: Donations**
- **Sunday, January 12th: Regular Scheduled Administrative Board Meeting at 2 pm in Sanctuary.**
- **Friday, January 24th: Youth Ministry Lock-in starting at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall**
- **Sunday, February 9th: Senior Adult Class Meal After Church. Menu: Spaghetti (Snow date is Sunday, February 23rd)**
- **Sunday, February 9th: Bowling at High Point Bowling Center in High Point from 2 pm until 4 pm. Cost is \$9 per person. Money needs to be to Jeffrey by Sunday, February 2nd**
- **Sunday, March 16th: Adult Sunday School Class Meal after church
Menu: to be announced later**
- **Saturday, March 22nd: First Country Breakfast of 2014. 7 am until 10 am in Fellowship Hall**

