

# ***BELL'S MESSENGER***



The Newsletter of  
Old Union United Methodist Church  
& Surrounding Community



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## **REMINDER—USE OF FELLOWSHIP HALL**

As all of you know, I am responsible for keeping a calendar for reserving the fellowship hall for a church function or your own personal use. Most of the time, I am made aware when someone wants to use it; however, there have been some times again lately when no one had requested it and it has been used. This could become a major problem if two people wanted it at the same time. Please respect your church and your fellow church members and make me aware of your request. It would also be a good idea to let me know if you want to borrow tables or chairs and when to expect them back. My phone number is 336-498-7102. I am home much of the time, we also have a voicemail and we have caller ID which we check regularly.

At this time, use of the fellowship hall is free to people who attend church regularly; however, the UMM would appreciate a donation to help with the power bill. Please give that to me and I will pass to the UMM Treasurer. Another reminder is to make sure the trash is taken out, the heat or air set back to what it was before you came and you leave the building in as good or better shape than you found it.

Anyone using the fellowship hall that doesn't attend church here must be sponsored by a member of the church and the sponsor must stay at the fellowship hall while the event

is going on. A \$50 deposit will be charged upon the request for a date, plus \$150 for the actual use of the building. If they leave the building as specified on the checklist, they will get the \$50 deposit back.

Thanks, Loretta Smith

### **Rev. Jake Brady**

Rev. Jake Brady became our new pastor on Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. He will be available for starting on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

He will not be speaking on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> due to the commencement for Vacation Bible School but will be at church that Sunday. His first Sunday speaking will be Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> during the 11 am Worship Service.

He and his wife will be living in the Parsonage where she will be preaching which is Bethel United Methodist Church in Oak Ridge.

Jake's contact information is:

Cell Phone: (251) 401-5614

Email: [bradyjake@hotmail.com](mailto:bradyjake@hotmail.com)

Physical Address:

8424 Haw River Road

Oak Ridge, NC 27310-9831

### **New Times for Sunday School & Worship Service**

Starting Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> we will change times for both Sunday School and Worship Service. Sunday School will start at 10 am and Worship Service will start at 11 am.

### **Johnny Harvell Speaking**

Johnny Harvell will be Speaking on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> during the 11 am Worship Service.



### **“Let's Build an Ark”**

#### **Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School 2013 theme will be “Let's Build an Ark”.

The dates for Vacation Bible School are Friday night July 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm until 8 pm.

There will be Supper served from 5:30 pm until 6 pm. Then Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> Vacation Bible School will run from 9 am until 4 pm. There will be breakfast from 8:30 am until 9 am. The Closing Program will be Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> during the 11 am Service. There will be a Hot Dog Meal in the Fellowship Hall after the Program.

The ages, just like in years past, will be from age 2 through age 18. As always let's makes this a very enjoyable and memorable Vacation Bible School and help make this the best one yet.

### **Board Meeting Members**

This is just a reminder. If you are a member of Old Union UMC you can attend the Board meetings and you can vote also. A updated list of Members of Old Union are on the bulletin board.

### **History of Old Union UMC**

#### **Trivia Question**

June's Question: When was the shelter added on to the Fellowship Hall?

June's Answer: Early 1980s

July's Question: What Revolutionary War heroine is buried in the Bell-Welborn Cemetery?

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

### **How to increase our Attendance?**

We are asking everyone to do some brainstorming. These ideas will be discussed at the next board meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in the Sanctuary. Our goal is to become a growing church again. In order to do this we need everyone working together.

### **United Methodist Women**

The United Methodist Women met Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Loretta Smith was our hostess.

We have decided our annual Country Buffet Meal, Raffle and Auction will be Saturday, November 9, 2013. Meal will be from 5 pm until 7 pm and the Auction will start at 7 pm. So everyone start collecting Auction items for the Auction.

We will have a called meeting on Sunday, August 11 between Sunday School opening and Classes to decide what the items will be on the Raffle.

We have lowered the price on the remaining Cookbooks to \$10 each.

We would like to remind everyone the United Methodist Women Meetings are open to all the women in the church. We will not have any regular meetings the months of July or August. Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Beverly Spillman will be the hostess for the September meeting.

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## **United Methodist Men**

The United Methodist Men had a special meeting on Sunday, June 16 before Sunday School Class. We have decided that we will start having our meetings the first Sunday of each month at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will not be having the full breakfast like we have in the past. We will be having a continental breakfast and everyone will be taking a turn.

We will not have a meeting in July so the next meeting will be Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. Jeffrey will be looking after the breakfast for that meeting.

The next Country Breakfast will be Saturday, September 21. All men are welcome to our meetings.

## **United Methodist Youth Ministry**

The United Methodist Youth Ministry had our lock-in on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Drake Spillman had the program that night.

We have decided a few upcoming things we plan to do this year. We are going to clean up the church the month of August since there was no one signed up. We are going to start taking turns to hang up the flags on the flag pole each Sunday.

We are continuing to sell the Rada Knives etc. If you would like to purchase see any of the Youth Ministry members.

Our next meeting will be Sunday night, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm until 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tyler Creel will be doing the Program and Refreshments.

## **Church Directories**

Church Directories are in. If you didn't have your picture made you may purchase a directory for \$5 each. Please see Jeffrey if you would like to purchase one.

## **Back to School Party**

The Back to School Party will be a little different this year so spread the word.

The Back to School Party will be Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 4 pm. From 4 pm until 5 pm we will be cooking the Hot Dogs and Hamburgers. Also anyone making homemade Ice Cream please do during this time also and we will be playing games outside. At 5 pm we will all go either in the Fellowship Hall or Sanctuary and listen to the Christian Band, "The Morning". Then at approximately 6 pm we will go in the Fellowship Hall and eat.

As always this is a FREE event open to everyone in the community.



# **HAPPY 4TH OF JULY**

### **Old Union UMC 227<sup>th</sup> Homecoming**

The 227<sup>th</sup> Homecoming for Old Union United Methodist Church will be Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. As of right now, Rev. Jake Brady will be speaking since Lanny Lancaster will not be able to attend.

Anyone that would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary that Sunday please get in contact with Jan Johnson. Also let Jake Brady know how you want it in the bulletin.

As in years past we will go to the Cemetery for the benediction of Worship Service then there will be a Covered Dish Meal in the Fellowship Hall.

At 1:30 pm the Jacob's Family singers will be singing in the Sanctuary.

### **Country Breakfast for 2013**

The last Country Breakfast for 2013 is going to be:  
Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

### **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, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm  
Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

### **Shut Ins Addresses**

Mabel Farlow  
5080 Walker Mill Road  
Sophia, NC 27350

### **Church Cleaning Schedule**

July: Gene Farlow  
August: Youth Ministry

### **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**

July:  
7/1: Fonda Johnson  
7/3: Debbie Hill  
7/4: Jan Johnson  
7/7: Nikki Hale  
7/8: Loretta Smith  
7/13: Brian Troxel  
7/20: Marie Robbins  
7/27: Kyle Wade

August:  
8/1: Dustin Spillman  
8/9: Trey Parrish  
8/11: Bill Case  
8/17: Tucker Case  
8/27: Jack Stephens  
8/30: Cherry Crotts  
8/31: D.W. Coggins

### **Anniversaries**

July:  
7/7: Ron & Doris Abee

August:  
8/1: Ronald & Geneva Godbey  
8/2: Chris & Abby Stinnett  
8/4: D.W. & Debbie Coggins  
8/11: Dalton & Chelsea Spillman

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## **Newsletter Submissions**

Please have all newsletter submissions for the August edition of the Bell's Messenger to me by Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Remember my email is [jws13@northstate.net](mailto:jws13@northstate.net).

## **Graduation Sunday**



## **Youth Ministry Lock In**



## **Father's Day**



**UPCOMING EVENTS AT  
OLD UNION UMC**

(as of Monday, June 17, 2013)

**THRU December 2013**

- **Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>: Sunday School 10:00 am and Worship Service 11am**
- **Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>: Johnny Harvell will speak at 11 am Worship Service**
- **Friday, July 12 6pm until 8 pm and Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 9 am until 4 pm Vacation Bible School "Let's Build an Ark". Supper and Breakfast served 30 minutes prior to VBS. Closing Program on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 am Worship Service. There will be a Hot Dog Meal afterwards.**
- **Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>: First Sunday Rev. Jake Brady will be with us.**
- **Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> : Scheduled Administrative Board Meeting at 2 pm**
- **Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>: Youth Ministry Meeting 6 pm until 8 pm**
- **Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>: United Methodist Men Meetings will start being the first Sunday of each month at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall.**
- **Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>: 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Party for the Community by the Young Adult Sunday School Class. Games from 4 pm until 5 pm. Christian Band "The Morning" from 5 pm until 6 pm in the Sanctuary. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Chips and Homemade Ice Cream starting at 6 pm.**
- **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>: 227<sup>th</sup> Homecoming for Old Union UMC. Speaker will probably be Rev. Jake Brady unless someone else decided on in Board Meeting. Special Singing at 1:30 pm.**
- **Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>: Country Breakfast (Fund Raiser for the United Methodist Men) from 7 am until 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: Ham, Bacon, Sausage, Eggs, Grits, Gravy, Biscuits, Tea, Coffee and Milk. Adults: \$8 and Ages 4 to 10 \$3 and ages 3 and under are free.**
- **Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>: Regular Scheduled Board Meeting at 2 pm**
- **Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>: Halloween Trunk & Treat in Church Parking Lot. Hayride and Hot Dogs in Fellowship Hall Free for the Community by the Young Adult Sunday School Class**
- **Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>: Charge Conference at 6 pm. Place to be Announced**
- **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>: 10<sup>th</sup> Annual United Methodist Women Country Buffet and Auction Fund Raiser. Country Buffet: 5 pm until 7 pm then Auction will be at 7 pm.**
- **Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>: United Methodist Men Annual Cooked Pork Shoulder Sale**
- **Sunday, December 1: United Methodist Men Christmas Party at 8 am**
- **Sunday, December 1: Youth Ministry Christmas Party and Christmas Caroling**
- **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> : Christmas Program followed by Barbecue Meal (free for the community) by the Young Adult Sunday School Class**