

BELL'S MESSENGER



The Newsletter of
Old Union United Methodist Church
& Surrounding Community



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Special Singing

There will be a special singing on Sunday, May 5 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. There will be Refreshments afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert. If you want to sing or play an instrument let Gene Farlow know.

Country Breakfast

Country Breakfast will be Saturday, May 18th from 7 am until 10 am. Menu: Eggs, Country Ham, Bacon, Sausage, Gravy, Biscuits, Grits, Coffee, Milk, Orange Juice & Tea. \$8 for adults, \$4 kids 4-10 and 3 & under eat free. Take outs available. (No Drinks with Take outs.

High School Graduation Sunday

Our Annual High School Graduation Sunday will be Sunday, June 2. We will honor our Graduates during Worship Service then there will be a Covered Dish Meal after Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. Our High School Graduates this year are Lane Frazier, Katlyn Johnson and Morgan Trogdon.

New Pastor Starting July 2nd

I am pleased to announce the first time in recent Old Union History we will not be on a charge with another church and will not be sharing a preacher.

Our new preacher who will start on July 2nd will be the Rev. Jake Brady.

Jake is 36 year old and is a United Methodist Church Elder and will be starting a master's in theology at Duke Seminary in the Fall. He comes highly recommended by both Bishop Goodpastor and the Transfer

Committee of the Western North Carolina Conference.

His wife Dana is also a United Methodist Preacher and will be serving Bethel UMC in Oak Ridge in Guilford County. They will be living in the parsonage at Bethel.

They have 2 boys, a 2 year old and a less than a month old. They will be coming from the Alabama/West Florida Conference.

I encourage everyone to welcome and support Jake when he starts as our new pastor in July.



Country Breakfast for 2013

The Country Breakfasts for 2013 are going to be:
Saturday, May 18th
Saturday, September 21st

History of Old Union UMC **Trivia Question**

April's Question: Who was the longest serving pastor of Old Union that we have records of?

April's Answer: Keith Auman

May's Question: What year did we have the 3 day Bicentennial of the church celebration?

(Answer will be in the June'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 in July. 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 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. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Jennifer Anthony will be our hostess.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men met Tuesday, April 23 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We discussed the Country Breakfast on Saturday, May 18, 2013 in the Fellowship Hall from 7 am until 10 am. We discussed what we were going to buy the Mother's for Mother's Day & discussed some ideas about the United Methodist Meeting Times.

We will have a called meeting sometime in June to decide when to have the July meeting and what to do about food if it is going to be still on Sunday mornings. All men of the church are welcome to attend.

United Methodist Youth Ministry

The United Methodist Youth Ministry met Sunday night, April 21st in the Fellowship Hall. .

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. On Sunday, May 5th we will have Youth Ministry Sunday where we will do everything in the worship service except Preach and play the piano. We are going to start taking turns to hang up the flags on the flag pole each Sunday.

We will be having a lock in on Friday night, June 14th starting at 7 pm. We will be having Hot Dogs for supper that night. We ask everyone to bring snacks and drinks. Please pick up your children by 9 am. They can bring visitors that night also.

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

Our May meeting will be Sunday, May 19th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Mark Russell 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.



Let's Remember What Memorial Day is all about.

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“Let's Build an Ark”

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School 2013 theme will be “Let's Build an Ark”. The CD's with all the VBS information, Teacher Books and Lessons have been given out or will be shortly to all the Teachers.

We did have our first meeting on Sunday, April 21st after the Adult Sunday school class meal. We have come up with some ideas to increase our attendance this year.

The dates for Vacation Bible School are Friday night July 12th from 6 pm until 8 pm. There will be Supper served from 5:30 pm until 6 pm. Then Saturday, July 13th 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 14th during the 11 am Service. There will be a Hot Dog Meal in the Fellowship Hall after the Program.

Please put these dates on your calendars and invite all the children you know in the community. 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.

Back to School Party

I know this is early since School is not out yet but wanted to let everyone know that the Back to School Party will be a little different this year and wanted the word to be spread.

The Back to School Party will be Sunday, August 11th 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.

The Lebeaus in Concert at Fairview

The Lebeaus will be in concert at Fairview UMC on Sunday, May 19th at 6:30 pm. At 5:30 pm there will be a covered dish meal.

Randleman FFA Spring Plant & Flowers Sale

The Greenhouse & Nursery is OPEN FOR BUSINESS.... Monday –Friday 1:00pm - 6:00pm and Saturdays 8:00 am-12:30pm. Lots to choose from and the pickin is prime right now! Get it while it lasts.

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 2013

Sunday, July 14th at 2 pm
Sunday, October 20th at 2 pm

Shut Ins Addresses

Mabel Farlow
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Church Cleaning Schedule

May: Clarence and Patty Knight

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

May:
5/1: Ron Abee
5/2: Patty Knight
5/5: Anna Case
5/6: Doris Abee
5/11: Jennifer Hall
5/21: Jake Johnson
5/22: Judy Beeson
5/23: Crystal Swoope

June:
6/4: Ashley Case
6/13: Gene Farlow
6/19: Delbert Spillman
Ron Godbey
6/28: Jennie Frazier
6/29: Hunter Gladden

Anniversaries

May:
5/20: Jack & Lovier Stephens
5/23: Bill & Ashley Case

June:
6/2: Carsie & Debbie Hill
6/11: Ron & Linda Byrd
6/17: Darrell & Beverly Spillman
6/22: Clarence & Patty Knight

Newsletter Submissions

Please have all newsletter submissions for the June edition of the Bell’s Messenger to me by Sunday, May 26th . Remember my email is jws13@northstate.net . The Month of June’s Newsletter might be a week late.



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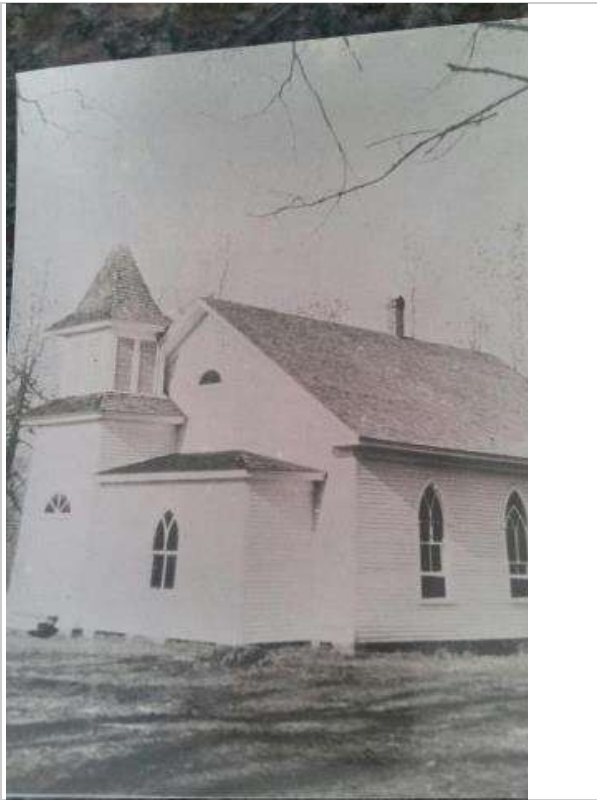
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Picture of Old Union's building that burnt in October of 1931



This was shared on our Facebook page by Martha Kersey Reier.

She wrote:

I use to attend your church with my Grannie Jewell Kersey and so did my sister Jewell Kersey. I just came across this picture that my Grannie had of Old Union and thought I would share with you.

Jewell Kersey wrote:

I barely remember going to church with Grannie but I will never forget her

driving me one time to Old Union in an ice storm. She kept saying as long as I go slow over the bridges we will be alright. I knew she was scared but we went to church! I miss Grannie Kersey. Wish I could go to church with her again even in an ice storm.

Adult Class Meal in Memory of Mary Ruth Farlow

