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**Old Union United Methodist Church
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10th Annual UMW Country Buffet, Raffle and Auction

The UMW's Annual Country Buffet and Auction will be Saturday, November 9th starting at 5 pm. It is all you can eat for \$7.00 adults, \$3.00 children ages 4-10 and 3 and under free. There will be salad such as tossed and pasta, bread such as rolls and corn bread, up to 6 different meats such as ham, chicken and turkey and dressing, up to 14 different vegetables such as green beans, potato salad, squash casserole and slaw, and various desserts such as pecan pies and banana pudding. The meal will end at 7pm.

Raffle tickets are also for sale now and right up until 7pm that night. There are 4 different prizes (Visa cards of 3 different increments and a lap quilt). The Visa cards can be used most anywhere. You could buy gas, groceries or a Christmas present for yourself and the lap quilt would be cozy while watching a Christmas movie.

After the meal ends at 7pm, the auction starts. There will be crafts, gift certificates, treasures and more. So if you are looking for an evening of good food, fellowship and fun, come join us.

Pastor Parish Relations Committee Work Session

The Pastor Parish Relations Committee will have a Work Session on Sunday, November 3rd at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

This session we will go over the goals we have as a PPR and the goals we have for Pastor Jake Brady for 2014.

This work session will be for all members of the PPR, the Administrative Board

Chairperson, Lay Leader and the newly elected members of the PPR who will go on the committee in January 2014 which were voted on at the Church Conference on Sunday, October 20th.

The Northern Piedmont District 2013 Missional Network Gathering

Our Network the Randolph Northern Network will have a gathering for worship, fellowship and celebration of ministry on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 6 pm at Archdale United Methodist Church, Main St in Archdale

Cooked Pork Shoulders

The United Methodist Men are now taking orders for Cooked Pork Shoulders. The price this year is \$40 each which includes 1 bottle of Barbecue Sauce. They are to be picked up between 4 pm and 6 pm on Wednesday, November 27th. The last day to order is Sunday, November 24th. Let any United Methodist Men member know or call (336) 498-7102 to order.



From the Pastor

To the Church,

I hope that everyone had a chance to read the final section of last month's newsletter.

It was an account of the conversion experience of one of the earliest American Methodist preachers - Freeborn Garrettson. Those few pages may be more reading than many of you are accustomed to but, I have great confidence that once you begin to read the account it all prove sufficiently exciting to hold your attention.

This month, I have included another interesting piece of Methodist history - a sermon by John Wesley. Its not quite as long as last month but it is just as exciting. The Methodist people have always understood themselves by reflecting on what God was doing with them and in them. Methodists understand themselves by their testimony and witness to God's activity. Our story is always a "*remembering*" of what the journey has looked and felt like.

To that end, please find the time to read these *memories* from our past. In a way, these things are still the story of what is happening *now*. I won't belabor the point further; enjoy!

Bro. Jake



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History of Old Union UMC

Trivia Question

October's Question: The Bible on the Pulpit was giving in memory of someone. Who gave it and who was it in memory of?

Answer: The Bible was giving in memory of Mr. Will Coltrane in 1973 by the Senior Adult Sunday School Class

November's Question: Who was the first person and date buried in the New part of the cemetery?

(Answer will be in the December'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

The Old Union UMW will not be meeting in November because of the buffet.

Our December meeting, which will be our Christmas meeting, will be on Saturday, December 7th at 8:30am in the fellowship hall. We will be playing Dirty Santa with \$5.00 gifts. For food, each person that is able to is requested to bring some type of breakfast food. If you plan to attend, please let Beverly know what food you will be bringing.

All ladies are encouraged to attend our meetings.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men met Sunday, October 6th at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. Claude Smith was our host. At this meeting it was decided to keep our officers for 2014 the same as they were in 2013.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 3 at 8 am. Gene Farlow will be the host. At this meeting we will decide the dates for Country Breakfasts in 2014.

The December meeting will be Sunday, December 1st at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. At that meeting we will be having a Christmas Party. More details on it will be made at the November meeting. All men are welcome to our meetings.

United Methodist Youth Ministry

The United Methodist Youth Ministry had it's meeting on Sunday, October 20th at 6 pm.. We went on a hayride and decided to clean the church the month of December since we are doing the Christmas Program.

We would like to thank everyone that came to eat and helped with our fund raiser on Saturday, October 5th. We raised \$520.00.

The Youth Ministry will be presenting the Christmas Program "Christmas in Black & White: Discovering the real story of Christmas" on Sunday, December 15th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Our Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 1st from 4 pm until 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is to bring a \$5 gift which can be a boy or a girl. We will go Christmas Caroling in the Community at 6 pm after our Christmas Party. Everyone in the church is welcome to go with us caroling.

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 Sunday night, November 17th from 6 pm until 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Jake Johnson and Zachary Stinnett will be doing the Program and Refreshments.

Christmas Parties

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

Sunday, November 24th: Young Adult Class will eat at Snyder's for Lunch and then decorate the Church for Christmas

Sunday, December 1st: United Methodist Men Christmas Party at 8 am in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 1st: Youth Ministry will have their party from 4pm until 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a \$5 gift. Then at 6 pm we will go Christmas Caroling in the Community.

Saturday, December 7th: United Methodist Women at 8:30am in the fellowship hall. We will be playing Dirty Santa with \$5.00 gifts. For food, each person that is able to is requested to bring some type of breakfast food. If you plan to attend, please let Beverly know what food you will be bringing

Saturday, December 7th: Adult Sunday School Class at 7 pm at Mayflower

Saturday, December 14th: Senior Adult Class Christmas Party at Pioneer Steak House in Archdale then come back to Fellowship Hall to play bingo. To ride the bus with Bill met at church at 5:30 pm or you can meet the group at Pioneer at 6 pm.

Christmas Play Practices

The dates and time for play practices are:

Sunday, November 2nd at 5 pm to 7 pm

Sunday, November 17th at 5 pm to 6 pm

Sunday, November 24th at 5 pm to 7 pm

Sunday, December 1st at 3 pm to 4 pm

Tuesday, December 3th at 6 pm to 8 pm (**note different**)

Thursday, December 12th at 6 pm to 8 pm

Saturday, December 14th at 5 pm - until

Christmas Special Singing

Christmas Special Singing will be Sunday, December 8th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. If you would like to sing or play an instrument, please see Gene Farlow.

Christmas Program

Christmas Program "Christmas in Black and White: Discovering the Real Story of Christmas" on Sunday, December 15th at 6:30 pm by the Youth Ministry.

There will be a Barbecue Meal (free for the community) by the Young Adult Sunday School Class after the program. We ask everyone to please bring a dessert.

New Market Civitans Bi-Annual Ham and Egg Supper

The New Market Civitans Bi-Annual Ham and Egg Supper will be Saturday, November 16th from 5 pm until 8 pm at the New Market Community Building.

For More Information you can see Darrell Spillman or John Johnson.



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A Question for All:

Can anyone offer a convincing explanation for the origins of our name - Old Union? The word "Union" had a particular meaning in the church in the years between the Revolutionary War that the Civil War, a meaning that carried special emphasis within the revivalist tradition. Do you know, or can you find out what that meaning was? And do you think this meaning might be what stands behind our church's name, *Old Union*?

If you have answer's to this either send an email to bradyjake@hotmail.com or jws13@northstate.net or in writing to Jake or Jeffrey.

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.

We need someone to sign up for the months of January and February. Just let Jeffrey know if your group would like a month and what Sunday you will be doing it.

March: Adult Sunday School Class

Make Your Day Bright

Make your day bright by thinking right
Don't start your day out
By supposing that trouble is just ahead
But start your day out with a prayer instead and
make
It a prayer of Thanks Giving for what God has
done.

And if you want to be happy and free,
Keep your eyes on Jesus and not on Me.
Some people think that they are so smart,
But just don't have Jesus a livin' in their heart.
Just as sure as day is day and night is night,
With Jesus we have to keep our hearts right!

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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Offutt AFB, NE 68113-2070

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

November: Jeffrey Smith
December: Youth Ministry

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.

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

November:
11/1: Jennifer Anthony
Wanda Farlow
11/14: Wanda Wade
11/16: Mark Russell
11/18: Mabel Farlow
Ray Parrish
11/24: Edna Bame
11/27: Terry Parrish

December:
12/3: Toni Brown
12/4: Lukas Blakely
12/5: Jeffrey Smith
12/12: Brayden Gladden
12/20: Zackary Stinnett
12/21: Nellie Johnson
12/27: Amber Parrish
12/28: Dalton Spillman

Anniversaries

November:
11/6: Jack & Helen Cowart
11/11: Ricky & Jennie Frazier

December:
12/2: Burt & Michele Blakely

Newsletter Submissions

Please have all newsletter submissions for the December edition of the Bell's Messenger to me by Sunday, November 24th. Remember my email is jws13@northstate.net.

The One Thing Needful

Sermon 146-1734

AN INTRODUCTORY COMMENT

Wesley's diary suggests that he had written this sermon in May 1734. Both the text, Luke 10:42, and the theme of salvation as the restoration of the defaced image of God continued to preoccupy Wesley thereafter. There are at least fifty references to his having preached on Luke 10:42 in the following fifty-seven years. It is, therefore, interesting that John left this sermon unpublished. It survived only in Charles Wesley's hand in a volume of sermons that Charles had copied from his brother's manuscripts. There is also, on the page previous to this sermon, a listing of the ten places (including St. Mary's, Oxford) where John had already preached it in the years 1734-36. Charles records his also having

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preached it in Boston (New England) and in and around London during the years 1736-38.

What is especially notable, theologically, is Wesley's interpretation of Luke's phrase, 'the one thing needful', as signifying 'the renewal of our fallen nature'. He would have known Jeremy Taylor's famous essay, *Unum Necessarium* (1655), but there 'the one thing needful' was 'the practice of true repentance'. Other commentators provided a series of other options, but not this idea of restoration. Later, in his *Explanatory Notes*, Wesley would echo Matthew Poole's view (from his *Annotations*) that this phrase referred to 'the care of the soul with reference to eternity'.

The young Wesley, however, had turned back to the Christian-Platonic vision of the *imago Dei* –created, defaced, restored – as the essence of human nature. He goes so far as to talk of the recovery of 'the image wherein we were formed' in terms of regaining 'an angelical nature'. This theme of participation in the divine life had come to him through Malebranche, John Norris, and William Law. In none of those sources, however, was this doctrine linked to the text in Luke 10:42. The result is that here we have an early allegorical venture pressed further than was Wesley's wont. It is the earliest exposition that we have of an idea that will be thereafter woven into the textures of his mature doctrines of the 'way of

salvation' as the chief agenda of Christian living.

The One Thing Needful

One thing is needful.

Luke 10:42

1. Could we suppose an intelligent being, entirely a stranger to the state of this world and its inhabitants, to take a view of their various enterprises and employments, and thence conjecture the end of their existence, he would surely conclude that these creatures were designed to be busied about many things. While he observed not only the infinite difference of the ends which different men were pursuing, but how vast a multitude of objects were successively pursued by almost every different person, he might fairly infer that for all these things were the sons of men placed upon the earth, even to gratify their several desires with sensual pleasure, or riches, or honour, or power.

2. How surprised then would he be to hear their Creator declare to all, without distinction, 'One thing is needful!' But how much more

when he knew that this one thing needful for men, their one business, the one of their existence, was none of all those things which men were troubled about, none of all those ends they were pursuing, none of all those businesses wherein they were so deeply engaged, which filled their hearts and employed their hands. Nay, that it was an end not only distinct from but contrary to them all—as contrary as light and darkness, heaven and hell, the kingdom of God and that of Satan!

3. The only thought he could form in their favour must be, that they had a surplusage of time at their command; that they therefore trifled a few hours, because they were assured of thousands of years wherein to work. But how beyond measure would he be amazed when he heard farther that these were creatures of a day; that as they yesterday arose out of the dust, so tomorrow they were to sink into it again; that the time they had for their great work was but a span long, a moment; and yet they had no manner of assurance of not being snatched away in the midst of this moment, or indeed at the very beginning of it! When he saw that all men were placed on a narrow, weak, tottering bridge, whereof either end was swallowed up in eternity; that the waves and storms which went over it were continually bearing away one after another, in an hour when they looked not for it; and that they who yet stood, knew not but they should plunge into the great gulf the very next instant, but well knew that if they fell before they had finished their work they were lost, destroyed, undone—forever: how would all utterance, nay, all thought, be lost! How would he express, how would he conceive the senselessness, the madness, of those creatures who, being in such a situation, could think of anything else, could talk of anything else, could do anything

besides, could find time for any other design, or care, but that of ensuring the one thing needful!

4. It cannot, therefore, be an improper employment for us, first, to observe what this one thing needful is; and secondly, to consider a few of the numberless reasons that prove this to be the one thing needful.

[I.] 1. We may observe what this one thing is, in which, 'tis true, many things are comprised—as are all the works of our callings, all that properly belong to our several stations in the world, insomuch that whoever neglects any of these so far neglects the one thing needful. And this indeed can no otherwise be pursued than by performing all the works of our calling, but performing them in such a manner as in and by everyone to advance our great work.

2. Now this great work, this one thing needful, is the renewal of our fallen nature. In the image of God was man made, but a little lower than the angels. His nature was perfect, angelical, divine. He was an incorruptible picture of the God of glory. He bore his stamp on every part of his soul; the brightness of his Creator shone mightily upon him. But sin hath now effaced the image of God. He is no longer nearly allied to angels. He is sunk lower than the very beasts of the field. His soul is not only earthly and sensual, but devilish. Thus is the mighty fallen! The glory is departed from him! His brightness is swallowed up in utter darkness!

3. From the glorious liberty wherein he was made he is fallen into the basest bondage. The devil, whose slave he now is, to work his will, hath him so fast in prison that he cannot get forth. He hath bound him with a thousand

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chains, the heavy chains of his own vile affections. For every inordinate appetite, every unholy passion, as it is the express image of the god of this world, so it is the most galling yoke, the most grievous chain, that can bind a free-born spirit. And with these is every child of Adam, everyone that is born into this world, so loaded that he cannot lift up an eye, a thought to heaven; that his whole soul cleaveth unto the dust!

4. But these chains of darkness under which we groan do not only hold us in on every side, but they are within us, too; they enter into our soul; they pierce through its inmost substance. Vile affections are not only so many chains, but likewise so many diseases. Our nature is distempered, as well as enslaved; the whole head is faint, and the whole heart sick. Our body, soul, and spirit, are infected, overspread, consumed, with the most fatal leprosy. We are all over, within and without, in the eye of God, full of diseases, and wounds, and putrifying sores. Every one of our brutal passions and diabolical tempers, every kind of sensuality, pride, selfishness, is one of those deadly wounds, of those loathsome sores, full of corruption, and of all uncleanness.

5. To recover our first estate, from which we are thus fallen, is the one thing now needful – to re-exchange the image of Satan for the image of God, bondage for freedom, sickness for health. Our one great business is to rase out of our souls the likeness of our destroyer, and

to be born again, to be formed anew after the likeness of our Creator. It is our one concern to shake off this servile yoke and to regain our native freedom; to throw off every chain, every passion and desire that does not suit an angelical nature. The one work we have to do is to return from the gates of death to perfect soundness; to have our diseases cured, our wounds healed, and our uncleanness done away.

II. 1. Let us in the second place consider a few of the numberless reasons which prove that this is the one thing needful; so needful that this alone is to be had in view, and pursued at all times and in all places; not indeed by neglecting our temporal affairs, but by making them all minister unto it; by so conducting them all, that every step therein may be a step to this higher end.

2. Now, that the recovery of the image of God, of this glorious liberty, of this perfect soundness, is the one thing needful upon earth, appears first from hence, that they enjoyment of them was the one end of our creation. For to this end was man created, to love God; and to this end alone, even to love the Lord his God with all his heart, and soul, and mind, and strength. But love is the very image of God; it is the brightness of his glory. By love man is not only made like God, but in some sense one with him. ‘If any man love God, God loveth

him, and cometh to him, and maketh his abode with him.' He 'dwelleth in God, and God in him'; and 'he that is thus joined to the Lord is one spirit.' Love is perfect freedom. As there is no fear, or pain, so there is no constraint in love. Whoever acts from this principle alone, he doth whatsoever he will. All his thoughts move freely; they follow the bent of his own mind, they run after the beloved object. All his words flow easy and unconstrained; for it is the abundance of the heart that dictates. All his actions are the result of pure choice: the thing he would, that he does, and that only. Love is the health of the soul, the full exertion of all its powers, the perfection of all its faculties. Therefore, since the enjoyment of these was the one end of our creation, the recovering of them is the one thing now needful.

3. May not the same truth appear, secondly, from hence, that this was the one end of our redemption; of all our blessed Lord did and suffered for us; of his incarnation, his life, his death? All these miracles of love were wrought with no other view than to restore us to health and freedom. Thus himself testifies of the end of his coming into the world: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives'; or, as the prophet expresses it, 'to preach good tidings to the meek, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.' For this only he lived, that he might heal every disease, every spiritual sickness of our nature. For this only he died, that he might deliver those who were all their lifetime subject to bondage. And it was in pursuance of the very same design that he gave us his merciful law. The end of his commandment, too, was only our health, liberty, perfection, or to say all in

one word, charity. All the parts of it centre in this one point, our renewal in the love of God; either enjoining what is necessary for our recovery thereof, or forbidding what is obstructive of it. Therefore this, being the one end of our redemption as well as our creation, is the one thing needful for us upon earth.

4. This is the one thing needful, thirdly, because it is the one end of all God's providential dispensations. Pleasure and pain, health and sickness, riches and poverty, honour and dishonor, friends and enemies, are all bestowed by his unerring wisdom and goodness with a view to this one thing. The will of God, in allotting us our several portions of all these, is solely our sanctification; our recovery from that vile bondage, the love of his creatures, to the free love of our Creator. All his providences, be they mild or severe, point at no other end than this. They are all designed either to wean us from what is not, or to unite us to what is worthy our affection. Are they pleasing? Then they are designed to lift up our hearts to the Parent of all good. Are they painful? Then they are means of rooting out those passions that forcibly withhold us from him. So that all lead that same way, either directly or indirectly, either by gratitude or mortification. For to those that have ears to hear, every loss, especially of what was nearest and dearest to them, speaks as clearly as if it were an articulate voice from heaven, 'Little children, keep yourselves from idols.' Every pain cries aloud, 'Love not the world, neither the things of the world.' And every pleasure says, with a still small voice, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart.'

5. To the same end are all the internal dispensations of God, all the influences of his Holy Spirit. Whether he gives us joy or sorrow

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of heart, whether he inspires us with vigour and cheerfulness, or permits us to sink into numbness of soul, into dryness and heaviness, 'tis all with the same view, viz., to restore us to health, to liberty, to holiness. These are all designed to heal those inbred diseases of our nature, self-love, and the love of the world. They are all given together with the daily bread of his external dispensations, to enable us to turn that into proper nourishment, and so recover his love, the health of our souls. Therefore the renewal of our nature in this love being not only the one end of our creation and our redemption, but likewise of all the providences of God over us, and all the operations of his Spirit in us, must be, as the eternal wisdom of God hath declared, the one thing needful.

[III.] Exhortation.] 1. How great reason is there, then, even in the Christian world, to resume the Apostle's exhortation, 'Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead!' Hath not Christ given thee light? Why then sittest thou still in the shadow of death? What slumber is this which hangs on thy temples? Knowest thou not that only one thing is needful? What then are all these? Why hath any but that the least place in thy thoughts, the least share in thy affection? Is the entertainment of the senses the one thing needful? Or the gratifying the imagination with uncommon, or great, or beautiful objects? Our

Lord saith not so. Saith he then that the one thing is to acquire a fortune, or to increase that thou hast already? I tell you, Nay: these may be the thoughts of those that dream, but they cannot [be those] of waking men. Is it to obtain honour, power, reputation, or (as the phrase is) to get preferment? Is the one thing to gain a large share in that fairest of the fruits of earth, learning? No. Though any of these may sometimes be conducive to, none of them is, the one thing needful. That is simply to escape out of the snare of the devil, to regain an angelical nature; to recover the image where in we were formed; to be like the Most High. This, this alone, is the one end of our abode here; for this alone are we placed on the earth; for this alone did the Son of God pour out his blood; for this alone doth his Holy Spirit watch over us. One thing we have to do, to press towards this mark of the prize of our high calling; to emerge out of chains, diseases, death, into liberty, health, and life immortal!

2. Let us well observe, that our Lord doth not call this our main concern, our great business, the chief thing needful, but the *one* thing-all others being either parts of this or quite foreign to the end of life. On this then let us fix our single view, our pure unmixed intention; regarding nothing at all, small or great, but as it stands referred to this. We must use many means; but let us ever remember we have but one end. For as while our eye is single our whole body will be full of light, so, should it

ever cease to be single, in that moment our whole body would be full of darkness.

3. Be we then continually jealous over our souls, that there be no mixture in our intention. Be it our one view in all our thoughts, and words, and works, to be partakers of the divine nature, to regain the highest measure we can of that faith which works by love, and makes us become on spirit with God. I say, the highest measure we can; for who will plead for any abatement of health, liberty, life, and glory? Let us then labour to be made perfectly whole, to burst every bond in sunder; to attain the fullest conquest over this body of death, the most entire renovation of our nature; knowing this, that when the Son of man shall send forth his angels to cast the double-minded into outer darkness, then shall the single of heart receive the one thing they sought, and shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father!

Now to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, be ascribed all honour and glory, adoration and worship, both now and for ever. Amen.

Youth Ministry Hamburger Steak Meal



Youth Ministry Hayride



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Trunk or Treat



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(as of Friday, November 1, 2013)

THRU December 2013

**Ministry followed by Barbecue Meal
(free for the community) by the
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- **Saturday, November 9th: 10th Annual United Methodist Women Country Buffet and Auction Fund Raiser. Country Buffet: 5 pm until 7 pm then Auction will be at 7 pm.**
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