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Covered Dish to Welcome Pastor Ed Armfield and Family and Movie Night

There will be a Covered Dish to Welcome Pastor Armfield and his family and Movie night on Sunday, August 10th.

Covered Dish will be at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The movie "God's Not Dead" will be shown in the Sanctuary at 6 pm.

Please invite visitors and Burnett's Chapel will be invited also.



Special Singing

There will be a Special Singing on Sunday, August 3 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. If you would like to sing or play an instrument let Gene Farlow know.



End of Summer Party

The Back to School Party this year has been renamed the End of Summer Party. It will be held on Sunday, August 24th (which is the day before School Starts) from 4 pm- until. We will eat at approximately 6 pm.

We will have 2 inflatable's here. They are a "Big Slide" and "Rocket USA". The inflatable will be set up in the paved parking lot or field. Picture of the inflatable's are below.

This event just as in years past is FREE for the whole community and will be geared for all Youth and Adults. However, we will need to have volunteers to make Homemade Ice Cream.

Please invite everyone you can for this FREE community event.



From Pastor Ed

To my fellow fishers of men,

What a joy and privilege it is to greet you in this edition of the church newsletter. From the arrival of my family and I into the church family at Old Union, you have accepted us with grace, love, and kindness. For this act of accommodation, we humbly thank you. What a great and most opportune time it was for us to become acquainted with Old Union as we arrived in the midst of a very successful Vacation Bible School. As someone shared with me, "you came at a really good time because for the most part, V.B.S. is, for this church, a three-tiered family reunion!" Such a gathering gave Cindy and I a really great opportunity to join with you hand-in-hand, heart-to-heart, and shoulder-to-shoulder with one of the greatest tools of ministry any church has to offer its most valuable treasure--its children. In fact, I continue to be amazed with the number of ministries the Old Union family extends within and beyond the walls of the church and the number of years it has been extended.

For well over 200 years this church has served as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the greater Old Union community. The Armfield family counts it a dear privilege to take our place now in a long line of clergy families that across time and space has served this Community of Faith. As pastoral care is my strongest attribute, already I have had the pleasure of visiting with several of you in your homes and hospitals as well. As I enjoy that avenue of ministry so very much, I look forward to spending many hours of laughter and prayer with you as we join together in fellowship.

Worship services in this place take me back to that place in my life when, as a child, I attended church at Sumner Baptist Church. Many of the things we do, especially music played as we all greet our neighbors refreshes

my spirit a with closeness that is born of God's Holy Spirit. Music is a great form of offering ourselves in praise and adoration to God. From where I stand behind the pulpit, congregational singing rushes over my presence with witness and proclamation as it comes forth from souls that know first-hand the redemptive power of God. Singing is something that Cindy and I (and our children) have always enjoyed. Singing with the choir at Old Union is simply marvelous because of the beautiful simplicity with which you offer each message with song. Nothing is expected with and of those who sing---just a wonderful invitation to join with sisters and brothers in the faith to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

This past Tuesday evening Cindy and I joined with the S & D Singers in the sanctuary to practice for the August 3rd Sunday evening of worship with Burnetts Chapel and for the Homecoming service. I can't begin to tell you just how wondrous that experience was! Both Cindy and I sang pieces of music that until that point in our lives we'd never known but by the power of the Holy Spirit we joined alongside those gathered just like we had been there for a very long time. I truly enjoy the comfortable feeling one experiences as this church worships together. Everyone joins in fellowship not afraid to contribute to it according to their unique energies and talents. I would have to assume that all of heaven rejoices as you offer yourselves to God in such a way!

I am confident that God's Almighty Hand has made possible this appointment and Cindy and I look very much forward to working with you through the many programming ministries Old Union offers to it's surrounding community. And as well, as we are ever-leaning forward with anxious and expectant hearts to the new ministries that will experience birth because of our time spent together, may God's Holy Prevenient Grace make known to us his will as we plow fresh dirt together. So--with hearts ever-attentive to cast lures of faith--both old

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and new---for people who need and may even long to hear some really great news, offering to them the Good News of God's Holy Word, His message of love and forgiveness, Let's Go Fishing!

Grace and Peace to You All,

Pastor Ed

History of Old Union UMC

Trivia Question.

July's Question: What event was this picture taken at and what year was it?



July's Answer: The picture was taken at the "Rally for the Troops" in 2003.



August Question: What event and year was this picture taken?

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

United Methodist Women

We did not have a meeting in July and will not have one in August either. We took the last 2 months off for the summer.

At the September meeting we will need to decide what will be on the raffle so we can have tickets made before Homecoming for the November Buffet, Raffle and Auction event. We would like to have raffle prizes donated so all money taken in would be profit. If you have anything you are interested in donating, please see any of the UMW members.

Scheduled meetings for the upcoming months are as follows:

August – No meeting – Vacation time

September – Tuesday, September 2nd Terry Parrish will be the hostess.

October- Tuesday, October 7th Linda Byrd will be the hostess.

All ladies are welcome to attend any of our meetings. Our normal meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men did not meet in July except a short meeting to decide that we will continue to have our meetings the first Sunday of the month at 8 am.

We will have the date changed on the banners for the Country Breakfast one more time for the breakfast in September. At the September meeting we will decide the dates for the 2015 Country Breakfasts and have David Snyder start working on some new banners for us.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, August 3rd at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. Seth Smith will be the host.

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 met Sunday, July 13th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We did decide to have a movie night to watch the movie “God’s Not Dead” after it comes out on DVD and to have a covered dish before the movie to welcome Rev. Ed Armfield and his Family.

We are continuing to sell the Rada Knives etc. There will be new books given to each of the Youth Ministry members and there will also be new books on the desk of the Financial Secretary soon. If you would like to purchase see any of the Youth Ministry members or you can now order online and have it delivered to your home and the profits still go to the Youth Ministry. More information on how to order online is in this newsletter following this.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, September 7th from 6 pm until 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Vacation Bible School 2014

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped in any way to make Vacation Bible School 2014 another huge success.

Over the 2 days we did have 32 children attend.

Thanks Jeffrey Smith

Homecoming Flowers

Any person or family that would like to put Real or Artificial flowers in the church in memory of someone for Homecoming please let Jeffrey know by Sunday, August 24th so they can be ordered.

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Rada Cutlery

The Old Union United Methodist Church Youth Ministry sells Rada Cutlery year round. You may now order online and have it delivered straight to your house and the profits still go to the Youth Ministry. All you have to do is go to www.helpourfundraiser.com and the internet ordering number is 504861 and the password is oumym . Thank you for your support.

228th Annual Homecoming

Old Union's 228th Annual

Homecoming will be Sunday, September 14th, 2014. We were unable to find a guest speaker/former pastor to speak. The S & D Singers of Old Union will have a concert during Worship Service.

Sunday School will be at 10 am and Worship will be at 11 am for Homecoming only. After going to the Cemetery we will go to the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish meal. There will be a special singing at 1:30 pm by the Jacob's Family.

Please invite all former members, family and friends to Homecoming.



Burnett's Chapel UMC Vacation Bible School

Burnett's Chapel UMC Vacation Bible School will be Friday, August 8th and Saturday, August 9th. For Ages 3 through 12.

Friday night VBS events include:

5:30 pm until 6pm: Registration with parents

6 pm: Opening Assembly

8:30 pm: Parents pick- up Children

Children will be served Pizza for Dinner

Saturday VBS events include:

9 am: Opening Assembly

5 pm: Hot Dog/Hamburger Cook-out for children, families, and church family

Children will be served lunch, a mid- morning snack and mid-afternoon snack.

Please call Teresa Brown at 588-7310 for additional information.

Last Country Breakfast of the year

The Last Country Breakfast of the year will be Saturday, September 20th 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).

Northern Piedmont District Missional Network Worship Celebration

The Northern Piedmont District Missional Network Worship Celebration for the Randolph Central Network which Old Union is a member of with Bethany, Ferree’s Chapel, First (Randleman), Level Cross, Mt. Lebanon, New Salem, St. Peter’s and Worthville will be Thursday, November 13th at 6:30 pm at First UMC in Randleman.

The Network Gathering will include Worship, Fellowship, and celebration of ministry.

The Charge Conference will be held at either Old Union or Burnett’s Chapel. Date and time will be announced soon.

Food Collection for Christian’s United Outreach Center (CUOC)

The Items to be Collected for the next 2 months are:

- August: Cereal and Pop Tarts
- September: Spaghetti & Pasta

Randolph Health and Rehab

Randolph Health and Rehab on Presnell St in Asheboro is looking for anyone to read, sing and entertain the residents. Contact Gene Farlow so he can get you in touch with the Activities Director if you are willing to help.

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
2868 March Circle
Bellevue, Nebraska 68123

Scheduled Board Meeting 2014

Sunday, October 19th at 2 pm

Shut Ins Addresses

Mabel Farlow
5080 Walker Mill Road
Sophia, NC 27350

Marjorie Adams
6087 Old Walker Mill Road
Randleman, NC 27317

Church Cleaning Schedule

August: D.W & Debbie Coggins
September: Youth Ministry

I made a mistake in last month’s Newsletter and posted that the Youth Ministry was to clean the month of August. Sorry for any confusion.



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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

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

September:

9/9: Beverly Spillman
9/10: Aubrey Swoope
9/14: Lane Frazier
9/14: Isaac Blakely
9/19: Ruth Haynes
9/19: Lesa Luckado
9/21: Jonathon Stinnett
9/26: Brooke Parrish
9/30: Sandy Stutts

Anniversaries

August:

8/1: Ronald & Geneva Godbey
8/2: Chris & Abby Stinnett
8/4: D.W. & Debbie Coggins
8/10: Ed & Cindy Armfield
8/11: Dalton & Chelsea Spillman

September:

9/4: Michael & Crystal Swoope
9/24: Seth & Kelli Smith

Newsletter Submissions

Please have all newsletter submissions for the September edition of the Bell's Messenger to me by Sunday, August 31st. Remember my email is jws13@northstate.net.



Vacation Bible School



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OLD UNION UMC UPCOMING EVENTS

(as of Sunday, July 27, 2014)

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- **Sunday, August 3rd: Special Singing Service at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary**
- **Sunday, August 10th: Covered Dish Meal to welcome Pastor Ed Armfield and his family and also Movie Night.** Covered Dish at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall and the movie "God's Not Dead" in the Sanctuary at 6 pm.
- **Sunday, August 24th: 13th Annual "End of Summer Party" (previously named Back to School Party) for all ages in the Community.** 4pm - until. We will have a Slide and Bounce inflatable. We need volunteers to make Homemade Ice Cream. FREE for Everyone.
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- **Sunday, September 14th: 228th Annual Homecoming.** We were unable to find a speaker/former pastor so the S & D Singers of Old Union will have a concert during worship service. Sunday School will be at 10 am and Worship Service at 11 am this Sunday only. A Covered Dish Meal in Fellowship Hall after benediction in Cemetery. There will be singing at 1:30 pm by the Jacob's Family.
- **Saturday, September 20th: 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 19th: Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting at 2 pm.**

