

BELL'S MESSENGER



The Newsletter of
Old Union United Methodist Church
& Surrounding Community



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Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

Shrove Tuesday: Tuesday, February 17th, Pancake and Sausage Supper at Burnett's Chapel, time to be announced.

Ash Wednesday Service: Wednesday, February 18th, at 7 pm at Old Union.

Meals After Church

We will continue our tradition in 2015 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.

February 22nd: Senior Adult Class will have Spaghetti

We will also go bowling after the February Meal

March 15th: Adult Class (Menu will be announced later)

Church Bowling Outing

We are going to continue our bowling tradition we will be getting a group together to go bowling on Sunday, February 22nd. Anyone in the church that would like to go, mark this on their calendar. We will be going to High Point Bowling Center on Fairfield Road in High Point.

Jeffrey has reserved lanes for 25 people from 2pm until 4 pm on Sunday, February 22nd, 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. I need to know by Sunday, February 15th who is going and their money. 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.

2nd of 2015

FREE Soup Saturday for the Community

There will be a 2nd of 2015 FREE Soup Saturday for the community. This is open to anyone that needs or wants a hot meal on Saturday, March 7th. (Snow date is Saturday, March 14th) from 11 am until 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The menu will include Soup, a Sandwich and Tea, Coffee or Water. There will not be transportation provided. You are welcome to provide transportation for someone if you want to yourself.

Vacation Bible School

"Celebrate God's Blessing"

Our Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it. If you are interested in helping with Vacation Bible School this year please let Linda Byrd or Beverly Spillman know as soon as possible.

Our first meeting is planned for Sunday, February 22nd directly after the Senior Adult Class meal before going on the Bowling outing.

The dates and times of Vacation Bible School this year is Friday, July 17th from 6 pm until 8 pm, Saturday, July 18th from 9 am until 4 pm and Vacation Bible School program will be on Sunday, July 19th during Worship Service.



From Pastor Ed

By the time you read this pastor's thoughts as penned in this edition of the Bell Messenger, January will be entombed and February underway. As seen through the liturgical lens of the United Methodist Church, the month of February invites us to celebrate Black History Month, Boy Scout Sunday, Transfiguration of the Lord, and as well we mark the beginning of the Season of Lent. A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place this year at Burnetts Chapel UMC February 17th. This meal serves as a blessing in which we partake of the riches of God's Providential Care as reasoned by the food we eat and the fellowship we engage in. In short--we celebrate a season of plenty before we, as did Jesus, walk through the wilderness of our lives seeking the greater knowledge of God and His will for us. More information concerning this meal will be made available soon.

The next night, Wednesday (18th), an Ash Wednesday Service complete with the imposition of ashes will take place at Old Union UMC. This service will begin at 7:00 pm. This service marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. This is a time when we as God's children are invited to enter into the process of self-examination as we acknowledge our human nature---we are dust, and to dust we shall return. The inventory of self we experience can at times be quite painful. The inspection of self we experience brings us face-to-face with the current condition of our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. As well, this "wilderness exam" invites us to participate in the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus upon the Cross as we through these forty days give up something we normally enjoy. Additionally we can accomplish this through the practice of some sort of discipleship or servitude we normally would not engage in. I pray you will take seriously this practice and

see it as a true privilege in which we engage as you draw closer to the side of our Savior.

The secular world sees the month of February as "True Love" in motion as Cupid flies around shooting arrows at people while Valentine hearts float about here and there. "Be My Valentine" are words shared communally between people of all ages. But please consider this most important thought. Just this past Sunday I shared a message with the church that hopefully caused us to see that no matter where we've been, no matter how our past might look--how right, wrong, or indifferent, God calls us to be apostles to be sent out in the endeavor to share some really great news with a world that not only needs to hear and accept it, but more importantly put it into practice! Could it be that not only during this month but each and every month of our lives, God is saying to us through the lens of Divinity and Sovereignty-- "WOULD YOU BE MINE" ? Jesus Christ loved us all the way to the Cross and then beyond. The invitation Jesus extends to us to be his---fully his---is an invitation to be radically changed through redeeming grace and "TRUE LOVE! Why not answer the call of God upon your life by saying--"Yes Lord! I will be yours! And you are mine!

God bless you all,

Pastor Ed.



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Church Service Times

Worship Service:

9:30 am

Sunday School:

Immediately following Worship Service with 45 minutes of Sunday School Class time. After Class, we will meet back in the Sanctuary for a Sunday School closing assembly.

History of Old Union UMC

Trivia Question

January's Question:

Where was this picture taken at? And what event was it?



January's Answer:

This picture was taken at Creekside Park. The event was a going away cookout for the pastors leaving the High Point District.

February's Question:

What religious event was this picture taken?
What year was it?



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

United Methodist Women

The Old Union UMW met on Tuesday, January 6th in the fellowship hall. There were 11 members present.

We discussed donating snack items, etc. to the Cancer Center and/or Hospice facilities in Asheboro and/or High Point. Two ladies were going to check with these facilities to see what the need is at each and let us know at the next meeting.

It was decided to do Easter baskets for the children at the Battered Women's Shelter. We will collect money at the February meeting for the items to be purchased with plans to put them together at the March meeting and be delivered before Easter.

We decided to wait on going over the quantities, etc. of the food for the November Buffet until Beverly was there with the notes she made from the last one. Lovier and Robin served delicious refreshments.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Cindy Armfield will be the hostess. As always, all ladies are encouraged to attend.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men met Sunday, January 8th at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. Claude Smith was the host.

We discussed some more on the Pancake and Sausage meal in April. Delbert Spillman said he would donate the last item needed for the Raffle. The items for the raffle are a Grill Basket, a Picnic Basket and a Craftsman's Tool Set. We also decided who would host for the March meeting. There will not be an April meeting due to it being Easter Sunday.

Raffle tickets are now on sale and will be on sale until the night of the Pancake and Sausage Supper. We will be selling tickets at the first Country Breakfast for the year which is Saturday, March 21st.

The February meeting will be Sunday, February 1st at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. Gene Farlow will be the host.

The March meeting will be Sunday, March 1st 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, January 11th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We decided at this meeting to have a lock in on Friday, January 16th starting at 7 pm and then stay and help with the Free Soup Saturday. We had a lot of fun and fellowship that night.

We are continuing to sell the Rada Knives etc. There are books on the desk of the Financial Secretary. 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. How to order online is on the back of the books.

Our next meeting will be in this month, the date will be announced later.



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

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

February: Instant Potatoes

March: Cereal and Pop Tarts

High Demand Items needed at this time are: Field peas, green peas, corn, pintos, northern and navy beans (dried or canned), macaroni and cheese, green beans, canned fruit (no sugar added), hamburger helper, sloppy joe mix, breakfast cereal (no sugar added), oatmeal, grits, instant potatoes, ramen noodles, pasta, soup, spaghetti sauce, bath soap and laundry detergent.

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Questions on the Holy Bible

The Creation

1. When did God create the heaven and the earth?
2. Did God make all things complete at once?
3. What was the work of the second day?
4. Why did God rest on the seventh day?

Answers

1. In the Beginning (Genesis 1:1)
2. No; for The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. (Genesis 1:2)
3. The creation of an atmosphere, or firmament, and the separation of the waters under the firmament from those above it.
4. Because he then ceased in make any new kinds of things upon the earth.

The Fall

1. Where did God place man and woman when he created them?
2. What did the devil promise Eve?
3. What foolish plan did Adam and Eve adopt to hide their shame?
4. Is the tree of life ever mentioned again in Scripture? If so, where?

New Market Civitans Bi-Annual

Ham and Egg Supper

The New Market Civitans Bi-Annual Ham and Egg Supper will be Saturday, February 21st from 5 pm until 8 pm at the New Market Community Building.

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

Country Breakfasts for 2015

Saturday, March 21st

Saturday, May 16th

Saturday, September 19th

Caleb's Crossing Gospel Group

Caleb's Crossing Gospel Group will be at Burnett's Chapel UMC on Saturday night, March 21st, time to be announced.

Easter Week Activities

The Easter Activities this year include:

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 2nd at 7 pm at Old Union

Good Friday Service: Friday, April 3rd at 7 pm at Burnett's Chapel

Easter Egg Hunt: Date and Time to be announced in the Fellowship Hall and on Church grounds. (Burnett's Chapel Easter Egg Hunt will be announced later also)

Sunrise Service: Will be here at Old Union at 6:30 am on Sunday, April 5th. After going to the Cemetery there will be Sunday School Classes, Sunday School Service in Sanctuary, then Breakfast in Fellowship Hall.

Worship Service: There will be not be a 9:30 am service at Old Union on Sunday, April 5th but there will be a combined 11 am Worship Service at Burnett's Chapel.

Pancake and Sausage Supper

The United Methodist Men will have a Pancake and Sausage Supper on Saturday, April 18th from 5 pm until 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Menu will be all you can eat pancakes, sausage and Tea, Coffee or Water.

We have started selling Raffle Tickets to be given away at this meal. The Prizes are: Grill Basket, Picnic Basket and Craftsman Tools. The value of the prizes are between \$50 and \$75. Everything is being donated for this fund raiser so everything that comes in will be profit.



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

While Dustin is in Kuwait, anything you want to mail to him give it to Darrell and Beverly and they will mail it. Please check with them as to what can be sent.

Scheduled Board Meetings 2015

Sunday, April 19th at 2 pm
Sunday, July 12th at 2 pm
Sunday, October 18th at 2 pm

Shut Ins Addresses

Marjorie Adams
6087 Old Walker Mill Road
Randleman, NC 27317

Jack Stephens
4248 Brown Loop Road
Randleman, NC 27317

Church Cleaning Schedule

February: Seth Smith
March: Nellie and Fonda Johnson

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

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

March:
3/5: Tamara Owens
3/12: Adam Byrd
3/19: Drake Spillman
3/20: Valerie Armfield

Anniversaries

March:
3/9: Adam & Holly Byrd

Newsletter Submissions

Please have all newsletter submissions for the March edition of the Bell's Messenger to me by Sunday, February 22nd. Remember my email is jws13@northstate.net.

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Anyone that has Facebook knows what Throwback Thursday is. It is where you share pictures of your past.

In this edition of "Bell's Messenger" we are going to have Throwback February which will show pictures in the past of Old Union.





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OLD UNION UMC UPCOMING EVENTS (as of Wednesday, January 28, 2014)

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- **Wednesday, February 18th: Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm at Old Union**
- **Sunday, February 22nd: Meal after church. The Senior Adult Class will have spaghetti, etc. Price: Donation**
- **Sunday, February 22nd: Vacation Bible School Meeting immediately after the Senior Adult class meal.**
- **Sunday, February 22nd: 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 15th**
- **Saturday, March 7th: 2nd of 2015 FREE Soup Saturday for the community, from 11 am until 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will include soup, a sandwich and Tea, Coffee or Water. There will not be transportation provided. You are welcome to provide transportation for someone if you want to yourself. Snow date is Saturday, March 14th.**
- **Sunday, March 15th: Meal after church. The Adult Sunday School Class will have a menu to be announced later**
- **Saturday, March 21st: First Country Breakfast of 2015. 7 am until 10 am in Fellowship Hall**
- **Thursday, April 2nd: Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm at Old Union**
- **Friday, April 3rd: Good Friday Service at 7 pm at Burnett's Chapel**
- **Sunday, April 5th: Sunrise Service at 6:30 am at Old Union. After going to the Cemetery there will be Sunday School Classes, Sunday School Service in Sanctuary, then Breakfast in Fellowship Hall. There will not be a 9:30 am Service at Old Union this Sunday but there will be a 11 am combined service at Burnett's Chapel.**
- **Saturday, April 18th: The United Methodist Men will have a Pancake and Sausage Supper from 5 pm until 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Menu will be all you can eat pancakes, sausage and Tea, Coffee or Water. Also with this event we will be having a raffle.**