

BELL'S MESSENGER



The Newsletter of
Old Union United Methodist Church
& Surrounding Community



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Easter Sunday Activities

The Easter Sunday Activities this year include:
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 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. The Price: \$6 for adults, \$3 kids 4-10 and 3 & under eat free

We have started selling Raffle Tickets for prizes 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.



Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting will be Sunday, May 3rd at 2 pm in the Sanctuary.
Please notice date change.

Special Singing

Special Singing will be Sunday, April 19th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. If you would like to sing or play an instrument, please see Gene Farlow.

Relay for Life Yard Sale

Relay for Life Yard Sale will be Saturday, April 25th from 7 am until 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

There will also be Hot Dogs for Sale. The price is: 2 Hot Dogs, bag of Chips and a drink for \$5.



From Pastor Ed

Just recently Jason Lyons and Mike Craven mowed the yards at both the parsonage and at Burnetts Chapel. I know that I can't speak for you, but I love the smell that fills the air following that first mowing of the year. Not only are the flowers, bushes, and trees experiencing resurrection, but couple that with the smell of wild onions and you know that Spring is here. This past Winter season has been long and cold! We've experienced the sting of low temps, coupled with ice and freezing rain several times. We had a few bouts with snow the last of which was a beautiful snowfall that clung to everything it came in contact with. However, as excited as many of us are when area meteorologists are calling for inclement weather along with the possibilities of area schools altering their schedules, how wonderful and refreshing it is to greet warmer and longer days that provide us with the opportunity to get way beyond the doors of our homes and enjoy outdoor activities.

In an analogous manner, the changing of the seasons remind me somewhat of the Lenten season and it's focus on the fruition of Jesus' mission here on earth. Many times the challenges of life including everything from A-Z endeavors to entomb us. Lives ordained by God for greatness and His glory become paralyzed as the tentacles of fear and grief wrap themselves tightly around us. As this lifestyle continues, layer upon layer builds thus adding thickness to the walls that hold captive it's prey. The stench of such captivity smells to high heaven so much so that many times it's hard for us to deal with our own smell. Just as the winter landscape looks barren and in many ways void of life, conditions within the life of someone who lives life held captive within thickened walls looks much the same. Lent provides each one of us with a great opportunity to go through the process of examining ourselves and contingent on what we come face-to-face with, then doing something about our current condition.

When you and I cease the practice of looking at life through our own lens, when we break with the past looking forward to what God in Christ is offering us, it's at that point that we begin to hear Jesus' voice as did Lazarus to "come forth" and live. When you and I allow God to roll away the stone that holds us captive, it is then that light breaks forth thus chasing away the darkness that for way too long has held us prey. Embracing the truth that light brings forth life, allowing God to break the chains that hold us captive makes possible for us to experience all of life as God ordains it. The stench of captivity that once permeated the walls of our boundaries is replaced with each and every blessing God's Divine plan and purpose provides. Cold hearts are made warm as transformation and, in time, sanctification, has a chance to take root. No longer do we settle for the same old same old that for many years we thought was the "norm." When we walk from the confines of our tomb, little by little we experience new territory and it is in that landscape that we discover new life and new opportunities.

Empowered by the strength of His heavenly Father, Jesus came "to love, heal, and forgive" which gives us the chance to know more intimately the love God has for us. It is my prayer that each one of you would come to know the freshness of God's amazing grace not only at Easter but in each moment of your life. I end my thoughts with verse two of Kurt Kaiser's hymn entitled "Pass It On." "What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding; the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming. That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it; you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on."

Happy Resurrection Morn to you all!

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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.

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History of Old Union UMC

Trivia Question

March's Question: Who is this person and what year was this taken?



Answer: Rev. Terry Duckworth and the picture taken in September of 2008.

April's Question:

When and where was this picture taken?



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

United Methodist Women

The Old Union UMW met on Tuesday, March 5th in the fellowship hall. There were 15 members present.

Several ladies brought snacks to send to Hospice of Randolph County. Robin showed us the baskets to go to children at The Family Crisis Center in Asheboro. We had taken donations in February to pay for them.

We will be bringing snacks to the April meeting to send to Hospice of the Piedmont in High Point. Anyone who would like to contribute, please get to Cindy Armfield or bring to the meeting.

At the April meeting we will also be letting Kelli Smith know how many are going to the Prayer Breakfast at Rehobeth United Methodist Church on the morning of April 18th.

Loretta Smith served refreshments.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 7th at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Kelli Smith will be the hostess and as always all ladies are encouraged to attend.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men did not meet Sunday, March the first due to icy roads.

We would like to thank everyone that helped in any way with the Country Breakfast on March 21st. We raised \$820.00.

Raffle tickets are now on sale and will be on sale until the night of the Pancake and Sausage Supper, which is Saturday, April 18th, 5 pm until 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall

There will not be an April meeting due to it being Easter Sunday.

The May meeting will be Sunday, May 3rd at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. Jeffrey 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, March 8th in the Fellowship Hall. We discussed some possible activities we could do this summer.

We will be camping out at Seth and Kelli Smith's house from Friday evening, May 22nd until Saturday morning, May 23rd. We will also be going to Carowinds on Saturday, June 13th for the Rock the Park (Christian Rock Music Festival). The tickets, includes a ticket to the park and concert. The Youth Ministry will pay for half the ticket cost. They will need to bring spending money and money for food and drinks.

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 Sunday, April 26th from 6 pm until 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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

April: Sloppy Joe Mix

May: Canned Green Peas and Canned Corn

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.

Questions on the Holy Bible

Cain and Abel

1. What was the name of Adam's first child?
2. What difference do we observe in the offerings of the two brothers?
3. What awful act did Cain's jealousy lead to?
4. What fearful lie did Cain tell?

Answers

1. Cain (Genesis 4)
2. Cain offered of the fruit of the ground, and Abel the firstlings of his flock (Genesis 4:3, 4)
3. The murder of Abel
4. He told the all-seeing God that he knew not where his murdered brother was

Flood

1. When God looked down from heaven what did he see?
2. When did Noah preach to the wicked people?
3. How were Noah and his family preserved?
4. What was the name of the son that God gave Adam in the place of Abel, whom Cain slew?

Answers will be in next month's Newsletter.

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Country Breakfasts for 2015

Saturday, May 16th

Saturday, September 19th

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.

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.

Rock the Park at Carowinds

Rock the Park (Christian Rock Music Festival) will be at Carowinds on Saturday, June 13th.

The Groups who will be in concert are Casting Crowns, Skillet, Crowder, About the Mile, Blanca, and others to be announced.

We are getting a group to go to Carowinds that day. We will leave here from the church at 8 am and will return late that night. The price of tickets to go is a maximum of \$50 each, which includes park admission and the concert. Members of the Youth Ministry will only have to pay a maximum of \$25 each. If you are a Season Pass ticket holder tickets to the concert are \$25.99. Everyone will still need to bring spending money for souvenirs, food and drinks.

If you want to go all money needs to be turned in to Jeffrey by Sunday, May 31st, so tickets can be purchased.

Area Blood Drives in April

Anyone who is eligible is urged to schedule a time to give blood now. People with all blood types are needed, and donors with blood types O negative, O positive, A negative or B negative are especially encouraged to give at this time.

Friday, April 10th:

State Employees Credit Union

318 West Academy St

Randleman

12 pm until 4:30 pm

Randolph Electric Membership –Asheboro

879 McDowell Road

Asheboro

12:30 pm until 5 pm

Monday, April 13th:

Fairfield United Methodist Church

1505 NC Hwy 62 West

High Point

2:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Tuesday, April 14th:

Randolph Community College-Asheboro

629 Industrial Park Dr

Asheboro

10 am until 2:30 pm

Wednesday, April 15th:

Colonial Baptist Church

6792 Welborn Road

Trinity

3 pm until 7:30 pm

Thursday, April 16th:
Flag Springs United Methodist Church
5852 Zoo Parkway
Asheboro
2 pm until 6 pm

Saturday, April 25th:
Trinity Baptist Church
6499 NC Hwy 62
Trinity
10 am until 2 pm

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, May 3rd at 2 pm (Notice Date Change)
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

Edna Bame
P.O. Box 1013
Randleman, NC 27317

Church Cleaning Schedule

April: Judy Beeson
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

April:
4/4: Linda Byrd
4/7: Maddy Hale
4/9: Houston Parrish
4/10: Clarence Knight
4/15: Debbie Coggins
Ronnie Hale
4/19: Jack Cowart
4/24: Chelsea Spillman

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

Anniversaries

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

Newsletter Submissions

Please have all newsletter submissions for the May edition of the Bell's Messenger to me by Sunday, April 26th. Remember my email is jws13@northstate.net.

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- **Sunday, May 2nd: United Methodist Men at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall.**
- **Sunday, May 2nd: Regularly Scheduled Board meeting at 2 pm (notice date change)**

