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Last Edition of Bell's Messenger

This will be the Last Edition of Bell's Messenger. Bell's Messenger was founded in January of 2012. The name Bell's Messenger comes from where Old Union UMC was called Bell's Meeting House when it was founded in 1786. Bell's Meeting House was founded by William and Martha McGee Bell.

I would like to thank everyone that has submitted news, articles and edited my typing for Bell's Messenger over the last 3 and ½ years.

You can continue to find out upcoming events on our website www.oldunionumc.org or Facebook page. As groups of the church make plans for events, please let me know and I will put it on the website and Facebook pages.
---Jeffrey Smith

Graduation Sunday

Graduation Sunday this year will be Sunday, June 7 during Worship Service. There will be a Covered Dish Immediately Following Church in the Fellowship Hall.

This year our graduate is Nikki Hale.

Confirmation Class of 2015

The Confirmation Class of 2015 will be confirmed on Sunday, June 7 during Worship Service.

The Confirmation Class of 2015 is Tucker Case, Jaylyn Gladden and Jake Johnson.



NO Service Time Changes

It was voted at the May Administrative Board meeting to leave Worship Service at 9:30 am and Sunday School immediately following for the next year.

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.



From Pastor Ed

As I'm gathering my thoughts for this newsletter publication, my mind is actually focused on two things. Number one, I am reminded of today's message I shared with the church at Old Union as drawn from Psalm 29. Secondly, this year's graduate (Nikki Hale) and our confirmands (Tucker, Jaylyn, and Jake). The crux of the message the scripture of which was penned by David spoke of the power of God's might in all weathers. We typically think of God's "heavy hitters" (Moses, Jeremiah, Matthew, John, etc.) highlighted in His written Word as those who make up God's chosen few. The mistake we make is that we are of the opinion that God chose to speak specifically to those of first century Israel and those down through time who became an integral part of the old, old story of Jesus and his love. The problem with such rationale is then as now we are faced with the reality of Jesus' words to lay our hands on the Great Commission as instituted by him. The great call as issued by the Son of Man is not just for a select few. Rather, it is for each and everyone of us who will first listen to God's voice even in this day and secondly get busy following his invitation to follow him.

The imagery shared by David is that God's power is so awesome that literally nothing can stand in its way. This is especially true when it comes to believing in his promises as issued in his written Word. Truly, if anyone was familiar with the ebb and flow of life's rhythmic failures and victories it was David. He knew all too well the sting of his grief and heartache born of his wayward habits steering away from God. But as the imagery of the poetic language as portrayed in the psalms he penned born of a penitent heart, he was well acquainted with God's power to save thus making a way when there seemed to be no way!

I can only imagine that through the years with everything Nikki Hale faced as reasoned by any circumstances she faced, there was a time in her life that the very thought of

attaining a high school diploma must have seemed like she was climbing a well greased pole. But by trusting in God's power to remove the obstacles that stood in her way, she discovered that indeed "the hassle was worth the tassel" as she now has landed safely on the other side of the trials and tribulations she faced. Hard work laced and steeped in faith makes possible the power as described by David and now proclaimed by Nikki that nothing is impossible with God! As higher education is now within her sights, she will come to rely on the same power she now has tapped into not only in her educational endeavors but in her life as well.

The same could be said for our confirmands as well. Long hours of reading the Bible and the Upper Room, sheets of paper that play host to their feelings by journaling their feelings daily, lessons consisting of United Methodist history and church government must have seemed to them so totally endless. However, they too have finally reached the end in this time of instruction as they will be confirmed in full connection with the United Methodist Church at Old Union June 7th.

This truth, of course, is so relative in nature. Each and every one of us face steep hills and sharp curves that in the heat of the campaign seem to difficult to navigate. But when we allow the power of God to sweep his presence across the slumbering cords of our lives, resurrection power and breath is made known to us in many diverse ways! As I stated in today's message, I have to believe that we tap into this power when finally we knock the dust off our Bible searching diligently its pages so applicable to our lives. Foundation is laid for the construction ahead. Question is, what sort of attitude do you and I bring to God's Word? Do we arrive at those pages eager to hear or do we leave much the same way we left? How often do you chisel out time to spend time communing with God through meditating on God's goodness and grace? How often to you discipline yourself to listen to and for him

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as he shares his love for you? Do you know that sort of power in your lives?

All things are possible with God. All things. His Almighty Hand is much larger than anything you will ever face---every test---every exam life tosses your way. God's power is just as available to humanity in this day as it was thousands of years ago. Just as God spoke to the men and women we read of so many years ago in His Word, He speaks to us now. Congratulations to Graduate Nikki Hale and the Confirmation Class of 2015 at Old Union UMC. May we see their example as proof positive that good things come through blood sweat, and tears. What a privilege it will be to celebrate their achievements during worship June 7th.

God bless, Pastor Ed.



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.

Website

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History of Old Union UMC

Trivia Question

June's Question:

When was this picture taken and what was the event?



June's Answer: This picture was taken at the Car Wash & Hot Dog Fund Raiser we had for Christian United Outreach Center (CUOC) in June 2010 where we raised \$460.00. In the below picture is 1 of the 3 buggies full of food that was taken to CUOC after this fund raiser.



United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men met Sunday, May 3rd at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. Jeffrey Smith was our host. At that meeting we decided what items to get for the Country Breakfast.

We would like to thank everyone that helped and attended the Country Breakfast on Saturday, May 16th. We did raise around \$1000.00.

We have decided not to have a meeting in June or July. Our next meeting will be Sunday, August 2nd at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall.

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 camped out at Seth and Kelli Smith's house from Friday evening, May 22nd until Saturday morning, May 23rd.

We will be going to Carowinds on Saturday, June 13th for the Rock the Park (Christian Rock Music Festival). The tickets have been purchased for the ones who are going which includes a ticket to the park and concert. The Youth Ministry paid for half the ticket cost of the 2 members who are going. 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.

United Methodist Women

The UMW met on Tuesday, May 5th in the fellowship hall.

Ruth Haynes had the program. She also gave away a door prize. Ronnie Hale won that.

We discussed who would do different jobs on Father's Day and other necessary information.

It was decided to continue bringing snacks, etc. for Hospice of Randolph County and Hospice of the Piedmont alternating each month unless we had enough for both in one month. This month they are going to Hospice of Randolph County.

We closed with Ruth's delicious refreshments.

The UMW met on Tuesday, June 2nd in the fellowship hall.

Nikki Hale had the program on Fathers. We finished the discussion for Father's Day.

Beverly reminded us that we would not be having meetings in July or August. We also will not be sending anything to Hospice for those two months unless someone particularly wants to send something. This month we had enough items to share between both Hospice of Randolph County and Hospice of the Piedmont.

Ronnie Hale furnished us with refreshments.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 1st with Beverly Spillman as hostess. As always, all ladies are invited to attend. Below are the donations for Hospice.



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Old Union UMC Helping Hands Missions Update

OU UMC Helping Hands Mission group was formed last fall to have a community outreach ministry in our area. Our group is open to everyone – members and non-members, women, children, and men – anyone who feels led to make a difference in someone else's life. Please come out to join us – we meet on Thursday evenings 6:30pm until 8:30pm for different ongoing projects and fellowship.

We would like to share with you some of the items we have enjoyed the fellowship of making together and the joy of giving to those in need.

For December, we made fourteen candy wreaths, and Christmas ornaments that were given out to Randleman Senior Adult Center, and others. Twelve handmade quilts and five bags for walkers/wheelchairs were delivered to Brookhaven Haven Assisted Living residents to enjoy.



For January and February, more bags for walkers/wheelchairs were made. Ten prayer quilts were made and prayed over by the

congregation. These are available as the need arises for Pastor Ed to present to anyone ailing in spirit or health.



For March, we were presented with an opportunity to help establish a Confirmation Scholarship fund for our present Confirmation class. We donated candy bars that were sold and the proceeds went to fund their trip Lake Junaluska. The remaining proceeds will be available for future Confirmation classes to help with their expenses.

For April, we donated items to make Easter Baskets that were given to Randleman Senior Adult Center.

For May, we sponsored a yard sale for Relay for Life with a hot dog lunch. We set up at the Relay and sold raffle tickets for a handmade quilt and had a great evening of fellowship. Peggy Hancock was the winner of the quilt and Lara delivered it to her. With proceeds from the Senior Adult Sunday class spaghetti lunch, the yard sale & hot dog sale, the match from the church, and raffle tickets sold, a total of \$2,115.05 was donated to Relay for Life this year.



Upcoming events planned are a Fundraiser Kickball Game on July 25th with

Adults vs Youth. Players will pay \$5 to play and spectators will pay \$2 to watch. We will also have hot dogs and drinks for sale. Please save this date for what is sure to be a comedy affair – first responders will be available. We are also in the planning stages for a Fall event on October 3rd with games and food...stay tuned for more details to come.

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

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

June: Macaroni & Cheese or Pasta Salad

July: Pop Tarts and Cereal

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

Noah

1. How long was the ark building?
2. How old were Noah and his sons when they went into the ark?
3. What went in the ark with them? (Besides their wives)
4. What was Noah's first act when he came forth from the ark?

Answers

1. Perhaps a great part of the time that Noah was preaching, or of the one hundred and twenty years mention in Genesis 6:3.
2. Noah, six hundred years (Genesis 7:6) and his sons about one hundred (Genesis 5:32; 11:10)
3. seven, or two, of every living creature (Genesis 7:2, 3, 7-9, 13-16).
4. He built an altar and offered a sacrifice (Genesis 8:20)

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Country Breakfast for 2015

Saturday, September 19th

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 have got a group to go to Carowinds that day. We will leave here from the church at 8 am and will return late that night. Everyone will still need to bring spending money for souvenirs, food and drinks.

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 23rd so they can be ordered.

Area Blood Drives in June and July

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.

Sunday, June 7th:
Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting
3673 Hoover Hill Road
Trinity
1:30 pm until 6 pm

Monday, June 8th:
Fairfield UMC
1505 NC Hwy 62 West
High Point
2:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Zooland Civitan
230 E. Kivett St
Asheboro
2:30 pm until 7 pm

Thursday, June 11th:
St. John's Lutheran Church
505 South Park St
Asheboro
3:30 pm until 8 pm

Tuesday, June 16th:
High Point Theatre
220 E. Commerce St
High Point
8 am until 7 pm

Wednesday, June 17th:
Crossover Church
711 Knightdale Ave.
High Point
3 pm until 7:30 pm

Friday, June 19th:
State Employees Credit Union
318 West Academy St
Randleman
12 pm until 4:30 pm

Saturday, June 20th:
Trindale Baptist Church
10407 Archdale Road
Trinity
9:30 am until 2 pm

Level Cross UMC
10142 US Hwy 220 Bus
Randleman
10 am until 2:30 pm

Monday, June 22nd:
Open Door Baptist Church
10142 North Main St
Archdale
2:30 pm – 7 pm

Friday, July 3rd:
Wal-Mart Supercenter
1021 High Point St
Randleman
12 pm – 4:30 pm

Tuesday, July 7th:
Central UMC
300 S. Main St
Asheboro
2 pm – 7 pm

Friday, July 10th:
Woodland Hill Care and Rehab Center
400 Vision Drive
Asheboro
10 am – 2:30 pm

Wednesday, July 15th:
Piedmont Natural Gas
2623 Uwharrie Road
High Point
9 am – 1 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 Spillman

Dustin has been redeployed. Please remember him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Scheduled Board Meetings 2015

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

June: Terry Parrish
July: Gene & Wanda Farlow



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Birthdays

June:

6/4: Ashley Case
6/13: Gene Farlow
6/19: Delbert Spillman
Ron Godbey
6/20: Cindy Armfield
6/21: Cheryl Pegram
6/28: Jennie Frazier
6/29: Hunter Gladden

July:

7/1: Fonda Johnson
7/3: Debbie Hill
7/4: Jan Johnson
7/5: Evan Armfield
7/7: Nikki Hale
7/8: Loretta Smith
7/13: Brian Troxel
7/20: Marie Robbins
7/27: Kyle Wade

Fundraiser for Ted Hollingsworth

There will be a Fundraiser benefitting Ted Hollingsworth on Saturday, June 13th starting at 4:30 pm at Fairfield UMC, 1505 US Hwy 62 West, High Point.

There will be a Fish Fry or Chicken Meal from 4:30 pm until 7 pm. Menu: Fish or Chicken, Hush Puppies, French Fries, Cole Slaw and Dessert.

There will be a Live Auction starting at 6 pm. There will also be a Silent Auction, Classic Car & Truck Show, Bake Sale and Live Music. For More Information: (336) 431-5743.



Anniversaries

June:

6/2: Carsie & Debbie Hill
6/17: Darrell & Beverly Spillman
6/22: Clarence & Patty Knight

July:

7/6: Trey & Amber Parrish
7/7: Ron & Doris Abee
7/9: Ray & Robin Parrish



Country Breakfast



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**OLD UNION UMC
UPCOMING EVENTS
(as of Tuesday, June 2, 2015)**

- **Sunday, June 7th: Graduation Sunday during Worship Service then Covered Dish after church in Fellowship Hall**
- **Sunday, June 7th: The Conformation Class of 2015 will be Confirmed during Worship Service.**
- **Saturday, June 13th: Rockthepark at Carowinds**
- **Wednesday, June 17th through Sunday, June 21st: Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska**
- **Friday, July 17th through Sunday, July 19th: “Celebrate God’s Blessing” Vacation Bible School. VBS will be Friday night: 6 pm until 8 pm with Supper served from 5:30 pm until 6 pm, Saturday: 9 am until 4 pm with Breakfast served from 8:30 am until 9 am then Closing Program will be on Sunday during Worship Service.**
- **Saturday, July 25th: Fundraiser Kickball Game with Adults vs Youth by the Helping Hands Mission. Players will pay \$5 to play and spectators will pay \$2 to watch. They will also have Hot Dogs and Drinks for sale.**
- **Sunday, August 23rd: End of Summer Party. Time will be announced later.**
- **Sunday, September 13th: 229th Annual Homecoming**
- **Saturday, September 19th: Country Breakfast, 7 am until 10 am in the Fellowship Hall**
- **Saturday, October 3rd: Fall Event by the Helping Hands Mission. There will be games and food. Stay tuned for more details to come.**
- **Saturday, November 14th: 12th Annual United Methodist Women Country Buffet and Auction Fund Raiser**

