

BELL'S MESSENGER



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Back to School Party

The Back to School Party will be a little different this year so spread the word.

The Back to School Party will be Sunday, August 11th starting at 4 pm. From 4 pm until 5 pm we will be cooking the Hot Dogs and Hamburgers. Also anyone making homemade Ice Cream please do during this time also and we will be playing games outside. At 5 pm we will all go in the Sanctuary and listen to the Christian Band, "The Morning". Then at approximately 6 pm we will go in the Fellowship Hall and eat.

As always this is a FREE event open to everyone in the community.

Special Singing

There will be a Special Singing on Sunday, August 18th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Anyone that would like to sing or play an instrument please let Gene Farlow know.

Old Union UMC 227th Homecoming

The 227th Homecoming for Old Union United Methodist Church will be Sunday, September 7th. Rev. Jake Brady will be speaking since Lanny Lancaster will not be able to attend.

Anyone that would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary that Sunday please get in contact with Jan Johnson. Also let Jeffrey Smith know how you want it in the bulletin.

As in years past we will go to the Cemetery for the benediction of Worship Service followed by a Covered Dish Meal in the Fellowship Hall.

At 1:30 pm the Jacob's Family singers will be singing in the Sanctuary.

Vacation Bible School 2013

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped in any way to make Vacation Bible School 2013 another huge success.

Over the 2 days we did have 33 children attend. Darrell had the biggest class which were ages 7th grade thru 12th grade with 12. That age as is an extra important age since there are no other VBS around that has it for that age group.

Looking forward to another successful VBS in 2014.

Pastor Parish Relations Committee Meeting

The Pastor Parish Relations Committee will have a meeting at the end of August. If there are anyone that has any Concerns or Questions please get with one of the members of the PPR so it can be brought up at that meeting.

The members are: Jeffrey Smith, Clarence Knight, Alex Johnson, Delbert Spillman, Ricky Frazier and Ashley Case. Also Darrell Spillman as Lay Leader and D.W. Coggins as Administrative Board Chairperson will also attend.

Last Country Breakfast of the year

The Last Country Breakfast of the year will be Saturday, September 21st 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).

From the Pastor

To the members of Old Union United Methodist Church and all of the relatives, friends, and neighbors who make up our "church family":

I am glad to be appointed here as your pastor and I thank you for welcoming me into your lives and into your journeys of faith. I am convinced that I have come to a good place and that it is filled with people who are moving on towards godliness and perfection. I'm not sure I've met any who have gotten there, but I know that at least a few of you hope to arrive (myself included).

I have already witnessed many of your strengths as a congregation and I am sure there is more to come. Almost all of you fill some kind of leadership role and have responsibilities that you take seriously. Your desire to be a growing church is wisely paired with your desire to be a strong and faithful "body" of believers. A church cannot help to heal those on the outside if it is unhealthy on the inside. As families, you are also faithfully trying to raise your children and grandchildren up to be faithful disciples. You have a godly concern for your community and you are participating in ministries that reach the needy. All of these things and more are the things anyone should expect to find in a strong and committed church.

But these things alone are not all that God is asking of us. So, while you read over this month's newsletter with all the announcements, events, and information, I would ask you to be mindful of the church's mission. I ask you to ponder and pray over whether that mission is also the mission of your life. What is the thing you are living for most? The thing God is asking of all of us is to allow His grace to transform us into the likeness of Christ. So that each of us, in our own souls and beginning with ourselves alone, desire to have the love of God "shed abroad" in us. Such that, we awake to find that our heart wants what God wants, our souls hurt over that

which pains God, our desire is for the blessing of our neighbor more than ourselves, and that there is no sacrifice we are unwilling to make for the safety of one soul. This is what it is to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

As your new leader, I look forward to walking beside you all as we put our feet down in the footsteps of the One who leads us all. Grace and peace to you.

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:10-11

Rev. J.W. Brady

Recipe for a Happy Home

4 c. Love	5 Tbsp. Hope
2 c. Loyalty	2 tsp. Tenderness
3 c. Forgiveness	4 qt. Faith
1 c. Friendship	1 barrel Laughter

Take love and tenderness, mix it thoroughly with hope and faith. Blend in loyalty and friendship. Sprinkle abundantly with forgiveness and laughter. Bake well with sunshine. Serve daily in generous abundance.

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Committees of the Church

This is a reminder there is a list of the Committees of Old Union for 2013 on the Bulletin Board. Please check to see what committees you are a member of.

UMC Market

Nashville, Tenn.: [The General Council on Finance and Administration](#) (GCFA) Office of Corporate Partnership is announcing a new program. [UMCmarket](#) will allow members of [The United Methodist Church](#) the opportunity to shop online at some of their favorite places while generating a donation to their local church.

UMCmarket – Online shopping to benefit the local church

UMCmarket, an online shopping community designed especially for members of The United Methodist Church, provides a portal to access popular retailers. Members can shop online whenever they want. With each purchase, a percentage of the sale can go to the church the shopper chooses. Membership is completely free and it takes less than a minute to join.

The benefit of the program is that a shopper can designate his/her own local church to receive a percentage of the sales. For information on how a local church can add the link to their website, contact info@umcmarket.org.

Bobby Lee Smith, manager of corporate sponsorship and UMC Giving, said, "GCFA is excited about forming this strategic partnership with ZebraPlace and Foundation Automation. The technical support each organization provides in building this platform makes this program possible. This secure online shopping portal is an easy way for church members and their friends to support the mission and

ministries of their local church. Members can immediately begin supporting their church ministries by signing up at the following link: www.umcmarket.org."

Shopping from a computer:

Go to the start page and click on the "Join Now"-button and follow the simple steps to download our plug-in. By doing this, your computer will automatically register when you enter an online shop that's in our network, and you will be informed of the percentage of your purchase that the store will donate to your church. After downloading the plug-in, go to Organizations and search for your church and press Join. When you're ready to start shopping, the donation will go directly to your home church.

Shopping from a tablet or smartphone (works also for computers):

Go to UMCmarket.org and log in with your email-address and a password in the upper right hand corner. If you haven't designated your home church, click on the Organizations tab and search for your church and press Join. You only need to do this once.

Finding my church

Every United Methodist Church in the US is listed on UMCmarket. If you have trouble finding your church, try to search for the name (exclude UMC or United Methodist etc.) and add the town you're located in. If you still don't find it, e-mail our support team and we will help you finding it.

What stores are participating and how much do they give back?

Under the tab Stores you can search for stores in a lot of different categories. Next to every store you will see the percentage that they have agreed to pay back every time you make a purchase.

When will my church get the micro-donations I create?

Every time you have made a purchase you'll get an email stating the amount of your micro-donation. Depending on the store and if they have the item in stock or not, it can take up to 48 hours for them to reply. Every month your church will receive a report of all micro-donations that have been made to your church together with a check of the total amount. (If accumulated total is less than \$100, the payment will be distributed when \$100 is reached).

How is it possible

We've partnered with hundreds of stores who've agreed to give back a portion of your purchase. It's their way of saying "thank you" to UMCmarket for referring customers to them. The money that you get back goes automatically as a donation to the church that you've selected in your account.

Thank you for supporting your United Methodist Church!

The more people that know about UMCmarket, the more your church benefits. So, spread the word!

History of Old Union UMC **Trivia Question**

July's Question: What Revolutionary War heroine is buried in the Bell-Welborn Cemetery?

July's Answer: Martha McGee Bell

Martha McFarlane McGee, one of the heroines of the American Revolution, was born in [Orange County](#). No positive record of her

parents' names has been located, but her maiden name indicates that she was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. From her childhood she possessed a strong mind and will and manifested devotion to the country of her birth.

In the year 1759 she married Colonel John McGee, a widower with two children, Samuel and Elizabeth. McGee was a commissioned officer in the British army who had come to North Carolina with his parents as a permanent settler. In 1753 he had been granted a large tract of land in [Orange County](#), and there he established a gristmill and ordinary at the headwaters of Sandy Creek along the trading path from settlements farther west to markets in Virginia. He soon became a large landowner. He was the originator of the "Presbyterian Society" located at the "Head of Sandy Creek," which was one of the earliest religious meetings of the area.

Five children were born to John and Martha McGee: John; Andrew; William, who married Anna King; Jane or Jean, who married John Welborn; and Susannah, who married Elisha Mendenhall.

The McGee Ordinary, homeplace, mill, and trading post was an exchange center for colonial news covering a large area. McGee's commission no doubt made him disliked by the "Regulators" who lived in this community, but from all accounts he remained as neutral as possible.

His untimely death in 1773 left Martha the richest widow in that frontier region. She was sought after by many widowers and bachelors; she was accustomed to a hardy life, however, and carried on by herself the business she had inherited. On 6 May 1779 she married William Bell, an ardent patriot who shared her own zeal for the cause of freedom from Great Britain. He operated a gristmill in the Deep River community, which became a part of the new Randolph County formed the same year. Bell

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was elected the first sheriff of the county 13 Dec. 1779 and later became clerk of court. His mill was a gathering place for [Whigs](#).

Mattie Bell traveled many miles day and night, serving as nurse and midwife to people in the surrounding countryside. Her name became revered in every household for her assistance in time of need.

Her greatest fame is based on General Cornwallis's visit to Bell's Mill after the Battle of Guilford Court House on 15 Mar. 1781. Cornwallis moved southward to the mill in order to rest, regroup, and care for the wounded. He also needed provisions and wished to use the mill for grinding corn meal to feed the troops. Family annals state that she regarded Cornwallis as a perfect gentleman even though he was an unwanted guest. She extracted a promise from him that he would do no harm to the home or mill in exchange for her hospitality. Legends persist about the events of the two or three days Cornwallis stayed at the mill. Martha Bell's diary, which is quoted by the family, has disappeared from sight, but there can be no doubt of the courage and spirit she showed as she endured the presence of enemy troops in her own home.

As soon as Cornwallis left Bell's Mill, General Harry Lee arrived. Mattie Bell served as his guide to the next campground of the British general, and her knowledge of the countryside enabled Lee to stage a successful counterattack with his small cavalry force. Her services as a nurse kept her in touch with events, and she

was often able to penetrate enemy lines and report on troop movements.

Before the cessation of hostilities she rode horseback with Mrs. Mary Dougan to Wilmington, N.C., in an unsuccessful attempt to see her son, Colonel Thomas Dougan, who was a prisoner aboard a British ship in the harbor.

Because the Bells were such active [Whigs](#), Colonel [David Fanning](#), leader of the Loyalist troops in the area, made many attempts to catch William Bell at home. This constant danger forced Bell to hide out or stay with patriot forces for months at a time. While he was away, Martha assumed responsibility for the home, children, mill, and farm. On one day in 1781 Fanning came to the mill intent on killing the Bells, but the family's display of strength caused the attacking party to leave without killing anyone or burning the house.

Martha Bell was instrumental in founding Old Union Methodist Church, where some of the first [camp meetings](#) in North Carolina were held. Two of her sons were ministers (John a Methodist and William a Presbyterian), and her other descendants have included educators, attorneys, and legislators.

Martha Bell died a year before her husband, whose death occurred on 22 Oct. 1821. They were buried in the Bell-Welborn graveyard near New Market School in [Randolph County](#). A marker at the site of the [Battle of Guilford Courthouse](#), placed there by the Alexander Martin Chapter of the DAR in 1929, honors her

memory. The tribute reads, "Loyal Whig, Enthusiastic Patriot, Revolutionary Heroine."

August's Question: When was the Ramp added and Porch expanded on front of the church?

(Answer will be in the September'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

We have decided our annual Country Buffet Meal, Raffle and Auction will be Saturday, November 9, 2013. Meal will be from 5 pm until 7 pm and the Auction will start at 7 pm. So everyone start collecting Auction items for the Auction.

We will have a called meeting on Sunday, August 11 between Sunday School opening and Classes to decide what the items will be on the Raffle.

We have lowered the price on the remaining Cookbooks to \$10 each.

We would like to remind everyone the United Methodist Women Meetings are open to all the women in the church. We will not have a regular meeting the month of August. Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Beverly Spillman will be the hostess for the September meeting.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men did not have a meeting in July. We had a special meeting on Sunday, June 16 before Sunday School Class. We have decided that we will start having our meetings the first Sunday of each month at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will not be having the full breakfast like we have in

the past. We will be having a continental breakfast and everyone will be taking a turn.

The meeting in August was Sunday, August 4th at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. Jeffrey will be looking after the breakfast for that meeting.

The September meeting will be Sunday, September 1 at 8 am. The host for that meeting was discussed at the August meeting

The next Country Breakfast will be Saturday, September 21. All men are welcome to our meetings.

United Methodist Youth Ministry

The United Methodist Youth Ministry had our meeting on Sunday, July 14th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tyler Creel had the program that night.

We will be cleaning up the church the month of August. The following people have signed up for these dates:

Saturday, August 4th: Seth Smith, Mark Russell, Taylor Creel and Tyler Creel

Saturday, August 10th: Jeffrey Smith, Drake Spillman and Zachary Stinnett

Saturday, August 17th: Alex Johnson, Morgan Trogdon, Luke Johnson and Jake Johnson

Saturday, August 24th: Jeffrey Smith, Adam Byrd and Holly Byrd

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.

On Saturday, October 5th from 4 pm until 7 pm the Youth Ministry will be having a Hamburger Steak Meal Fund Raiser in the Fellowship Hall. The Menu will include: Hamburger Steak, Baked Potato, Slaw, Dessert and Drink. The price will be donations. This is open to the public and we will be advertising in the papers and community. We ask the parents of the Youth Ministry to please make desserts for this.

We will not be having a meeting in August. So our next meeting will be Sunday

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night, September 22nd from 6 pm until 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Jonathon Stinnett will be doing the Program and Refreshments.

Church Directories

Church Directories are in. If you didn't have your picture made you may purchase a directory for \$5 each. Please see Jeffrey if you would like to purchase one.

Country Breakfast for 2013

The last Country Breakfast for 2013 is going to be:
Saturday, September 21st

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
101 Airman Circle 2112
Offutt AFB, NE 68113-2070

Scheduled Board Meetings 2013

Sunday, October 20th at 2 pm

Shut Ins Addresses

Mabel Farlow
5080 Walker Mill Road
Sophia, NC 27350

Church Cleaning Schedule

August: Youth Ministry
September: Burt & Michele Blakely

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

8/11: 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 25th. Remember my email is jws13@northstate.net.

Vacation Bible School 2013



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT

OLD UNION UMC

(as of Tuesday, July 30, 2013)

THRU December 2013

- **Sunday, August 4th: United Methodist Men Meetings will start being the first Sunday of each month at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall.**
- **Sunday, August 11th: 12th Annual Back to School Party for the Community by the Young Adult Sunday School Class. Games from 4 pm until 5 pm. Christian Band "The Morning" from 5 pm until 6 pm in the Sanctuary. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Chips and Homemade Ice Cream starting at 6 pm**
- **Sunday, September 8th: 227th Homecoming for Old Union UMC. Speaker will be Rev. Jake Brady. Special Singing at 1:30 pm.**
- **Saturday, September 21st: 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.**
- **Youth Ministry Hamburger Steak Meal Fund Raiser from 4 pm until 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: Hamburger Steak, Baked Potato, Slaw, Dessert and Drink. Take outs will be Available (No Drinks with Take Outs). Price of meal will be a donation. Please invite everyone that you know to this Fund Raiser.**
- **Sunday, October 20th: Regular Scheduled Board Meeting at 2 pm**
- **Saturday, October 26th: Halloween Trunk & Treat in Church Parking Lot. Hayride and Hot Dogs in Fellowship Hall Free for the Community by the Young Adult Sunday School Class**
- **Thursday, November 7th: Charge Conference at 6 pm. Place to be Announced**
- **Thursday, 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.**
- **Wednesday, November 27th: United Methodist Men Annual Cooked Pork Shoulder Sale**
- **Sunday, December 1: United Methodist Men Christmas Party at 8 am**
- **Sunday, December 1: Youth Ministry Christmas Party and Christmas Caroling**
- **Sunday, December 15th or 22nd : Christmas Program followed by Barbecue Meal (free for the community) by the Young Adult Sunday School Class**