

BELL'S MESSENGER



The Newsletter of
Old Union United Methodist Church
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High School Graduation Sunday

Our Annual High School Graduation Sunday will be Sunday, June 2. We will honor our Graduates during Worship Service then there will be a Covered Dish Meal after Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. Our High School Graduates this year are Lane Frazier, Katlyn Johnson and Morgan Trogdon.

Called Charge Conference

There will be a called Charge Conference on Sunday, June 2nd at 3 pm in the Sanctuary. This will be only with Old Union. Nancy Krall will be leading the Charge Conference since she is an elder. This is only to finalize and sign the paperwork for Rev. Jake Brady's salary for the District office.

Gideon Sunday

We will have Gideon Sunday on Sunday, June 23rd while Nancy is at Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska.

Nancy Krall's Going Away Covered Dish Meal

We will be having a Covered Dish for Nancy Krall on Saturday, June 29th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Nancy's Last Sunday with us will be Sunday, June 30th. She will continue to serve at Fairview UMC as a retired pastor. Congratulations Nancy on your retirement!!!

New Pastor

Rev. Jake Brady will start as our new pastor on Tuesday, July 2nd which is moving day. He and his wife are moving from Alabama and will be living in the Parsonage where she will be preaching which is Bethel United Methodist Church in Oak Ridge. They will be moving in sometime the first week of July.

New Times for Sunday School & Worship Service

Starting Sunday, July 7th we will change times for both Sunday School and Worship Service. Sunday School will start at 10 am and Worship Service will start at 11 am. The pastor, Jake Brady, will start joining us for both Sunday School and Worship Service on Sunday, July 14th which will be his first Sunday with us.

Johnny Harvell Speaking

Johnny Harvell will be Speaking on Sunday, July 7th during the 11 am Worship Service.

Board Meeting Members

This is just a reminder. If you are a member of Old Union UMC you can attend the Board meetings and you can vote also. A updated list of Members of Old Union are on the bulletin board.



Country Breakfast for 2013

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

History of Old Union UMC **Trivia Question**

May's Question: What year did we have the 3 day Bicentennial of the church celebration?

May's Answer: 1986

June's Question: When was the shelter added on to the Fellowship Hall?

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

How to increase our Attendance?

We are asking everyone to do some brainstorming. These ideas will be discussed at the next board meeting on July 14th at 2 pm in the Sanctuary. Our goal is to become a growing church again. In order to do this we need everyone working together.

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women 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. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 4th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Loretta Smith will be our hostess.

We will not have any meetings the months of July or August.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men did not have a meeting in May. We would like to thank everyone that helped at the Country Breakfast on May 18th. We raised around 750.00.

We will have a called meeting sometime in June to decide when to have the July meeting and what to do about food if it is

going to be still on Sunday mornings. All men of the church are welcome to attend.

United Methodist Youth Ministry

The United Methodist Youth Ministry met Sunday night, May 19th in the Fellowship Hall. .

We have decided a few upcoming things we plan to do this year. We are going to clean up the church the month of August since there was no one signed up. We are going to start taking turns to hang up the flags on the flag pole each Sunday.

We will be having a lock in on Friday night, June 14th starting at 7 pm. We will be having Hot Dogs for supper that night. We ask everyone to bring snacks and drinks. Please pick up your children by 9 am. They can bring visitors that night also.

We are continuing to sell the Rada Knives etc. If you would like to purchase see any of the Youth Ministry members.

Drake Spillman will be doing the Program the night of the Lock-in.

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.

Special Singing Thank You

Thanks for all the participation at the special singing on May 5th, 2013. We had a wonderful time and a time of blessing. God is so good. Everything went well and thanks again for the wonderful turn out.

We'll be planning another singing sometime after the new preacher arrives.

Love in Christ
Gene

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"Let's Build an Ark"

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School 2013 theme will be "Let's Build an Ark". The CD's with all the VBS information, Teacher Books and Lessons have been given out or will be shortly to all the Teachers.

We did have our first meeting on Sunday, April 21st after the Adult Sunday school class meal. We have come up with some ideas to increase our attendance this year.

The dates for Vacation Bible School are Friday night July 12th from 6 pm until 8 pm. There will be Supper served from 5:30 pm until 6 pm. Then Saturday, July 13th Vacation Bible School will run from 9 am until 4 pm. There will be breakfast from 8:30 am until 9 am. The Closing Program will be Sunday, July 14th during the 11 am Service. There will be a Hot Dog Meal in the Fellowship Hall after the Program.

Please put these dates on your calendars and invite all the children you know in the community. The ages, just like in years past, will be from age 2 through age 18. As always let's make this a very enjoyable and memorable Vacation Bible School and help make this the best one yet.

Back to School Party

I know this is early since School is not out yet but wanted to let everyone know that the Back to School Party will be a little different this year and wanted the word to be spread.

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 either in the Fellowship Hall or 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.

Randleman FFA Spring Plant & Flowers Sale

The Greenhouse & Nursery is OPEN FOR BUSINESS... Monday -Friday 1:00pm - 6:00pm and Saturdays 8:00 am-12:30pm. Lots to choose from and the pickin is prime right now! Get it while it lasts.



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

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Offutt AFB, NE 68113-2070

Scheduled Board Meetings 2013

Sunday, July 14th at 2 pm
Sunday, October 20th at 2 pm

Shut Ins Addresses

Mabel Farlow
5080 Walker Mill Road
Sophia, NC 27350

Church Cleaning Schedule

June: Ronnie Hale
July: Gene Farlow

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

June:
6/4: Ashley Case
6/13: Gene Farlow
6/19: Delbert Spillman
Ron Godbey
6/28: Jennie Frazier
6/29: Hunter Gladden

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

Anniversaries

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

July:
7/7: Ron & Doris Abee

Newsletter Submissions

Please have all newsletter submissions for the July edition of the Bell's Messenger to me by Sunday, June 30th. Remember my email is jws13@northstate.net .



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**Thanks to Lane and Ricky Frazier
and the Randleman FFA for planting
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church**