

# ***BELL'S MESSENGER***



The Newsletter of  
Old Union United Methodist Church  
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## **Easter Activities**

The Easter Activities this year include:

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 11 am until 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall and on Church grounds

**Sunrise Service:** Will be here at Old Union at 6:30 am. 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 9:45 am service here but there will be a 10:30 am Worship Service at Fairview.

## **Country Breakfast**

Country Breakfast will be Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Winter Weather Closing**

When there is winter weather in the future and the decision is made to not have any or part of church service or event, it will be announced on both Fox 8 WGHP and WFMY News 2. We do have snow codes for both stations as was voted on in the last Board Meeting.

## **Porch on Side of Fellowship Hall**

At the last called Board Meeting after church in December the Board decided to build a 10x17 porch with roof on side of Fellowship Hall. It will cover both doors and there will be 2 lights installed. Construction has started. While construction is going on you can still

access the Fellowship Hall through the door under the shelter.

## **Meals After Church**

We will continue our tradition this year 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.

**April 21<sup>st</sup>:** The Adult Class will be doing a meal. Menu will be announced.

The Month of March we will not have anyone since the United Methodist Men will have a Country Breakfast on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and Easter is Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Southern Gospel Group "The Lebeaus" In Concert**

The Southern Gospel Group "The Lebeaus" will be in Concert on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. We would like to invite the whole community to this special event. A love offering will also be taken up. There will be refreshments following in the Fellowship Hall.



### **Country Breakfast for 2013**

The Country Breakfasts for 2013 are going to be:  
Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> (Flyers are in the back as you come in the door)  
Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Church Bowling Outing Rescheduled**

The Bowling Outing has been rescheduled until Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be going to High Point Bowling Center on Fairfield Road in High Point. On Sundays it is a \$1 for Shoes and \$1 per game all day. The Lanes are not reserved they are first come basis. We will be eating at the grill at the Bowling Alley.

### **History of Old Union UMC** **Trivia Question**

February's Question: How many years were we on a charge with Worthville UMC? And who was the first pastor of the Old Union-Worthville Charge?

Answer: 38 years and Rev. Bill Thompson

March's Question: When was the Parking Lot and Driveway paved?

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

### **United Methodist Women**

The United Methodist Women met Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall and Kelli Smith was the hostess.

The March meeting will be Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Beverly Spillman will be the hostess and as always all ladies are welcome. The Meeting in April, since there will not be a Newsletter before then will be Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### **United Methodist Men**

The United Methodist Men met Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 am in the Fellowship Hall. We really didn't decide anything. Remember the Country Breakfast on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 7 am until 10 am in the Fellowship Hall.

There will not be a meeting in March due to the Country Breakfast. The April meeting we are going to try something different, It will be Tuesday, April 23 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are welcome to attend.

### **United Methodist Youth Ministry**

The United Methodist Youth Ministry met Sunday night, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. The Christian Band "The Morning" had a concert and everyone in the church was invited and we had refreshments afterwards. There were 50 people there at the concert. The winners of the bring friends contest were: Nikki Hale, Luke Johnson and Jake Johnson. They will get their prizes at the meeting in March.

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. One Sunday before long we will have Youth Ministry Sunday where we will do everything in the worship service except Preach and play the piano. We will be having slave for a day in the Spring, more details will come on that soon. We will discuss more on these at the March meeting.

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

Our March meeting will be Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Luke Johnson will be doing the Program and Refreshments.

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## **Church Directories**

If everything goes as planned the Church Directories will be here by the end of the month.

## **Preacher Update**

The Pastor Parish Relations Committee met with the District Superintendent on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary. She met with both Old Union and Fairview separately then as a group.

At this time we have been told plans will not be finalized until the end of March or middle of April. When I (Jeffrey) find out anything I will let all the PPR members know first then I will let the whole church know the following Sunday.

Please be in prayer for the members of the Western North Carolina Conference Cabinet as they make decisions on pastors for all the Churches in the Conference.

## **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 and Katlyn Johnson.

## **"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 giving out or will be shortly to all the Teachers.

The First meeting for VBS will be Sunday, April 21 after the Adult Class meal.

Anyone that would like to help please be at that meeting and a reminder all teachers please have your supply list ready by the meeting also.

The dates for Vacation Bible School are Friday night July 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm until 8 pm there will be Supper served from 5:30 pm until 6 pm. Then Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> during the 11 am Service then 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.

## **Thank You**

I would like to Thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, food, and the ones who were pallbearers after the death of my father, Ted Bame.

Edna Bame

## **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, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm  
Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm  
Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

### **Shut Ins Addresses**

Mabel Farlow  
5080 Walker Mill Road  
Sophia, NC 27350

### **Church Cleaning Schedule**

March: Fonda & Nellie Johnson  
April: Judy Beeson

### **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**

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

April:

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

### **Anniversaries**

March:

3/9: Adam & Holly Byrd

### **Newsletter Submissions**

Please have all newsletter submissions for the April edition of the Bell's Messenger to me by Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Remember my email is [jws13@northstate.net](mailto:jws13@northstate.net).



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## **Christian Band “The Morning”**



## **FFA Annual Critter Dinner and Auction**

The Annual Randleman FFA Critter Dinner and Auction will be held at Midway Wesleyan Church Fellowship Hall on Worthville Road on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm – until.

This is a covered dish meal of wild game/fish and home-grown vegetables. There is no cost to attend. Just bring a covered dish and a friend. There will be live music by the Farlow Family, a presentation on bass fishing by Mike McDonald and a Silent Auction.

After the presentation, there will be a live auction with donated items from local individuals and businesses along with many bedding plants, roses, trees, shrubs and hanging baskets from the FFA greenhouse. The FFA alumni also will hold its gun raffle during this event. Tickets for the gun are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. All tickets must be purchased prior to the event and are available online at [www.rhsffaalumni.com](http://www.rhsffaalumni.com). You can also see a list of Live and Silent Auction Items and a list of food that people are already bringing.



**Congratulations Lane!!!!**

## **RHS' Frazier wins state FFA Career Development event**

**RANDLEMAN** — Lane Frazier of the Randleman High School FFA Chapter was second overall individual in the 2013 State FFA Tractor Driving Career Development Event.

The RHS senior took part in the event Jan. 31 in Raleigh.

"This event requires members to safely operate a tractor through a given course. It provides students the opportunity to showcase their talents and skills while providing real-world application," said Jason Davis, state FFA coordinator.

Participants were judged on their knowledge and demonstration of safety practices and skills in the

operation of a tractor with a two-wheeled trailer.

The top three individuals in the event, including Frazier, will be recognized during the 85th State FFA Convention in Raleigh June 18-20.

Randleman FFA is composed of 90 agricultural education students; chapter adviser is Mark Walker.

Landon Auman of North Moore High School came in fourth in the competition which involved 27 students including Matthew Lambert of South Davidson.

This event is one of 43 different career development events offered to North Carolina FFA members on the state level.

The State Tractor Driv-

ing Event is sponsored by Southern Shows, with in-kind support from N.C. State University's Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering.

In the State FFA Truck Driving event, also held Jan. 31, local high school participants included Kevin Canoy of Eastern Randolph and Dakota Buccos of East Montgomery.

**PLOWING AHEAD** — Lane Frazier, a senior at Randleman High School and a member of the RHS FFA chapter, came in second in the 2013 State FFA Tractor Driving Career Development Event recently held in Raleigh.



RHS FFA photo

***Pastor Keith Auman*** BENEFIT

GOLF TOURNAMENT



Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ Holly Ridge Golf Course

Registration: 12:00

Tournament Start: 12:30

Entry Fee: \$50 per player

Dinner provided for each golfer

Prizes for top two teams

Closest to the pin & long drive contests

Captain's choice format

Hole sponsorships available for \$100

**All** proceeds will go to the medical bills of Pastor Keith Auman

For more information, call Jeff Johnson @ (336) 431-8355 or Eddie Coltrane @  
(336) 880-3103.