

BELL'S MESSENGER



The Newsletter of
Old Union United Methodist Church
& Surrounding Community



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Meals After Church

We will continue our tradition in 2014 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.

March 16th: Adult Sunday School Class will have Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

Vacation Bible School

There will be a Vacation Bible School meeting on Sunday, March 9th at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone that would like to help with VBS please be at this meeting. This year's theme will be "Gone Fishing."

The dates for Vacation Bible School are Friday, July 11th and Saturday, July 12th. The Closing Program will be Sunday, July 13th during Worship Service. On Friday it will be from 6 pm until 8 pm and Saturday it will be from 9 am until 4 pm. There will be Supper and Breakfast served 30 minutes before starting of VBS.

Just like in years past this will be open for Ages 2 through 18.

Southern Gospel Group "The Lebeaus" In Concert

The Southern Gospel Group "The Lebeaus" will be in Concert on Sunday, March 16th 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.

Country Breakfast

Country Breakfast will be Saturday, March 22nd 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 Fox 8 WGHP.

Board Meeting

There will be a regular scheduled Board Meeting on Sunday, April 6th at 2 pm in the Sanctuary.

Easter Activities

The Easter Activities this year include:
Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 19th from 11 am until 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall and on Church grounds

Sunrise Service: Sunday, April 20th 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 at 11 am Worship Service here on Sunday, April 20th



History of Old Union UMC
Trivia Question

February's Question: In what year was the Old Union-Mt. Lebanon charge formed?

February's Answer: 1946

March's Question: In 1886, there was a camp meeting at Old Union, at the close of the Monday night service what happened?

(Answer will be in the April'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

Old Union UMW met Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. At this meeting we discussed the Country Buffet Meal we had in November some more and also decided to give \$250.00 toward Vacation Bible School.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 4th at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall, and Jennie Frazier will be the hostess. Our April meeting will be Tuesday, April 1st at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, and Loretta Smith will be the hostess.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men met Sunday, February 2nd at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. Seth Smith was our host. There was nothing decided at this meeting.

The March meeting will be Sunday, March 2nd at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall, and Claude Smith will be the host. The April meeting will be Sunday, April 6th at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall, and the host for that meeting will be decided at the March meeting.

Do Remember the Country Breakfast will be Saturday, March 22nd from 7 am until 10 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 had its meeting on Sunday, February 9th from 6 pm until 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. At this meeting we practiced a couple songs that we hope to present at the "A Celebration for A Cure" on May 3rd and also we will be serving at this event.

Some of our other ideas to help grow the church will be presented at the next board meeting in April.

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.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 9th from 6 pm until 8 pm. Zachary Stinnett will take care of the program and refreshments at this meeting. Our meeting in April will be Sunday, April 6th from 6 pm until 8 pm.



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"A Celebration for a Cure"

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Country Breakfast for 2014

The Country Breakfasts for 2014 are going to be:

Saturday, March 22nd

Saturday, May 17th

Saturday, September 20th

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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Scheduled Board Meetings 2014

Sunday, April 6th at 2 pm

Sunday, July 13th at 2 pm

Sunday, October 19th at 2 pm

Shut Ins Addresses

Mabel Farlow
5080 Walker Mill Road
Sophia, NC 27350

Church Cleaning Schedule

March: Nellie and Fonda 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
3/19: Drake Spillman

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

Anniversaries

March & April: None

Fairview UMC Cookbook

The United Methodist Women of Fairview are creating a cookbook. This cookbook will be completed by April. They have some amazing recipes that have been shared. Cost of the cookbook is \$12.00. If you want to order a cookbook let Jeffrey know and he will get in touch with someone at Fairview.

Fairview UMC Spring Bazaar

Fairview UMC will be having a Spring Bazaar on Saturday, May 31st from 8 am until 3 pm. They are inviting anyone that would like to rent a table to promote and sell their homemade crafts or "side" business (perhaps full time business) such as Pamper Chef, Origami Owl, Tupperware, Premiere Jewelry, etc. The cost of the table is \$25. Let Jeffrey

know and he will get in touch with someone at Fairview if you are interested in setting up a table.

Randleman FFA Fund Raiser

The Randleman High School FFA Alumni Chapter will hold it's Annual Critter Dinner and FFA Auction, along with the Gun Raffle on April 12, 2014 beginning at 6 PM at Marlboro Friends Meeting Fellowship Hall in Sophia, NC. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20. The drawing is for a Mossberg 12 Gauge Black Pump, Remington 770 Black .270, Remington 770 Camo 30.06, Ruger 10.22 Take Down (Black, Stainless Steel, Laser) and a Parker Edge Compound Bow. Tickets are available from members and from Mark Walker at Randleman High School.

Something to think about

A member of the church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

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Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday."

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen.

Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.

Submitted by Delbert Spillman

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.

Submitted by Gene Farlow

Recipe for Salvation

Acknowledgement that you are a sinner. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23.

Confess your sins to God. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

Believe that He will forgive you and save you. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31.

Repent (turn from former life). "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19.

Enjoy eternal, abundant life with God. Jesus said "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10.

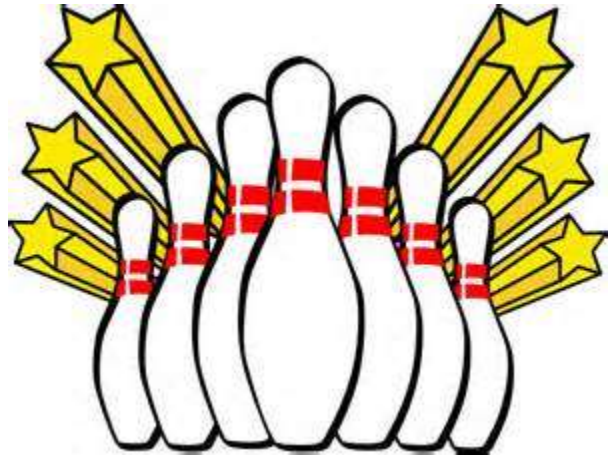
Submitted by Gene Farlow

Newsletter Submissions

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



Annual Church Bowling



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(as of Monday, February 24, 2014)

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- **Sunday, August 24th: "End of Summer Party" for all ages in the Community. Times and more details will be forthcoming.**
- **Sunday, September 14th: 228th Annual Homecoming**
- **Saturday, September 20th: Country Breakfast 7 am until 10 am in the Fellowship Hall**

