

# BELL'S MESSENGER



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## Board Meeting

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

## Easter Activities

The Easter Activities this year include:  
**Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> (please notice change of date since last newsletter) from 11 am until 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall and on Church grounds

**Sunrise Service:** Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>



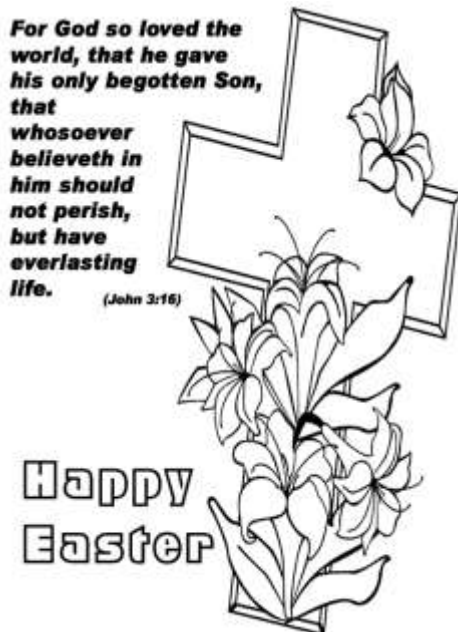
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Dessert: Banana Pudding and/or Peach Cobbler. Drink: Tea, Coffee and Water. Price: \$10 per person. Please Dress formal or very nice Sunday clothes (Nice Jeans are fine).

Please make your Reservation and give money to one of the Young Adult Class Members by Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

There will also be a Nursery available. If you would like your child or children kept in the Nursery please let us know also so we can plan accordingly. There is no charge for the Nursery but we do ask you to make a donation to Relay for Life.



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

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

March's Answer: A Great Earthquake

April's Question: In what year was the Old Union-Fairview Charge Formed?

(Answer will be in the May'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**

The UMW met for their March meeting on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Jennie Frazier was the hostess. We discussed doing a breakfast with the UMW conference; however, we couldn't do it this year so we are hoping to next year. We also discussed more about the Buffet Meal in November.

Our April meeting was on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Loretta Smith was the hostess. We talked some about the Raffle for the November Buffet, Raffle and Auction event. We would like to have raffle prizes donated so all money taken in would be profit. If you have anything you are interested in donating, please see any of the UMW members.

We voted to collect items to take to Randolph Health and Rehabilitation for the Activities Director to give out as she sees fit. These would just be dollar items such as brushes, combs, coloring books, crayons, lotion, etc. An amount of \$5.00 worth per member was suggested; however, any amount would be good. Anyone, other than UMW members, is welcome to help. If we get more than we need to send to Randolph H&R, we will send to another facility.

Scheduled meetings for the upcoming months are as follows:

May 6<sup>th</sup> - Jennifer Anthony will be hostess

June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Each person bring finger foods to share

July and August – No meeting – Vacation time  
All ladies are welcome to attend any of our meetings. Our normal meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

**United Methodist Men**

The United Methodist Men would like to thank everyone that helped in any way at the Country Breakfast. We raised \$850.00.

We met Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. Claude Smith was our host. We decided what we would be giving the Mother's on Mother's Day at this meeting. We also decided to and had a clean-up of the yard on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

The April meeting will be Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall, and Gene Farlow will be the host. The May meeting will be Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall, and the host for that meeting will be Jeffrey Smith.

Please Remember the next Country Breakfast will be Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 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, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm until 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. At this meeting we talked some more about the "A Celebration for A Cure" on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and also we will be serving at this event.

Some of our ideas to help grow the church will be presented at the board meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

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Secretary. If you would like to purchase see any of the Youth Ministry members.

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## Country Breakfast

Country Breakfast will be Saturday, May 17<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.



## Vacation Bible School

The next Vacation Bible School meeting will be on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This year's theme will be "Gone Fishing."

The dates for Vacation Bible School are Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. The Closing Program will be Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

We already have several exciting events planned this year.

## Christian United Outreach

IF YOU'VE BEEN THINKING about giving to CUOC, now is the time! During the months of March and April, donations of food or money are tallied for submission to the Feinstein Foundation for a pro rata grant. The amount received by CUOC will depend on how many agencies apply for grant money, but each year, the extra received through the Feinstein Foundation has been significant for CUOC. So if you can, please give now!

### **Thank You**

I want to thank each and everyone who braved the messy weather on March 16<sup>th</sup> to hear the LeBeaus. We had a wonderful time. Those who came received a blessing and those who didn't lost a blessing.

Thanks again  
Gene Farlow

### **Country Breakfast for 2014**

The Country Breakfasts for 2014 are going to be:  
Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

### **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 2014**

Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm  
Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm  
Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

### **Shut Ins Addresses**

Mabel Farlow  
5080 Walker Mill Road  
Sophia, NC 27350

Marjorie Adams  
6087 Old Walker Mill Road  
Randleman, NC 27317

### **Church Cleaning Schedule**

April: Judy Beeson  
May: Clarence and Patty Knight

### **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**

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

May:  
5/1: Ron Abee  
5/2: Patty Knight  
5/5: Anna Case  
5/6: Doris Abee  
5/11: Jennifer Hall  
5/21: Jake Johnson  
5/22: Judy Beeson  
5/23: Crystal Swoope

### **Anniversaries**

May:  
5/20: Jack & Lovier Stephens  
5/23: Bill & Ashley Case



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## **Bennett Baptist Church**

### **Easter Drama**

Bennett Baptist Church, 68 Bonlee St, Bennett, NC will present their Easter Drama on Friday, April 11, Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13 at 8:15 pm nightly.

The drama is held outside and then there are refreshments following in their Fellowship Hall. Donations are accepted.

Some of the Youth Ministry went last year. It was a very impressive presentation and you walked away with a blessing.

## **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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, Origmai 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.

## **God can fix Hopeless!!**

The next time you feel hopeless--and you're so sure that God cannot use you PLEASE REMEMBER: Noah was drunk...Abraham was TOO old...Issac was a day-dreamer...Jacob was a liar...Leah was ugly...Joseph had been abused...Moses stuttered when he spoke...Gideon was afraid...Sampson was a womanizer...Rahab was a harlot...Jeremiah and Timothy were TOO young..David had a an affair & was a murderer...Elijah was suicidal...Isaiah preached naked...Jonah ran from God...Job went bankrupt...John the Baptist ate bugs...Peter denied Christ...The disciples fell asleep while praying...Martha was a worrier..The Samaritan woman was divorced more than once...Zaccheus was too small, Paul too religion, Timothy had an ulcer AND LAZARUS WAS DEAD! Forget your

excuses...God can use you!...YOU aren't the message...you are just the MESSENGER! Go out and tell your world GOD can fix HOPELESS!

### **Everything's Going to be Ok**

It happened at a Starbucks in midtown Manhattan)...The most lucrative Starbucks in the country where musicians frequently set up and play for tips. A musician on keyboard with a backup percussionist had set up and were playing pop songs from the 40's through the 90's and had just finished the classic, "If you Don't Know Me By Now" and the musician noticed one lady had been sitting in a chair swaying to the music and singing along. The woman came up and said, "I hope you don't mind me singing along...Sometimes I just can't help myself!" The musician said, "That's fine! I love it when people sing along. Would you like to sing one ALL by yourself?" The woman asked, "You mean it?" The musician nodded and asked, "What do you feel in the mood for?" The woman asked, "Do you know any hymns?" The musician said, "I cut my teeth on hymns...I was going to church before I was EVEN BORN! Which one do you want to sing?" The woman said, "You pick!" The musician said, "How about, "His Eye Is On the Sparrow?" The woman averted her eyes, smiled as she shook her head and answered, "Yeah...That'll be fine." She began, "Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?" People just sat there transfixed...They put down their coffee cups and even the employees just STOPPED to listen. The song rose to its conclusion..."I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free...For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me!" The audience rose to their feet in a thunderous applause that would have rivaled Carnegie Hall. The woman seemed embarrassed and gestured as she shouted, "Oh y'all go back to your coffee! I didn't come in here to do a concert. I just came in to get something to drink just like you!" The ovation continued and the musician said, "You

my dear, just made my WHOLE YEAR!" The woman said, "Well it IS strange that you picked that particular hymn...That was my daughter's favorite hymn...She was 16 and she died last week of a brain tumor." The musician said the only thing he could think of..."are you going to be okay?" The woman smiled through the tears and said, "I'm gonna be okay. I just got to keep trusting in the Lord and singin' his songs--and everything is gonna be just fine!" They hugged and the woman went on her way. Incredible isn't it that THAT woman just happened to be in THAT coffee shop that night! That the musician picked the very favorite hymn of the woman's daughter who had just died the week before! God has been lining up encounter since the beginning of time and it is not hard for me to know that God could reach into a coffee shop in midtown Manhattan and turn a musical gig in a REVIVAL! It was a reminder that if we keep trusting God and singing His songs--everything's gonna be okay!

### **Newsletter Submissions**

Please have all newsletter submissions for the May edition of the Bell's Messenger to me by Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Remember my email is [jws13@northstate.net](mailto:jws13@northstate.net) .

### **Country Breakfast**



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

(as of Friday, April 4, 2014)

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served from 8:30 am until 9 am then Closing Program will be on Sunday during Worship Service.

- **Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>: "End of Summer Party" for all ages in the Community. Times and more details will be forthcoming.**
- **Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>: 228<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming**
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