

BELL'S MESSENGER



The Newsletter of
Old Union United Methodist Church
& Surrounding Community



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2nd of 2015

FREE Soup Saturday for the Community

There will be a 2nd of 2015 FREE Soup Saturday for the community. This is open to anyone that needs or wants a hot meal on Saturday, March 7th. (Snow date is Saturday, March 14th) from 11 am until 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The menu will include Soup, a Sandwich and Tea, Coffee or Water. There will not be transportation provided. You are welcome to provide transportation for someone if you want to yourself.

Church Yard Clean up Day

Church Yard Clean up day will be Saturday, March 7th starting at 8 am. (Snow or Rain date is Saturday, March 14th) After cleaning the yard you can stay and eat soup at the FREE Soup Event.

Meals After Church

We will continue our tradition in 2015 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 15th: Adult Class Menu: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Special Trimmings, Baked Beans, Dessert and Drink. Price: Donation

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.

Country Breakfast

Country Breakfast will be Saturday, March 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).

Raffle Tickets for Prizes to be given away at the Pancake and Sausage Supper on Saturday, April 18th will also be sold this day.

Easter Week Activities

The Easter Activities this year include:

Maunder Thursday: Thursday, April 2nd at 7 pm at Old Union

Good Friday Service: Friday, April 3rd at 7 pm at Burnett's Chapel

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 4th from 11 am until 1 pm in Fellowship Hall and on Church grounds. Kids do not need to bring anything but their baskets. (Burnett's Chapel Easter Egg Hunt will be announced later also)

Sunrise Service: Will be here at Old Union at 6:30 am on Sunday, April 5th. 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 9:30 am service at Old Union on Sunday, April 5th but there will be a combined 11 am Worship Service at Burnett's Chapel.



From Pastor Ed

For a good number of years the UMYF of our former pastorate participated in a ministry called The 30 Hour Famine. This ministry was sponsored by World Vision. The Famine's primary purpose was to work together with other churches globally in the endeavor to end hunger for good. This ministry would start on a Friday evening with the youth and their leaders camping out at the church in the fellowship hall. Participants would collect sponsors prior to the famine who would support them as they fasted from Friday evening until Sunday morning after which they would travel to Golden Corral for breakfast before church. And of course the proceeds would be sent to World Vision. The reason I share this information with you stems from one such occasion when I was participating with our youth during one of those weekends.

Sometime around five or six o'clock on that Saturday evening, I started feeling the effects of going without food for what seemed a mighty long time. I began to get dizzy and started acting even more goofy and silly than I normally act. As I shared with those around me how I was feeling they told me that it was normal and that they were beginning to experience much the same symptoms. When Sunday morning finally came and following a service of Bread and Wine (juice) at church, I couldn't get to Golden Corral fast enough!

Every time I think of that fateful Saturday afternoon and feeling as if I needed to tighten my belt up a notch or two, my mind goes to the good news of the gospel and the wilderness exam Jesus took in a hot and dry climate. Can you imagine---40 days and nights without sustenance of any kind and then after that time of reflection and testing in the dessert, then to face Satan and the last portion of that exam God would allow him to administer to His Son. As Jesus was fully human--fully divine, just think what he must have experienced emotionally, physically, spiritually, and mentally during that time of isolation. The weight loss alone under such

conditions would have been enough to have caused us to break under the strain. You and I will never know what our Lord faced following his baptism and the days spent under a relentless Sun as he was being prepared for three years of public ministry. The Bible tells us that following Jesus' exam, "the Angels came and ministered unto him."

That in a nutshell is what this Lenten Season is all about. The days of Lent invite you and I to take inventory of our lives. Through the process of self-denial and self-examination God calls us to see more clearly the condition of our relationship with him. It's not that we deserve such an invitation to be drawn closer to the true Lamb of God. It comes our way by the grace of God. Jesus invites us to follow in his footsteps along this journey not only during the Lenten Season but throughout the entirety of our lives. As we endeavor to seek him during the journey of life we sojourn, how wonderful to know that at just the right time God sends angels to minister to us---to bind and heal our wounds--to hold us tightly and whisper his breath of resurrecting power that everything is alright. We can be assured of the truth that this world with devils filled will earnestly seek our demise. But it is in those times that we would do well to remember God's Word--"If we die a death like his---we will experience a resurrection like his." May this time of earnest seeking be fruitful for you and may you experience Jesus in a myriad of ways as you take your wilderness exam. See you in the classroom!

God Bless, Pastor Ed.



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Church Service Times

Worship Service:

9:30 am

Sunday School:

Immediately following Worship Service with 45 minutes of Sunday School Class time. After Class, we will meet back in the Sanctuary for a Sunday School closing assembly.

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History of Old Union UMC

Trivia Question

February's Question:

What religious event was this picture taken?
What year was it?



Answer: The above picture was taken at the Easter Sunrise Service in 2010.

March's Question: Who is this person and what year was this taken?



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

United Methodist Women

Old Union UMW met on Tuesday, February 3rd in the fellowship hall. There were 12 members present.

We were first served delicious refreshments by Cindy Armfield including her signature Butter Pecan cake and Buffalo Chicken Dip which Cindy assured us none of Ed's chickens were harmed in the making of the dip.

We took up money to make Easter baskets for the children at the Battered Women's Shelter hoping to have enough to spend \$10 per basket on 10 baskets. These baskets will be put together at the March meeting so they can be delivered before Easter.

It was decided to bring snack items such as water, crackers, cookies, gum, mints, Capri Sun, etc. to the next two meetings. These items will be donated one month to Hospice of

the Piedmont and the other month to Hospice of Randolph County. If anyone would like to help in this mission, please bring to the meetings or give to any UMW member. These would be for the families of the patients there and would include children so use your imagination on what could be used.

The ladies voted to give \$250.00 for use in the Vacation Bible School in July.

We discussed going to the UMW Annual Prayer Breakfast at Rehobeth United Methodist Church in Greensboro on Saturday morning, April 18th. We will decide at our April meeting how many are going.

Kelli Smith had a thought provoking program on "Let It Go".

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Loretta Smith will be the hostess and as always we encourage all ladies to attend.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men met Sunday, February 1st at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. Gene Farlow was the host.

The prices for the Pancake & Sausage supper on Saturday, April 18th were decided. The prices are \$6 for Adults, \$3 for ages 4 to 10 and Ages 3 and under are free. Also voted to get 3-4' x 8' Corrugated Plastic double sided signs for the Country Breakfast at \$50 each. They will have "This Saturday" instead of a date. We also voted to pay for Easter Breakfast this year.

Raffle tickets are now on sale and will be on sale until the night of the Pancake and Sausage Supper. We will be selling tickets at the first Country Breakfast for the year which is Saturday, March 21st.

The March meeting will be Sunday, March 1st at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. Seth Smith will be the host.

There will not be an April meeting due to it being Easter Sunday.

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 was scheduled to meet on Sunday, February 22nd but was unable to due to an emergency coming up.

We are continuing to sell the Rada Knives etc. There are books on the desk of the Financial Secretary. If you would like to purchase see any of the Youth Ministry members or you can now order online and have it delivered to your home and the profits still go to the Youth Ministry. How to order online is on the back of the books.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 8th from 6 pm until 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Food Collection for Christian's United Outreach Center (CUOC)

The Items to be collected for the next 2 months are:

March: Cereal and Pop Tarts

April: Sloppy Joe Mix

High Demand Items needed at this time are: Field peas, green peas, corn, pintos, northern and navy beans (dried or canned), macaroni and cheese, green beans, canned fruit (no sugar added), hamburger helper, sloppy joe mix, breakfast cereal (no sugar added), oatmeal, grits, instant potatoes, ramen noodles, pasta, soup, spaghetti sauce, bath soap and laundry detergent.



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Questions on the Holy Bible

The Fall

1. Where did God place man and woman when he created them?
2. What did the devil promise Eve?
3. What foolish plan did Adam and Eve adopt to hide their shame?
4. Is the tree of life ever mentioned again in Scripture? If so, where?

Answers

1. In the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:8)
2. That they should not surely die, but be as gods, knowing good and evil. (Genesis 3:4-5)
3. They hid themselves amongst the trees of the garden.
4. In Revelations 22:1-2, as standing by the river of the water of life, in the heavenly Jerusalem (Revelations 21:2) in the midst of paradise of God. (Revelations 2:7)

Cain and Abel

1. What was the name of Adam's first child?
2. What difference do we observe in the offerings of the two brothers?
3. What awful act did Cain's jealousy lead to?
4. What fearful lie did Cain tell?

Answers will be in next month's Newsletter.

Thank You

The Senior Adult Class would like to thank everyone that stayed after church for their Spaghetti Lunch on Sunday, February 23rd. They raised \$628.00 for Relay for Life.

Country Breakfasts for 2015

Saturday, March 21st

Saturday, May 16th

Saturday, September 19th

Caleb's Crossing Gospel Group

Caleb's Crossing Gospel Group will be at Burnett's Chapel UMC on Saturday night, March 21st at 6:30 pm.

Pancake and Sausage Supper

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We have started selling Raffle Tickets to be given away at this meal. The Prizes are: Grill Basket, Picnic Basket and Craftsman Tools. The value of the prizes are between \$50 and \$75. Everything is being donated for this fund raiser so everything that comes in will be profit.



Vacation Bible School
“Celebrate God’s Blessing”

Our Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it. If you are interested in helping with Vacation Bible School this year please let Linda Byrd or Beverly Spillman know as soon as possible.

The dates and times of Vacation Bible School this year is Friday, July 17th from 6 pm until 8 pm, Saturday, July 18th from 9 am until 4 pm and Vacation Bible School program will be on Sunday, July 19th during Worship Service.

Minute with God

My name is God. You hardly have time for me. I love you and will always bless you. I am always with you. I need you to spend 30 secs. of your time with Me today. Don't pray, just praise.. I'll help you with something that you are in need of. Just dare Me! A blessing is coming your way. Please drop everything & pass it on.

Why do we feel sleepy in prayer, but stay awake through a 3 hour movie?

Why are we so bored when we look at the HOLY BOOK but find it easy to read other books?

Why are prayers getting smaller, but bars and clubs are expanding?

Why is it so easy to worship a celebrity, but very difficult to engage with God?

Think about it, are you going to forward this or are you going to ignore it because you think you will get laughed at?

Forward this to all your friends. 80% of you won't. God said if you deny me in front of your friends, I will deny you on the day of judgment.

When one door closes, God opens two. If God has opened doors for you, send this message to everyone including me....

God has no BLACKBERRY but he's my favorite contact.

He is not on FACEBOOK but he is my best friend.

He is not on TWITTER but I still follow Him,

and even without the INTERNET I am always connected to him.

He is not on gmail but he's always online.

Submitted by Lynda Spillman

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

While Dustin is in Kuwait, anything you want to mail to him give it to Darrell and Beverly and they will mail it. Please check with them as to what can be sent.

Scheduled Board Meetings 2015

Sunday, April 19th at 2 pm

Sunday, July 12th at 2 pm

Sunday, October 18th at 2 pm

Shut Ins Addresses

Marjorie Adams
6087 Old Walker Mill Road
Randleman, NC 27317

Jack Stephens
4248 Brown Loop Road
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Church Cleaning Schedule

March: Nellie and Fonda Johnson

April: Judy Beeson



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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

3/20: Valerie Armfield

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:

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 29th. Remember my email is jws13@northstate.net.

Prayer Blankets



Senior Adult Class Spaghetti Meal





Bowling Outing



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- **Sunday, April 19th: Regularly Scheduled Board meeting at 2 pm**

