

BELL'S MESSENGER

The Newsletter of
Old Union Church
& Surrounding Community



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Bell's Messenger Submissions

If anyone has anything they would like included in the monthly Bell's Messenger, please get it to Jeffrey by the last Sunday of each month.

---Jeffrey Smith

Covered Dish Meal to Welcome Pastor Robert and Susan Brown

There will be a Covered Dish Meal immediately after Worship Service on Sunday, February 11th in the Fellowship Hall to welcome Pastor Robert and Susan Brown.

New Market Civitans Ham & Egg Supper

New Market Civitans Ham & Egg Supper will be Saturday, February 24th, 5 pm until 7 pm at the New Market Community Building at the corner of Walker Mill Road and Nelson Park Road.

First Country Breakfast of the Year

First Country Breakfast of the Year will be Saturday, March 16th, 7 am until 10 am in the Fellowship Hall

Price is Adults: \$9, Ages 4 -10: \$5, Ages 3 and under: Free

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 23rd, 1 pm until 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall and on Church Grounds, for Ages 18 and under.

Needing donations of small toys, stickers, etc. that will fit in eggs and also ones that will not fit in eggs. Tamara will post a list of examples on the bulletin board.



Country Breakfast
Saturday, March 16, 2024
7 am until 10 am

Old Union Church
Fellowship Hall
5077 Walker Mill Rd
Sophia, NC

Menu: HAM, BACON, SAUSAGE, EGGS, GRITS
ORANGE JUICE, MILK, COFFEE & TEA
Take Out Available (Drinks Not Available with Take Outs)
Price: Adults: \$9, Ages 4 to 10: \$5, Ages 3 & Under: Free



From Pastor Robert

It's Valentines

Happy Valentines Day to each and everyone. As we go into the second month of the new year the holiday is known as Valentines, .A Day of Love. So let's find out a little more about the holiday. The legend is this, a young man named Valentine fell in love with a young girl he tutored. He always signed his letters your Valentine. He was martyred by the emperor for disobeying his order. In the world we live in, it seems that we hear stories just like this how through love stories told, death somehow appears to happen in the end. We also have seen just like Christmas that Valentines has become very commercialized. A box of chocolates, dozen of flowers, gifts, etc. etc. etc., instead of people sharing their true feelings of love with words, they express them through gifts. Words are much better! Hope you agree. This is why I love the bible so much. For the greatest LOVE ever known to man has been told through the word of GOD. Some scripture to validate this. . JOHN 3:16 , JOHN 15:9 , JOHN 15:13, and 1 JOHN 4:8,10,16,19. So this Valentines Day I hope you would profess more Love through word than gifts. Howbeit it's alright to give gifts as well, because GOD gave the greatest gift ever given. SECOND CORINTHIANS 9 :15.

LOVE&PRAYERS PASTOR ROBERT.

Easter Morning

Easter Sunrise Service will be Sunday, March 31st at 6:30 am with Benediction in the Cemetery.

Following Benediction in Cemetery there will be Sunday School classes, Assembly in the Sanctuary then Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

Regular Worship Service will be at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.

Old Union Youth Ministry

The Old Union Youth Ministry met Sunday, January 28th in the Fellowship Hall. We had a program for the older kids and Adults by Terri Lane Frazier and Tamara did a lesson with the little kids. Below you will see pictures from our meeting.

We will be selling T-shirts and Sweatshirts with the Church Name on it. More details on that will be coming soon.

We have decided some trips and activities for later in the year, they are:

Saturday, April 20th: Trip to the NC Zoo

Saturday, June 8th: Day Trip to Lake Junaluska

Sunday, June 23rd: Hot Dog Meal Fund Raiser for the Youth Ministry immediately after Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall:

Sunday, June 23rd: Adults vs. Children Kick Ball immediately after Hot Dog Meal

Friday, July 5th: Lock in the Fellowship Hall and Church Grounds starting at 7 pm.

Old Union Youth Ministry meets the 4th Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm.

This is open for not only the children of the church but also ones in the community.



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Young Adult Class

The Young Adult Class has decided the End of Summer Party will be on Saturday, August 17th. More details will be coming later.

Kingdom Chronicles Vacation Bible School

Kingdom Chronicles Vacation Bible School for Ages 2 through 18 will be Sunday, July 14th through Wednesday, July 17th, 6 pm until 8 pm with Supper served at 5:30 pm.

Closing Program will be Thursday, July 18th at 6 pm.

The next Vacation Bible School meeting will be Sunday, May 19th after Covered Dish Meal.



238th Homecoming

In the January Board Meeting it was decided to have a 3 day weekend celebration of Homecoming this year. The dates are Friday, September 6th through Sunday, September 8th.

A Homecoming Committee has been formed and more details will be next month's issue of Bell's Messenger.

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

The Items to be collected for the next 11 months are:

- February: Pancakes Mix & Syrup
- March: Canned Tuna & Mac & Cheese
- April: Instant Potatoes & Dried Beans
- May: Cornbread or Biscuit Mix & Pork N Beans
- June: Pop Tarts & Ramen Noodles
- July: Cereal & Pasta Salad
- August: Peanut Butter & Jelly
- September: Spaghetti Noodles & Sauce (In Cans not Jars)
- October: Rice & Canned Beef Stew
- November: Canned Vegetables & Fruit
- December: Sloppy Joe Mix & Gits/Oatmeal

There is a container in the hall to put donations in for CUOC. They will take anything each month does not have to be the items listed for that month.

Church Cleaning Schedule

- February: Fonda & Nellie Johnson
- March: Robert & Susan Brown
- Still looking for someone to sign-up to clean the church the month of June.



Psalm Reader

If there is anyone that wants to be added or deleted as a Psalm Reader for Worship Service let Jeffrey Smith know.

Guidelines for Anyone from the Community Requesting Assistance

At the July 22, 2018 Board Meeting it was voted that if anyone comes to the church wanting money, food, etc. that they be sent to CUOC to get help. There are information sheets about CUOC to hand out to anyone requesting assistance. They are on the desk in the hall in the folder titled CUOC Assistance.



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- **Saturday, March 16th:** Country Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, 7 am until 10 am
- **Saturday, March 23rd:** Easter Egg Hunt, 1 pm until 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall and on Church Grounds
- **Sunday, March 31st:** Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 pm followed by Benediction in Cemetery, then Sunday School Classes, Assembly in Sanctuary then Breakfast.
- **Sunday, March 31st:** Regular Worship Service at 10:30 am
- **Saturday, April 20th:** Youth Ministry trip to the NC Zoo
- **Saturday, May 16th:** Country Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, 7 am until 10 am
- **Sunday, May 17th:** Senior Sunday we will honor our High School Graduate this year Aime Perez during Worship Service. Covered Dish Meal in Fellowship Hall after Worship Service
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- **Sunday, June 23rd:** Adults vs Kids Kick Ball immediately after Youth Ministry Hot Dog Meal
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- **Thursday, July 15th:** Vacation Bible School Closing Program at 6 pm
- **Saturday, August 17th:** End of Summer Party, more details to come
- **Friday, September 6th - Sunday, September 8th:** 238th Homecoming more details to come
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