

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

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

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

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. There is a list of examples on the bulletin board.

If you do not know what to get you can give money to Tamara and she will buy them.

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.



From Pastor Robert

HE IS RISEN

I remember as a little boy growing up believing in the Easter Bunny and the gifts that he would bring .Now, being much older I realize how easy it was to allow my imagination to believe in so many things today that truly are impossible. Yet as a Christian being steadfast in my Faith and True Beliefs .I can see how our imaginations can play a positive role in our lives as we go through life itself .In the book of LUKE Chapter 24 verses 1 thru 7 we find the scriptures telling of the Resurrection of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. How he told his disciples that HE would RISE AGAIN on the Third Day. I have always found it astonishing that man will let his imagination to believe the things that are not real, and refuse to let the heart and mind to accept by Faith the things that are real. I would like to issue a challenge to each and every reader to use your imagination in thinking that the Truths in the BIBLE are not real, That there is no GOD and his Son DIDNT COME TO SAVE US FROM OUR SINS and at the end of your life, you realize your imagination was just that. Believing in that which was not real .Verses putting your FAITH in GOD and the RESSURECTION of HIS SON WHO is REAL. I encourage you to choose FAITH.

LOVE&PRAYERS PASTOR ROBERT.

Old Union Youth Ministry

The Old Union Youth Ministry met Sunday, February 26th in the Fellowship Hall. We had 16 people at the meeting We had a program for the older kids and Adults by Terri Lane Frazier and Taylor Frazier and Susan Brown did a lesson with the little kids. We bagged up 75 bags for the Asheboro Cancer Center and got the Country Breakfast signs ready to put out. Below you will see pictures from our meeting.

We are now selling T-shirts and Sweatshirts with the Church Name on it. Order

Form and Samples are Shirt on a table under the Bulletin Board. Pictures are what is on shirts:

Front:



Back:



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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.





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.



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.

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 the committee has decided the following so far:

- Friday, September 6th: 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm will be History Night and will be under the Shelter and in the Fellowship Hall. A night to share stories, pictures, old bulletins, etc. from the past. There will be congregational singing out of the Green Broadman Hymnal. Subs and Finger foods will be served.
- Saturday, September 7th: 10 am until 4 pm will be under the Shelter,

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Fellowship Hall and Church Grounds. We will have singing from different groups, individuals and churches. (There will shortly be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone wanting to sing on Saturday). There will be a service at 12 noon by a visiting pastor. There will be an inflatable or inflatables for the children. We will be serving Hamburger and Hot Dogs from 10:30 am until 3 pm.

- Sunday, September 8th: The day will be like a normal Homecoming with Sunday School and Worship Service. The S & D Singers of Old Union will sing during the Worship Service. There will be a Covered Dish meal in the Fellowship Hall after the benediction in the Cemetery.

The Homecoming Committee will meet again after the Church Council (Board) Meeting in April.

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

The Items to be collected for the next 10 months are:

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

March: Robert & Susan Brown
April: Debbie Coggins



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.



**OLD UNION CHURCH
UPCOMING EVENTS
(as of Saturday, March 2, 2024)**

- **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
- **Sunday, April 14th:** Regularly Scheduled Church Council (Board) Meeting immediately after Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- **Saturday, April 20th:** Youth Ministry trip to the NC Zoo
- **Saturday, May 18th:** Country Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, 7 am until 10 am
- **Sunday, May 19th:** 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
- **Saturday, June 8th:** Youth Ministry trip to Lake Junaluska
- **Sunday, June 23rd:** Hot Dog Meal Fund Raiser for the Youth Ministry immediately after Worship Service.
- **Sunday, June 23rd:** Adults vs Kids Kick Ball immediately after Youth Ministry Hot Dog Meal
- **Friday, July 5th:** Youth Ministry Lock in in the Fellowship Hall starting at 7 pm
- **Sunday, July 14th – Wednesday, July 17th:** Vacation Bible School, 6 pm until 8 pm with Supper at 5:30 pm
- **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 are in the Newsletter.
- **Saturday, September 14th:** Country Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, 7 am until 10 am