

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

High School Senior Sunday

We will honor our High School Senior, Aime Perez, on Sunday, May 19th. We will honor her during Worship Service and then there will be a Covered Dish Meal in the Fellowship Hall after Worship Service.

Baby Shower for Zach and Lexie Stinnett:

Sunday, May 5th, 2 pm until 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Walmart under Alexis and Zach's baby registry and on Amazon under Alexis Stinnett. It is a Girl!!



Second Country Breakfast of the Year

Second Country Breakfast of the Year will be Saturday, May 18th, 7 am until 10 am in the Fellowship Hall

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

Vacation Bible School Meeting

Vacation Bible School meeting, Sunday, May 19th after the Covered Dish Meal. Bring a list of items you need for Vacation Bible School



Country Breakfast
Saturday, May 18, 2024
7 am until 10 am

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

Menu: HAM, BACON, SAUSAGE, EGGS, GRITS, GRAVY,
BISCUITS, 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

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship such a powerful word. The bond between two or more people that begins with a simple hello and last for a lifetime here on earth. True friends love you for who you are and the way you are. In this crazy mixed-up life that we all live in, truly our world is made up of all kinds of people. Yet only one Creator. It makes life interesting. No matter what the nationality, color, size, belief, age, and etc., we all still have one thing in common. LIFE and the journey that it gives us. Many on their journey down here will encounter opportunity to make friends all around the world while others will never travel more than 50 to 100 miles from where they were born. Yet in both cases we still can make many friends. Proverbs Chapter 18:24 says A man that hath friends must show himself friendly. Proverbs Chapter 17:17 says a friend loveth at all times. I realize that money can buy many things in this world below, even sometimes fake friends. I know, because I've had some of them myself. Yet I consider myself to be a very blessed man because of all the friends that the Lord has allowed me to make and have still to this day. But I know that the greatest friend that I've ever had or will ever have is in the LORD JESUS CHRIST. John Chapter 15:13 says Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Verse 14 says, Ye are my friends if you do whatsoever I command you. Though it is a good thing to have friends, never forget JESUS is the best friend you can ever have.

LOVE&PRAYERS PASTOR ROBERT.

Old Union Youth Ministry

The Old Union Youth Ministry met Sunday, April 28th in the Fellowship Hall. We had 11 people at the meeting We had a program for the older kids and little kids by Terri Lane Frazier and Susan Brown. 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 on a table under the Bulletin Board. We also have Hats for sale for \$15

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

Saturday, June 8th: Day Trip to Lake Junaluska (Tentative)

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

Sunday, June 30th: High Point Rockers Baseball Game at 4:05 pm. We do have a few extra tickets if anyone else in the church would like to go with us.

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.



Hot Dog Meal

Hot Dog Meal by the Youth Ministry after Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 23rd. Price: Donations

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.

Registration is now open online at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/oldunionchurch>

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



Hamburger Steak Meal Fund Raiser

The Young Adult Class will have a Hamburger Steak Meal Fund Raiser for the Community on Saturday, August 3rd, 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Menu: Hamburger Steak, Baked Potato, House Salad, Dessert and Tea, Lemonade or Coffee. Take outs will be Available (No Drinks with Take outs).

Price: \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Ages 3 to 10, Ages 2 and under are Free.

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.

The Homecoming 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, Fellowship Hall and Church Grounds. We will have singing from different groups, individuals and churches. (There is 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 soon.

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

The Items to be collected for the next 9 months are:

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 & Grits/Oatmeal

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

Church Cleaning Schedule

May: Robert & Susan Wilson

June: Seth Smith



Psalm Reader

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

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Guidelines for Anyone from the Community

Requesting Assistance

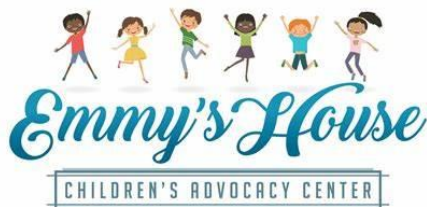
At the July 22, 2018 Board Meeting it was voted that if anyone comes to the church wanting money, food, etc. that they be sent to CUOC to get help. There are information sheets about CUOC to hand out to anyone requesting assistance. They are on the desk in the hall in the folder titled CUOC Assistance.

Old Union Women

Old Union Women meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6 pm by Zoom.

Old Union Women's mission for 2nd quarter: Emmy's House in Asheboro. At this time they can use Individually Wrapped Snacks, Water bottles, Juice Boxes and Cleaning Supplies. There is a box to put them in the hall.

Emmy's House Children's Advocacy Center is a nonprofit organization based in Asheboro, NC, dedicated to providing a safe and supportive environment for children who have experienced abuse.



OLD UNION CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS (as of Saturday, May 4, 2024)

- **Sunday, May 5th:** Baby Shower for Zach and Lexie Stinnett, 2 pm until 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Walmart under Alexis and Zach's baby registry and on Amazon under Alexis Stinnett. It is a Girl!!
- **Saturday, May 18th:** Country Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, 7 am until 10 am
- **Sunday, May 19th:** Senior Sunday will honor our High School Graduate this year, Aime Perez during Worship Service. A

- Covered Dish Meal will follow in Fellowship Hall.
- **Sunday, June 2nd:** Special Singing at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. If you would like to sing let Gene Farlow or Robert Brown now.
 - **Saturday, June 8th:** Youth Ministry trip to Lake Junaluska (Tentative)
 - **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
 - **Sunday, June 30th:** Youth Ministry trip to High Point Rockers Baseball Game at 4:05 pm. We have a few extra tickets if anyone in the church would like to go.
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 - **Sunday, July 14th – Wednesday, July 17th:** Vacation Bible School, 6 pm until 8 pm with Supper at 5:30 pm
 - **Thursday, July 18th:** Vacation Bible School Closing Program at 6 pm
 - **Saturday, August 3rd:** Hamburger Steak Meal by the Young Adult Class, 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: Hamburger Steak, Baked Potato, House Salad, Dessert and Drink.
 - **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
 - **Saturday, November 9th:** Old Union Women 3rd Annual Fall Vendor Event. More Details will come later.