

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

Regularly Scheduled Church Council (Board) Meeting

Sunday, April 6th immediately after
Worship Service in the Sanctuary



Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 12th from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall and on the Church Grounds. For Ages 18 and under.



Easter Play

Easter Play on Sunday, April 13th at 6 pm in the Sanctuary.



Easter Morning

Easter Sunrise Service will be Sunday, April 20th at 6:00 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

LENT

As spring rolls around again this year we know that flowers begin to bloom and Easter is not far away .But also this time of year brings a tradition along with it called Lent. This is a time that has been set a side 40 days before Easter to commit your selves to fasting prayer and alms to the Lord .Even though there are people that practice this tradition that basically has been passed down through the Catholic church .There are no Bible verses to back this tradition up. Don't get me wrong I'm not saying that there is anything wrong with Christians practicing this. Because I'm a firm believer that we all need to pray fast and give alms to the Lord .But I don't understand why some believe they should just set aside 40 days out of the year instead of everyday like the Bible teaches us to do. The Bible in Luke 14 verse 26 and 27 teaches us that if we are not willing to give up everything that is important to us everyday than we cannot be His disciple .Lent can be a good practice if used everyday not just 40 days out of the year. But than it wouldn't be called Lent it would be called obedience
LOVE&PRAYERS PASTOR ROBERT.

Old Union Youth Ministry

The Old Union Youth Ministry went bowling at High Point Bowling Center on Sunday, March 23rd, anyone in the church was also welcome to go. Then we went out to eat at Poncho Villas.

On Sunday, March 30th, we put together bags for Cone Health Cancer Center at Med Center Asheboro

We will be going to the High Point Rockers Baseball Game on Sunday, June 8th, the game starts at 4:05 pm. Anyone in the church is welcome to go.

Our Next meeting is Sunday, April 27th.



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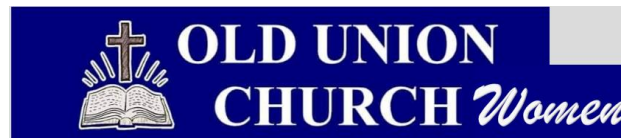
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Old Union Women's Meeting

Old Union Women's March Meeting,
Tuesday, May 6th at 6 pm by Zoom.



Old Union Women's mission for 2nd quarter (April through June)

Lydia's Place is Randolph County's first emergency shelter for women and families experiencing homelessness, allowing children and their families to stay together regardless of age, sex or gender.

Items they are needing: Wash Clothes, Bath Towels, Toilet Paper and Paper Towels



Baby Shower for Drake & Ashley Spillman

Sunday, May 4th, 2 pm until 4 pm at Spillman's Christmas Tree Farm. It's a Girl. Registered at Amazon and Walmart



Second Country Breakfast of the Year

Second Country Breakfast of the Year will be Saturday, May 17th, 7 am until 10 am in the Fellowship Hall

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

Country Breakfast
Saturday, May 17, 2025
7 am until 10 am

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

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



High School Graduation Sunday

Sunday, May 18th during Worship Service followed by a Covered Dish Meal in the Fellowship Hall. Graduates this year are: David Perez & Brayden Gladden



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Let's Go Camping Vacation Bible School

Let's Go Camping Vacation Bible School for Ages 2 through 18 will be Sunday, July 13th through Wednesday, July 16th, 6 pm until 8 pm with Supper served at 5:30 pm.

Closing Program will be Thursday, July 17th at 5:30 pm with Supper Following.



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

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

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 & 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

April: Debbie Coggins

May: Robert & Susan Wilson



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 April 5, 2025)**

- **Sunday, April 6th:** Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting immediately after Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- **Saturday, April 12th:** Easter Egg Hunt, 1 pm until 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall and on Church Grounds
- **Sunday, April 13th:** Easter Play at 6 pm in the Sanctuary
- **Sunday, April 20th:** Easter Sunrise Service at 6 am in the Sanctuary with Benediction in the Cemetery, Followed by Sunday School Classes then Sunday School Assembly in the Sanctuary then Breakfast. Regular Worship Service at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary
- **Saturday, May 17th:** Country Breakfast
- **Sunday, May 18th:** High School Senior Graduation Sunday with Covered Dish Meal after Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall
- **Sunday, June 1st:** Covered Dish Meal in Fellowship Hall after Worship Service
- **Sunday, June 8th:** High Point Rockers Baseball Game at 4:05 pm.
- **Sunday, July 13th through Thursday, July 17th:** Vacation Bible School, More information above.
- **Saturday, August 23rd:** End of Summer Party
- **Sunday, September 14th:** 239th Homecoming
- **Saturday, September 20th:** Country Breakfast
- **Saturday, October 11th:** Old Union Women Hamburger Steak Meal and Silent Auction Fund Raiser. More Information to come.
- **Saturday, October 25th:** Halloween Party
- **Saturday, December 6th:** Breakfast with Santa by the Youth Ministry

