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

Cooked Pork Shoulders & Hams for Chirstmas

Old Union Church Young Adult Class, 5077 Walker Mill Road, Sophia, NC is now taking orders for Cooked Pork Shoulders and Hams to pick up Saturday, December 20th between the hours of 12 pm and 2 pm. The price for the shoulders are \$55 each, Hams are \$65, which includes 1 bottle of barbecue sauce. The last day to order is Wednesday, December 17th. To place your order you may call (336) 498-7102.

Cooked Pork Shoulders/Hams

By the
Old Union Church Young Adult Class
Pork Shoulders \$55 Each
Hams \$65 Each

(includes 1 bottle of Sauce)

Pick Up Saturday , December 20th
Between 12 pm and 2 pm
5077 Walker Mill Road
Sophia, NC
To Order: (336) 498-7102

Last Day to Order is Wednesday, December 17th

Cricket County Christmas Cruise Play

Cricket County Christmas Cruise Play, Saturday, December 20th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Followed by Barbecue Meal in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone please bring a dessert.

Old Union Church Christmas Program "Cricket County Christmas Cruise" 5077 Walker Mill Road

Sophia, NC 27350 Saturday, December 20th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Followed by Barbecue Meal in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone please bring a dessert.





Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Eve Service, Wednesday, December 24th at 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Old Union Church 5077 Walker Mill Road Sophia, NC Christmas Eve Service:

Wednesday, December 24th at 4:30 pm





From Pastor Robert

SILENT NIGHT-HOLY NIGHT

In Luke Chapter 2 verse 11 the bible says, For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. Just think on this night! A King was born. But not just any King, the King of all Kings! I realize that in our mind we can try to imagine what that night was like but we could never experience the marvelous and extraordinary event that took place that night. Not just any baby, but the Son of God. Truly a Holy Night indeed. I'm sure the world had no idea of what just happened. Oh, but Joseph and Mary knew! The promise that God had made and the Words that he He had spoken just came to pass right before their own very eyes. Truly a miracle of God! Another silent day I believe was when He was crucified on the cross for our sins. Not a sound was heard once He spoke" it is finished". Then Revelation Chapter 8 verse 1 says, there will be silence in heaven for space of half an hour. What a terrible day for the earth that will be. I trust that as you read this article you know the Lord Jesus as your Savior. If not, take a moment of silence for yourself, to ask for His forgiveness and be saved today.

LOVE & PRAYERS PASTOR ROBERT.

Old Union Youth Ministry

The Old Union Youth Ministry helped decorate the church at our last meeting Sunday, November 23rd. After decorating we went to Pancho Villas in High Point to eat as our Christmas Party.

We had the Breakfast with Santa Fund Raiser on Saturday, December 6th and raised \$404.00. We would like to thank everyone that helped in any way.

We will not be having a meeting the month of December. Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 25th immediately after Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your children at 1:30 pm.

Christmas Parties

- Adult Class: Sunday, December 7th immediately after Worship Service will be going to Pioneer Restaurant to eat.
- Senior Adult Class: Saturday, December 13th at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, They will have a meal then play Bingo.



Christmas Card Box

Christmas Card Box has been updated and is under the Bulletin Board

Christmas Caroling

Christmas Caroling, Wednesday, December 17th. More information to come.

Nominations Committee Meeting

Nominations Committee Meeting, Sunday, December 14th immediately after Worship Service Members: Seth Smith, Chairman, Carsie Hill, Debbie Hill, Jennie Frazier, D.W. Coggins, Beverly Spillman, Christopher Benskey, Ashley Case, Tamara Perez, Gene Farlow Robert Brown

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Called Church Council (Board) Meeting

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Meeting, Sunday, December 28th immediately
following Worship Service in the Sanctuary.
To only vote on Nominations Committee
recommendations.

<u>Mark Your Calendars</u> <u>American Red Cross Blood Drive</u>

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be Friday, February 20^{th,} 2026, 2 pm until 6 pm. You can make your appointment at the link below:

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results...



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

The Items to be collected for the next 1 month are:

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

December: Whomever Has Christmas Program There is a New Sign up sheet on the Bulletin Board for cleaning the church for 2026.



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, December 6, 2025)

- Sunday, December 7th: Adult Class Christmas Party immediately after Worship Service at Pioneer
- Saturday, December 13th: Senior Adult Class Christmas Party at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, December 14th:
 Nominations Committee Meeting immediately after Worship Service.
- Saturday, December 20th: Cricket County Christmas Cruise Christmas Program at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Free Barbecue Meal following in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Service at 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary
- Sunday, December 28th: Called Church Council (Board) Meeting immediately after Worship Service in the Sanctuary. To only vote on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee

2026

• Sunday, January 18th: Regularly Scheduled Church Council (Board Meeting) immediately after Worship Service in the Sanctuary

• Friday, February 20th: American Red Cross Blood Drive, 2 pm until 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall

