

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

Called Church Council (Board) Meeting

Called Church Council (Board) Meeting, Sunday, August 10th immediately after Worship Service in the Sanctuary.



End of Summer Party

The Young Adult Class will have it's Annual End of Summer Party, on Saturday, August 17th starting at 3 pm and ending at 7 pm. We will have 2 inflatables (Water Slide, Bring clothes you want to get wet in, and Sports Bounce House), and also other games. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs Cookout and Homemade Ice Cream starting at 6 pm. FREE FOR EVERYONE!!!!.

Annual End of Summer Party
FREE for Children and Adults

Saturday, August 17th
3 pm until 7 pm

Old Union Church
5077 Walker Mill Road
Sophia, NC

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs
and Homemade Ice Cream.

We will have a 19 foot Slippy Water Slide
(Bring clothes you want to get wet in)
and Sports Bounce House.



Church Yard Clean-up Day

Church Yard Clean up Day will be Saturday, August 24th starting at 7 am. Bring your Yard Tools to clean up with.



From Pastor Robert

LOVE

In 1984 Tina Turner released a song named, What's Love Got To Do With It which reached the number 1 spot on billboard charts. The chorus goes "What's love got to do with it? What's love but a second hand emotion? What's love got to do with it? Who needs a heart when a heart can be broken?" Three questions I would like to address. The first question is what's love got to do with it? Simple! EVERYTHING is the answer to this one. Without love there would be no God, for First John Chapter 4 verse 16 says God Is Love. So if there's no love there's no God, and if no God then no people. Second question, Is love just a second hand emotion? Well second hand means discomfort, shame or feeling guilty. Instead of true emotions such as joy and happiness. So without true feelings of emotions shared in our daily lives, all we would ever feel is second hand feelings, which would never give us the joy and happiness that we long for. Third question, Who needs a heart when a heart can be broken? Simple once again... EVERYONE. The bible says it's the heart that God deals with to get us saved. It's the new heart that God gives us spiritually that changes us from the old person we once was, into the new creature that God wants us to be. It's with the heart that we not only serve God but also believe in God with. There are so many scriptures that deal with the heart that I can't list them all. Sure our hearts are sometimes broken, but Psalm 34 verse 18 says that God is nigh to them that are of a broken heart. Who better to fix a heart that is broken than the very one that made it! So let love have its way. Don't be afraid of it, but embrace it instead
.LOVE&PRAYERS PASTOR ROBERT.

Old Union Youth Ministry

The Old Union Youth Ministry met on Sunday, July 28th in the Fellowship Hall. We did decide on some upcoming fund raisers and

some trips, more details will be coming as we finalize these.

We did go to the North Carolina Zoo and rode on the Safari. There were 20 of us from the Youth Ministry and the church that went. You can see pictures below.

We are selling T-shirts and Sweatshirts with the Church Name on it. You can now order Black, White or Gray T-shirts. Order Form and Samples are on a table under the Bulletin Board. We also have Hats for sale for \$15.

Our Next meeting is Sunday August 25th.



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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 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.

Anyone that has pictures they would like to be on Slide Show please give to Jeffrey to be scanned. Examples are Wedding Pictures or anything in Church or Fellowship Hal or Grounds over the years.

Old Union Church
238th Homecoming Weekend
Friday, September 6th through Sunday, September 8th
Friday: History Night, 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm under the Shelter
Saturday: Worship and Singing under the Shelter and on the church grounds, 10 am until 4 pm
Sunday: Sunday, School at 9:30 am, Worship Service at 10:30 am
Covered Dish Meal in the Fellowship Hall after Benediction in Cemetery
Special Singing during Worship Service By the S & D Singers of Old Union

Homecoming Flowers in Sanctuary on Sunday

Anyone that would like to put flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday of Homecoming in Memory of someone, please let Sandy Stutts know.

Military in Honor and Memorial Wall

If you know of anyone who has served who has been a member or attended Old Union in the past or present, please give Susan Wilson name and/or picture of them. They can be added to the wall.

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

The Items to be collected for the next 5 months are:

- 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

- August: Debbie Coggins
- September: Jeffrey 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.

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. No Meeting in August.

Old Union Women’s mission for 3rd Quarter is Family Room in Greensboro (Store for Foster Parents).

We are taking applications for the 3rd Annual Vendor Event on Saturday, November 9th. They are due by September 1st. You can go to the following link to print out application: www.oldunionchurch.org/third-annual-fall-event-2024/



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Last Country Breakfast of 2024

Last Country Breakfast of the Year will be Saturday, September 14th, 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, September 14, 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 AND JELLY
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



Christmas Cantata

We will start practicing for the 2024 Christmas Cantata soon. More Information will be coming soon. We do hope to start practicing right after Homecoming.

Committee Meetings

It's that time of year again!!


The tentative plans are to have all meetings done by Sunday, October 6th so that the Nominations and Budget for 2025 can be posted on Sunday, October 13th.

Tentatively the Church Council (Board) Meeting to vote on everything will be Sunday, October 27th immediately after Sunday School Closing in the Sanctuary.

The Pastor Parish Relations Committee will need to meet before the Finance Committee can meet to discuss Pastor's salaries. The nominations committee can meet at any time.

More details will be coming.

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**OLD UNION CHURCH
UPCOMING EVENTS
(as of Thursday, August 1, 2024)**

- **Sunday, August 10th:** Called Church Council (Board) Meeting immediately after Worship Service in the Sanctuary.
- **Saturday, August 17th:** End of Summer Party, 3 pm and ending at 7 pm. We will have 2 inflatables (Water Slide, Bring clothes you want to get wet in, and Sports Bounce House), and also other games. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs Cookout and Homemade Ice Cream starting at 6 pm
- **Saturday, August 24th:** Church Yard Clean Up Day starting at 7 am.
- **Friday, September 6th - Sunday, September 8th:** 238th Homecoming Weekend
- **Saturday, September 14th:** Country Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, 7 am until 10 am
- **Saturday, October 26th:** Annual Halloween Party. More Details to come.
- **Sunday, October 27th:** Tentatively Regularly Scheduled Church Council (Board Meeting) immediately after Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- **Saturday, November 9th:** Old Union Women 3rd Annual Fall Vendor Event, 10 am until 3 pm.
- **Sunday, November 17th:** Youth Ministry to Visit a Nursing Home and then go out to eat after. More details to come.
- **Wednesday, November 27th:** Tentatively Cooked Pork Shoulders for Thanksgiving. More Details to come.
- **Saturday, December 21st:** Christmas Program followed by Free Barbecue Meal in Fellowship Hall. More Details to come.

