

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

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 will be a service at 12 noon by Steve Sifford. There will be an inflatable for the children. We will be serving Hamburgers 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.

Everyone bring a Covered Dish Meal to share, including drinks, in Fellowship Hall after Benediction in the Cemetery.



*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*

Called Church Council (Board) Meeting

Called Church Council (Board) Meeting, Sunday, September 15th immediately after Worship Service in the Sanctuary. About Playground



From Pastor Robert

VILLAGE AND CHURCH

The phrase It takes a village to raise a child originates from an African proverb and conveys the message it takes many people to provide a safe, healthy environment for children where children are giving the security they need to develop and flourish, to be able to realize their hopes and dreams. In today's society it takes a village and sometimes even more, to keep our children on the path they need to follow. It also takes a spirit filled church and God fearing people to help our younger generation to stay on the pathway of righteousness. The world seems to have so much to offer with enticing tricks and deception that even many parents have strayed away from the important things of this life and given into the lesser and easier ways of life than bringing their children to Church to learn about God and Jesus. To provide a safe and healthy environment for our children they need to know that there is a God in heaven that loves them, and a Savior that died for them. In order for them to have hopes and dreams that they can reach for they need faith in someone that will be there every step of the way to guide them. In order for us to raise our children we have to be grown ups ourselves. First Corinthians Chapter 3 verses 1-3, So Lord help us to grow up that we might help our children to grow up in knowledge and love of you. AMEN..
LOVE&PRAYERS PASTOR ROBERT.

Old Union Youth Ministry

The Old Union Youth Ministry met on Sunday, August 25th at New Market and then in the Fellowship Hall. We went to New Market to pray around the Flag pole for the first day of School with representatives from Sophia Baptist and Glenola Baptist. Terri Lane had a program back at the Fellowship that taught us Patience and how to work together

Our Next meeting is Sunday September 22nd.



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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.

Church Cleaning Schedule

September: Jeffrey Smith
October: Ronnie Johnson

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

The Items to be collected for the next 4 months are:

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.

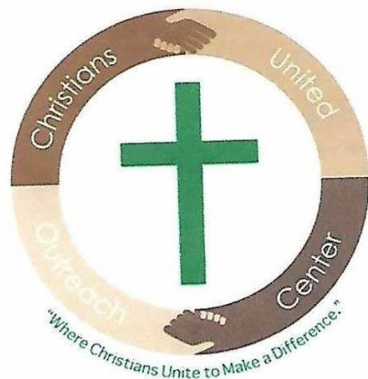


Psalm Reader

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.



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

Old Union Women

Old Union Women meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6 pm by Zoom. September meeting is September 3rd and October meeting is October 1st.

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. You can go to the following link to print out application:

www.oldunionchurch.org/third-annual-fall-event-2024/



2024 Fall Vendor Event
Hosted by
Old Union Women

Vendor Forms Available
Hot dogs, chips, drinks & dessert!

Come out for food, fun & SHOPPING!
Silent Auction!

Old Union Church
5077 Walker Mill Rd, Sophia, NC 27350
Saturday, November 9, 2024 10:00am-3:00pm
The Event is a fundraiser for the Old Union Women missions

Halloween Party

The Annual Halloween Party will be held Saturday, October 26th, the schedule for events are as follows:

- Starting at 5 pm sharp will be the Costume Contest for All Ages
- Approximately 5 pm until 7 pm: We will be eating and having Hayrides. Menu: Chili Beans with all the Fixings, Pimento Cheese Sandwiches and Peanut Butter Sandwiches
- Approximately 7 pm until 8 pm: Games and Dessert Walk under the Shelter.
- Approximately 8 pm: Haunted Trail We are asking for Big Bags of Candy to be Donated and Desserts for the Dessert Walk

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.

The Church Council (Board) Meeting to vote on everything will be Sunday, October 27th immediately after Worship Service in the Sanctuary.

- **Pastor Parish Relations Committee Meeting:** Sunday, September 8th, after Homecoming Meal in the Church. Members are: Seth Smith, Ricky Frazier, Susan Wilson, Terry Parrish, Drake Spillman, Carsie Hill, Gene Farlow and Kelli Smith
- **Nominations Committee Meeting:** Thursday, September 12th at 7 pm in the Church. Members are: Christopher Benskey, Carsie Hill, Seth Smith, Ashley Case, Debbie Hill, D.W. Coggins, Tamara Perez, Jennie Frazier, Beverly Spillman, Gene Farlow and Kelli Smith
- **Finance Committee Meeting: Date and Time to be Announced.** Members

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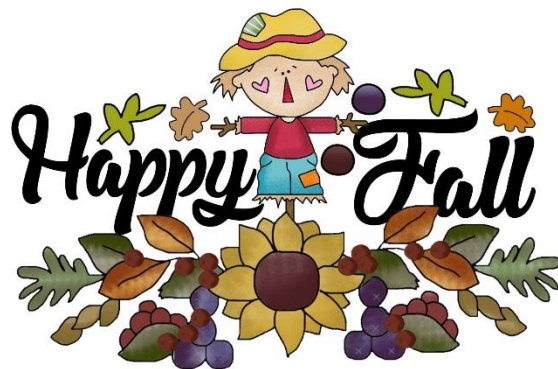
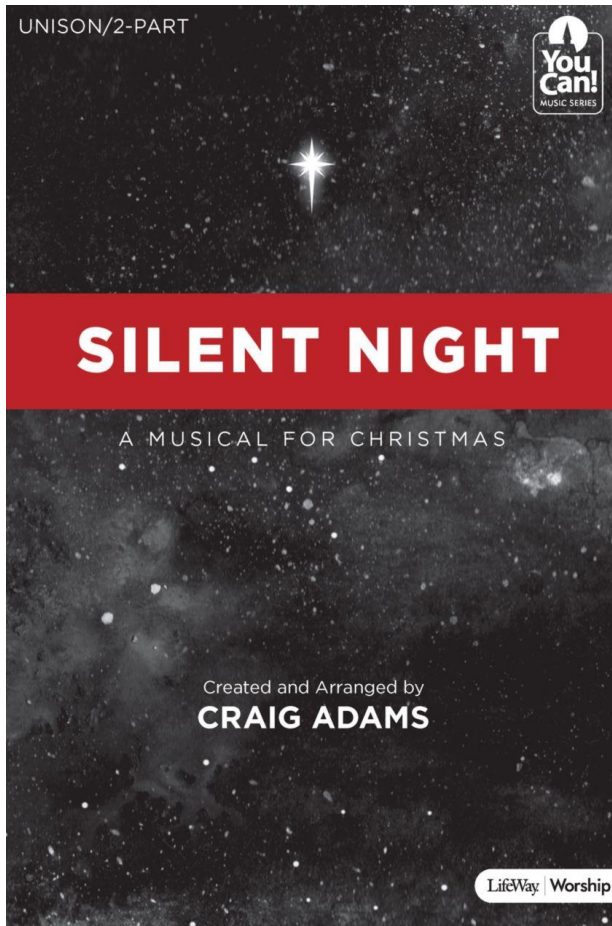
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are: Jennie Frazier, Tamara Perez,
D.W. Coggins, Kathy White, Loretta
Smith, Gene Farlow, Kelli Smith,
Darrell Spillman, Robert Wilson, Lesa
Lucakado and Ronnie Johnson

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.



**OLD UNION CHURCH
UPCOMING EVENTS
(as of Friday, August 30, 2024)**

- **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 Above
- **Sunday, October 27th:** 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.

