

# 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 Christmas

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 21<sup>st</sup>**

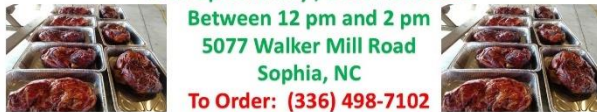
**Between 12 pm and 2 pm**

**5077 Walker Mill Road**

**Sophia, NC**

**To Order: (336) 498-7102**

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Updated List of other Supplies requested/needed for Western North Carolina as of November 23<sup>rd</sup>:

- New Unwrapped Toys
- New Winter Jackets
- New Sleeping Bags
- New Blankets
- New Socks
- New Pajamas
- Any Hygiene Products



## Christmas Program

Christmas Program, Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. If you would like to participate in the Program, there is a sign up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

## Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Eve Service, Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary

## Christmas for Western North Carolina

Old Union Church, 5077 Walker Mill Road, Sophia, NC is taking donations of New, Unwrapped Toys, Blankets, Diapers, Baby Wipes, Clothes (All Sizes, All Kinds), etc. Think, Winter is Coming Soon. We will be taking donations Until 10 am on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.



**From Pastor Robert**  
**ENCOURAGEMENT**

Luke chapter 22 verse 31&32. And the Lord said, Simon Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you like wheat. But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not, and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. Such encouraging words that our Lord spoke to Peter that day. Just knowing that someone cares enough about you, to tell you their praying for you, can make your day go so much easier. Its no secret that the world we live in with all its troubles and trails and heart breaks, can sometimes be real tough to get through. Now we know verses that tells us God will never leave us and never put more on us than we can take. These are the scriptures that help us to stand by faith. But what was Jesus telling Peter to do. Strengthen thy brethren. Just a little encouragement can go along way and also do a lot of good if we as Christians will simply allow ourselves to be used of the Lord to do so. Here we are approaching the Holiday seasons, when love, joy, happiness, and thankfulness, is suppose to be abundant. But because we as humans are the way we are it just don't always work out that way. So I encourage you to make more of an effort this holiday season to be an encouragement, through love and kind words toward one another and family and brethren. Instead of a discouragement because of the past. Put away hard feelings and things that you can't change and enjoy your holidays.

LOVE&PRAYERS PASTOR ROBERT.

100 cross crafts to Graybrier Nursing Home at a later date.

Our Next meeting is Sunday, December 29th.



**Old Union Youth Ministry**

The Old Union Youth Ministry went and shopped at Walmart and Dollart Tree for Christmas Items for Western North Carolina. We went to eat at Pancha Villas after shopping for our Christmas Party. We plan to take the

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

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

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.



## **Sunday Night Special Singing**

There will be a Sunday Night Special Singing on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. If you would like to sing let Gene Farlow know.

## **Valentine's Sweetheart Meal Fund Raiser for the Youth Ministry**

Sweetheart Meal Fund Raiser for the Youth Ministry will be Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Price will be \$10 per person. Menu: Hamburger Steak or Chicken Breast, Baked Potato, Salad, Dessert and Tea, Coffee and Lemonade. Time to be Announced.

Sign up sheet will be posted the first Sunday in January. You will put your name and how many will be in your party and your choice of meat.

## **Church Cleaning Schedule**

December: Whomever has the Christmas Program

January: Kathy White



## **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 Friday, November 29, 2024)

- **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>:** Sunday Night Special Singing at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Let Gene Farlow know if you want to sing.
- **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>:** Last day to bring items for Christmas for Western North Carolina
- **Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>:** Pick up Cooked Pork Shoulders and Hams between 12 pm and 2 pm.
- **Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>:** Christmas Program at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

- **Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Eve Service at 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

**2025:**

- **Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>:** Valentine's Sweetheart Meal by the Youth Ministry. More information is above
- **Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>:** Country Breakfast
- **Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>:** Country Breakfast
- **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>:** Country Breakfast

