

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

August 3, 2025



*Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,
July 20. Rev. Ned Alderman will bring the message
entitled "Important Re-Thoughts."
The Scripture is Luke 12:13-21 CEB.*



Lee Warren – August 9



**Please remember the Blessing Box when you
are out shopping! Cereal will be our focus for
the month of August. Please place your
donations in the box in the narthex.**



**Sincere sympathy is extended to family and
friends of Greg Obenchain who passed away
on July 28, 2025. His Celebration of Life will
be Saturday, August 23rd at 11:00 am.**

PRAYER CONCERNS

<i>Tyrone Armstrong</i>	<i>Loving Neighbors</i>
<i>Donna Baker</i>	<i>Mission Camp</i>
<i>Tanya & Steve Benton</i>	<i>Rose Marie Madu</i>
<i>Kendall Brodie</i>	<i>Wayne Magner</i>
<i>(friend of Mrs. Hickman's</i>	<i>Terry Martin</i>
<i>grandson with cancer)</i>	<i>Kristie Masters (friend of</i>
<i>Megan Carroll</i>	<i>Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>Judy Carter</i>	<i>Karen McCarthy's</i>
<i>Cherry & Sebastian</i>	<i>daughter</i>
<i>Chesapeake Police Dept.</i>	<i>Walter Nebrotskie</i>
<i>CNRMA ROC</i>	<i>Pat Newbern</i>
<i>Coastal VA District &</i>	<i>Family & friends of Greg</i>
<i>DS Givens</i>	<i>Obenchain</i>
<i>Sandy Carraway</i>	<i>AJ. Panis (Ethel's</i>
<i>Kent Carter</i>	<i>friend's son)</i>
<i>Kaylee Cuccorillo (Ericka's</i>	<i>Debbie Pope</i>
<i>co-worker)</i>	<i>Dana Quinn</i>
<i>Alex Denton</i>	<i>Dakota Rebel</i>
<i>Mary Lou Dory</i>	<i>Ray & Bob Rosales</i>
<i>Jay Eckert (Ethel's nephew)</i>	<i>Rhonda Roughton (Stella's</i>
<i>ForKids</i>	<i>Daughter)</i>
<i>Freekind Virginia</i>	<i>Loretta Smith (Amy's</i>
<i>Joyce Gaston</i>	<i>son's girlfriend's</i>
<i>Patricia Guthrie (Mildred</i>	<i>mother)</i>
<i>Walling's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>The League of Advocates</i>
<i>Karon Hardy (Monica's</i>	<i>Edward Thomas</i>
<i>Neighbor)</i>	<i>Virginia Conference &</i>
<i>Doris Wolfe Harlan</i>	<i>Bishop Sue</i>
<i>(Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in-</i>	<i>Truman Weekly (Paige's</i>
<i>law)</i>	<i>Father)</i>
<i>Kay Herndon</i>	<i>Wesley ODU</i>
<i>Ethel Hickman</i>	<i>Betty Whitehurst</i>
<i>Hope Hodges & Debbie</i>	<i>Monica Whitehurst</i>
<i>Home School Out of Box</i>	<i>Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe</i>
<i>Earl Jenkins (Ericks's dad)</i>	<i>Tommy Womack</i>
<i>Pat Johnson</i>	<i>Country & Troops</i>
<i>Brian Lincoln (friend of</i>	<i>Our Pastor</i>
<i>Ethel Hickman)</i>	

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

Billy East
Our Homebound
Virginia Hair

**We worship in the name of God, creator and
protector of all; and of Jesus, our Savior and
friend; and of the Holy Spirit, our comforter
and guide.**

Calendar

Sunday, August 3

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 pm Worship in person and Facebook

Monday, August 4

10:00 am-12:00 pm Food Pantry
(Ann & Jimmy Lee)

7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, August 5

Wednesday, June August 6

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 7

10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, August 8

Saturday, August 9

8:30 am-3:00 pm Tidewater Quilter's Guild

Sunday, August 10

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook

12:00 pm Staff Support Meeting

Why Christian Community is Key

Jesus' followers aren't meant to pursue faith by themselves. In fact, that's impossible! *A family* and *the body* signify plural members. It is among brothers and sisters in Christ that we:

- experience our Savior's presence, living and incarnate;
- unite in worship, confess our sins, hear the gospel and receive Communion;
- accept church discipline through the gentle guidance of others;
- learn — through other people's examples and experiences — what it means to live a life of discipleship;
- and lovingly serve together as Jesus' hands and feet.



I attended the James Flannigan Sunday school class last week, and in the Breakthrough Prayer video the following night, I asked, "Who's James Flannigan?" I got one answer: maybe no one remembers. Is that true? If you know how the James Flannigan Sunday school class got its name, please tell me.

In the Tuesday morning Breakthrough video, I asked the fourth and final question of the week for the "Dear Children of God, Part 2" worship series from the Discipleship Ministries website. The question was, "How does worshipping in this community help you set your mind on things above?" I've gotten no answers to that question, nor any answers to last week's.

Maybe the thing to take from all of this is that communications are better face-to-face rather than written or online. Please let me know if you think that's true.

Kay Hill, Jerome Perry, Debbie Rippard, and I met Wednesday with Peter Steiner, Oaklette's web guru, to work on updating our website. Peter says that he thinks that our new website will be ready to go Sept. 1, so please keep an eye out for that and for updates and please thank Kay, Jerome, and Debbie for their ministry. Also, since Aug. 3 is Communion Sunday, please keep those who worship with us from home in mind. Debbie says that communion used to be taken to peoples' homes regularly and it would be nice to resume that ministry. Please let the office know if you're interested in helping offer this ministry and if you know of anyone interested in receiving communion at home.

Thanks,
Ned