

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

January 10, 2021



Sunday's service will be broadcast on Facebook Live at 11:00 a.m. You can access the service through the Oaklette Church Group on Facebook. You must be a member of that group page to see it however. Please send Dr. Tim a Facebook request to join the group if you are not already a member of the group. You can also access the sermon through the Oaklette UMC

Facebook page.

Dr. Tim's sermon title for

January 10th is

"Words Create Worlds."

The Scripture is Genesis 1:1-31.

If you are unable to use Facebook Live a link can be sent to you by email after the Facebook Live Worship has been recorded, but we will need your email address to do this. The Facebook Live service is also being downloaded to our website on Monday morning.

To find it there, click on the worship tab and scroll down until you find it.



Charles Litten – January 10

Holly Nance – January 12

Marvin Cress, Jr. – January 12

Timothy Howell – January 13

Kaitlin Brooks – January 13

Kevin Haluska – January 15

S. Jones, Jr. – January 15



Thank you for the prayers and phone calls during the illness of my son. He is on the road to recovery but we have a long way to go. Continued prayers are appreciated.
Judy Carter

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."
—Mahatma Gandhi

Please consider signing up for flowers and food basket to be placed on the altar during 2021. Only 8 Sundays have been claimed for flowers and none for Food Basket. Without donations we will be unable to have fresh flowers on the altar. Feel free to call the office to sign up.

Bible Study



Zoom Bible Study Thursdays at 10:00 AM

If you would like to join us on Zoom please contact the church office and provide us with your email address.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Paula Aymer (Theresa's Friend)

Al Bean

Evelyn Boeri (Barbara Bennett's sister)

Curtis & Renee Buchanan

Kent Carter

Linda Gallop

Hope Hodges

Patricia Johnson

Lynne & Judy

Breahna Mariee

Dan McCarthy

Don Moody's mother

Charity Onzrlo

Family of Russell

Poyner

Charity Onzrlo

Mary Jo Roy

Beth Ann Ryan

School children

Gladys Smith

Dick Stiller

Judy Story (Chesapeake Rehab)

David Todd (David Rippard's nephew)

Betty Whitehurst

Monica Whitehurst

Jan Whitzel

Atha Wimmer

Our Pastor

Our Nation

Our World

Those affected by coronavirus

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

Howard Combs, Billy East, Mary Guynn

Marjorie Harrison, Fleda Humphries

Our Homebound

Nell Cucinotta, Shirley Dickinson, Lillian Everett,

Pat Grover, Jackie Munden, Lucille Payette,

Joyce Richwine, Evelyn Yount

Tim Talk on Tuesdays

Dr. Tim will be providing a devotional every Tuesday morning on Facebook Live. If you are a part of the Oaklette Church Group you will receive a notification when Dr. Tim is live with that devotional.

Calendar

Sunday, January 10

Zoom Sunday School Class

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/93217564336>

Meeting ID: 932 1756 4336

Passcode: 746022

To call: 855 880 1246 US Toll Free

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11:00 am Facebook Live ONLY

Monday, January 11

10:00 am Food Pantry

(Duane Johnstone & Emma Beggs)

Tuesday, January 12

Tim Talk via Facebook Live

Wednesday, January 13

Thursday, January 14

10:00 am Zoom Bible Study

Friday, January 15

Saturday, January 16

Next Sunday, January 17

9:00 am Zoom Sunday School Class

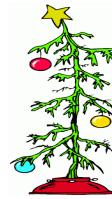
11:00 am Worship via Facebook Live

Thank you to everyone who donated hats, gloves and scarves for the children of Norview Elementary School. We collected 33 hats, 45 pairs of gloves and 2 scarves.



The story of the Magi is our story. God has used his supernatural means to draw us unto himself...On one glorious day, when we were exhausted and wearied in our sin, God led us to gaze upon Jesus just as the Magi did. We see the glory of God manifested through Jesus Christ in the internal work of the Holy Spirit. We see our utter sinfulness and God's abounding grace offered in the Messiah. We are filled with joy as this grace sinks into our hearts. We fall down on our knees and confess our need of this Messiah. We worship him and offer up our lives as our greatest offering to him. Then we continue on in our lives, carrying the truth about the Messiah.

- Travis Cunningham



CHRISTMAS LET DOWN

Most of us build up to Christmas! We buy presents, do the cooking, house cleaning and decorating. This year was different. Even if we did the decorating, present buying and house cleaning, we weren't supposed to have the parties or the big get-togethers. Our tendency is to build toward huge events but this year was different. This year, we have been deflated and were supposed to stay home.

Our scripture today, Luke 2:13-14 tells us about the angels announcing Christ's birth. As they praise God, they reminded us of the truth that because Jesus was born, God's people have the opportunity for peace and favor from God. The good news did not end in the stable – that was just the beginning. Jesus came in the tender state of a newborn! Mankind just had to wait as the story unfolded over some 30 years. The Wise Men found their way to the baby. Simeon and Anna went back to their everyday lives, though strengthened by the promise they had witnessed. Mary and Joseph went about their daily work of making a living and raising an infant. Life happens between the high points. Most of life happens in the normal work-a-day routine. No matter how mundane life seems it cannot touch the truth that Jesus has come in the form of a baby to save the world. Because he was born and lived a sinless life, dying as a sacrifice – we can enjoy the peace of God and enjoy peace with God. Because the baby came for each of us, Jesus came so we can walk in his favor every day. He was not received in the Inn. He was not received by high society but He was received by the shepherds. John 1:12-13 says, "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God..." Today if you are experiencing the Christmas let down – lift up your eyes! The reality of Christmas is that we can walk in peace and favor with God!