

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

January 17, 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 17th is

"Stuck in the Land of Look-Behind."

The Scripture is John 1:43-51.

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.



LouAnne Poyner – January 17
Steven Carter – January 17
Wanda Walton – January 18
Yvonne Garcia – January 18
Matilda Johnson – January 18
Richard Hodsdon – January 19
Jenny Obenchain – January 19
Jack Hicks – January 23



Sincere sympathy is extended to family and friends of Evelyn Litten Yount, who passed away January 8, 2021, and to

Family and friends of Fleda Humphries, who passed away January 10, 2021.

The flowers on the altar today are presented to the glory of God by Tim and Lori Hazlett in memory of their dads, F. Roy Hazlett and Jon B. Fenton.

The food basket on the altar today is presented to the glory of God.

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

Family & friends of Fleda Humphries

Patricia Johnson

Peggy Johnson

Lynne & Judy

Breahna Mariee

Dan McCarthy

Don Moody's mother

Charity Onzrlo

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

Family & friends of Evelyn Yount

Our Pastor

Our Nation

Our World

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

Howard Combs, Billy East, Mary Guynn

Marjorie Harrison

Our Homebound

Nell Cucinotta, Shirley Dickinson, Lillian Everett,

Pat Grover, Jackie Munden, Lucille Payette,

Joyce Richwine

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 17

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 18

10:00 am Food Pantry

(Judy Carter & Paige Weifert)

Tuesday, January 19

Tim Talk via Facebook Live

Wednesday, January 20

Thursday, January 21

10:00 am Zoom Bible Study

Friday, January 22

Saturday, January 23

Next Sunday, January 24

9:00 am Zoom Sunday School Class

11:00 am Worship via Facebook Live



Live in the Light

Often we want to be able to see into the future. We say, "How will next year be for me? Where will I be five or ten years from now?" There are no answers to these questions. Mostly we have just enough light to see the next step - what we have to do in the coming hour or the following day.

The art of living is to enjoy what we can see and not complain about what remains in the dark. When we are able to take the next step with the trust that we will have enough light for the step that follows, we can walk through life with joy and be surprised at how far we go. Let's rejoice in the little light we carry and not ask for the great beam that would take all our shadows away.

- Henri Nouwen
Bread for the Journey



What Have We Learned From Christmas?

Christmas is over. As we take down the Christmas Tree and put up the lights that have adorned our homes, I wonder if we have learned anything this Christmas? It's been the most unusual one I have experienced. We took our grandchildren and children their presents, but we did it outside and while socially distancing. We didn't hug and we surely didn't sit down together for a big meal. As I was thinking about Christmas, I found a story that occurred in Belgium in 1914. You may know the story. It told about the singing that was heard coming from the trenches where soldiers were dug in. "Silent Night" was heard in German and then in English. Soldiers who had been shooting at each other laid down their weapons and emerged from their trenches to shake hands in "no man's land". They exchanged Christmas greetings and gifts from their rations. The ceasefire continued through the next day as soldiers talked and laughed and even organized soccer games. The Christmas Truce of 1914 gives us a glimpse of the peace that the world felt on that very first Christmas. Luke 2:10-14 tells us that a multitude of angels appeared "praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2 tells us that the shepherds were the first to hear the announcement of Jesus' birth. Everyone thought of shepherds to be a low social class. They worked in the fields and were often thought to be unclean. The foremost reason the shepherds were the first to see Jesus was that they represented humans living their regular lives. The second reason was that Jesus came to save everyone, and probably the most important reason is that Jesus was the Shepherd who came to save the lost.

My prayer as you take down the Christmas decorations is that you realize Jesus is the "Prince of Peace." As you think about Christmas 2020, may you be reminded that Jesus has come to save each of us. May we all get out of our "trenches" and sing together "Silent Night". May we realize that Jesus is God incarnate coming to save us and to offer each of us forgiveness and peace.

- Tommy Herndon
Virginia UM Foundation