

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

July 13 2025



**Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,
July 13. Rev. Ned Alderman will bring the message
entitled "Saying a Prayer for Someone I Really
Could Care for."
The Scripture is Luke 10:25-37.**



**Kay Hill – July 14
Norm Holcomb – July 14
Brian Bailey - July 16**



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



PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

Billy East
Our Homebound
Virginia Hair

"The greatest thing that we can do is to help somebody know that they're loved and capable of loving."

—Fred Rogers

Calendar

Sunday, July 13

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 pm Worship in person and Facebook

Monday, July 14

10:00 am-12:00 pm Food Pantry
(Terry Webb & Joanne Rooks)

7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, July 15

Wednesday, June July 16

10:45 am Website meeting

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 17

10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, July 18

Saturday, July 19

Sunday, July 20

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook

Following Christ

To have faith in Christ means, of course, trying to do all that he says. There would be no sense in saying you trusted a person if you would not take his advice. Thus, if you have really handed yourself over to [Christ], it must follow that you are trying to obey him.

But trying in a new way, a less worried way. Not doing these things in order to be saved, but because he has begun to save you already. Not hoping to get to heaven as a reward for your actions, but inevitably wanting to act in a certain way because a first faint gleam of heaven is already inside you.



Where do you encounter hope in this church community? That's the question for the week: Where do you encounter hope in this church community?

The question for the week comes from the Discipleship Ministries website, which offers weekly content including commentaries, youth and children's lessons, liturgical resources, and hymn suggestions. I've used the site for years, largely to keep up with scripture readings for each week.

With next Sunday, July 13, Discipleship Ministries enters a worship series called "Dear Children of God, part 2." The series runs for four weeks and highlights Epistle readings for each Sunday. Even though I'm not preaching the Epistle, Colossians 1:1-14, on July 13th – I'm preaching on the Gospel, Luke 10:25-27 – I read the Planning Worship tab last Monday. The page concluded with the following:

"During this series, we will offer a prompt each week to help those gathered write down the story of your church – not the history, mind you, but the story – or maybe the stories. The little things that demonstrate where the church is faithfully following and where it's still a work in progress."

The aim is not to write anything, but to tell and to hear the story or stories of the church – to tell them by and to hear them from those who are part of those stories. The last paragraph of the conclusion read: "For week 1, the writing prompt is: Where do you encounter hope in this church community?"

What are your answers? My first answer was this: I find hope in the church members who came to the Edges/Re-think Church training March 29 at Oak Grove UMC. I am grateful that six were there even though it meant giving up a spring Saturday.

I have other answers and, for the next three weeks, there will be other questions. I'll share the remaining questions over the next three weeks, and I look forward to your answers.

Thanks,
Ned