

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

July 6 2025



**Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,
July 6, 2025. Rev. Ned Alderman will bring the
message entitled "Way 2 Go."
The Scripture is Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 NRSV**



**Karen Howell – July 8
Joanne Rooks – July 8
Jacob Carroll – July 9
Scott Jones – July 9**



**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.**



**Yesterday a little bird left flowers for me –
which is her mission – and her talent on the
blacks and whites. Thank you so much! It
brightened my day!
Barbara Bennett**

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

Billy East

Our Homebound

Virginia Hair

**Summer breezes call to mind the Holy Spirit
blowing in my life and the world —
sometimes soft, sometimes forceful. Help me
feel your touch, O God, and move me to
respond.**

Calendar

Sunday, July 6

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 pm Worship in person and Facebook

Monday, July 7

10:00 am-12:00 pm Food Pantry
(Helene Haluska & Jane Basnight)

1:00 pm Green Thumb (History Room)

7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, July 8

6:30 pm Church Council

Wednesday, June July 9

Thursday, July 10

10:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Model "A" Club

Friday, July 11

Saturday, July 12

8:30 am-3:00 pm Tidewater Quilt Guild

Sunday, July 13

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook

Love is to the heart what the summer is to the farmer's year," said evangelist Billy Graham. "It brings to harvest all the loveliest flowers of the soul." Without summer, our gardens would disappoint, and without love, our hearts wouldn't bloom.

The warmth of summer and love aren't the only ingredients required for abundant physical and spiritual crops, however. Discernment and persistence ensure fruitful yields in both areas. "Unless we know the difference between flowers and weeds, we are not fit to take care of a garden," advised Clyde Francis Lytle. "It is not enough to have truth planted in our minds. We must learn and labor to keep the ground clear of thorns and briars, follies and perversities, which have a wicked propensity to choke the word of life."



I preached on Luke 8:26-39 on Sunday, June 22, when I was in Groton, Conn. I told the congregation at the Chapel on the Thames that the boat trip described in the chapter may have made the disciples defensive.

The trip actually begins in v. 22, which reads, "One day Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let's go over to the other side of the lake.'" I said that the other side of the lake was enemy territory for Jews, which is why the disciples may have felt defensive.

Jesus falls asleep during the transit, even though a storm strikes. The disciples wake Jesus, screaming that they're about to drown. Jesus calms the storm and the disciples ask themselves, "Who is this? He commands the winds and the water, and they obey him."

I said that since the disciples learned that Jesus commands the winds and the water, perhaps they learned that it was time to go into enemy territory as well.

This may have been the reason I decided to change "Sermon" in the bulletin to "Lesson." I hope this shows that worship is a time where we learn together. The change may seem esoteric, but I hope that it also reflects that we're all participants in worship and that there's only one spectator in worship and that's God.

On the subject of our all being participants in worship, let me ask again for volunteers to assist with the Facebook livestream of worship services. Assisting is easy; I pretty much learned how to do it just from the written instructions I found. I would love for us to have a rotation of volunteers to help with livestreaming so that the responsibility doesn't fall on one person's shoulders and so that we all get to enjoy being in worship while occasionally helping with Facebook.

Please help Oaklette glorify God with such participation.

Thanks,
Ned