

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

June 22 2025



**Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,
June 22, 2025. Debbie Rippard will bring the
message entitled "We Have a Story to Tell."
The Scripture is Luke 8:26-39.**



**Drew Hincks – June 22
Alisa Gerald – June 23
Lisa Ryno – June 24**



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



**Gwendolyn & Brian McDonald – June 23
Linda & John Tandy – June 25
Janice & Tim Lobello – June 25
Lorraine & Earl Baker – June 26**

PRAYER CONCERNS

Tyrone Armstrong	Earl Jenkins (Ericka's dad)
Joyce Bell	Pat Johnson
Tanya & Steve Benton	Brian Lincoln (friend of Ethel Hickman)
Kendall Brodie (friend of Mrs. Hickman's grandson with cancer)	Loving Neighbors
Claudia Calhoun (friend of Sonia)	Mission Camp
Megan Carroll	Rose Marie Madu
Judy Carter	Wayne Magner
Cherry & Sebastian	Terry Martin
Chesapeake Police Dept.	Kristie Masters (friend of Ethel Hickman)
CNRMA ROC	Karen McCarthy's daughter
Coastal VA District & DS Givens	Walter Nebrotskie
Sandy Carraway	Pat Newbern
Kent Carter	AJ. Panis Ethel's friend's son)
Kaylee Cuccorillo (Ericka's co-worker)	Dana Quinn
Alex Denton	Ray & Bob Rosales
Mary Lou Dory	Loretta Smith (Amy's son's girlfriend's mother)
Jay Eckert (Ethel's nephew)	The League of Advocates
ForKids	Edward Thomas
Freekind Virginia	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
Ethel Hickman	Monica Whitehurst
Hope Hodges & Debbie	Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe
Home School Out of Box	Tommy Womack
Amber Jenkins	Our Pastor

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

**Billy East
Our Homebound
Virginia Hair**

**How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom
you made them all; the earth is full of your
creatures (Psalm 104:24, NIV). I worship
and praise you, O God!**

Calendar

Sunday, June 22

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 pm Worship in person and Facebook

Monday, June 23

10:00 am-12:00 pm Food Pantry
(Linda Gallop & Kay Hill)

7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, June 24

7:00 pm SOTM Men's Group

Wednesday, June 25

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 26

10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, June 27

Saturday, June 28

Sunday, June 29

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook



RIVER — In the Bible, rivers (and other bodies of water) often represent deliverance, salvation, freedom and cleansing. The Jordan River is especially prominent: The Israelites crossed it to enter the Promised Land after God delivered them from slavery, and John baptized Jesus (and many other people) there. The image of crossing the Jordan River has long been a metaphor for death — crossing from earthly to heavenly life, from worldly struggles to the bliss of God's kingdom, from physical ailments to the wholeness of a resurrection body.



I came up with a good question at a lunch lab at Annual Conference in Roanoke last week. That question was:

If we could bring a team to partner with you, how would you lead us?

“Ears to the Ground: Community Listening” was the title of the lunch lab, and the instructor was Brittany Bethel. Bethel led a discussion of asset-based community development that emphasized “doing with” as opposed to “doing for,” which is a great approach to mission. She invited us to see our communities as resourceful and capable and to let community members lead the way.

I sat at a table of five with two pastors that I knew, Ann Tang from Resurrection UMC and David Jimenez-Cardenas from Memorial UMC. We were given a choice of real-world scenarios to consider and we chose this one: “Your church wants to help a school in an under-resourced neighborhood. Instead of assuming what they need, how can you learn from the students, teachers, and families about their strengths and desires?” I came up with the question above.

Imagine what it would look like if Oaklette asked this question of College Park Elementary School, or Norfolk Highlands Elementary School, or Thurgood Marshall Elementary School? How do you think the students, teachers, and families might react? Debbie Rippard and Don Moody have helped us approach this question with Norfolk Highlands Elementary School. Please look for ways we can add more disciples to such teams.

Thanks,

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