

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

June 29 2025



**Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,
June 29, 2025. Rev. Ned Alderman will bring the
message entitled "Specify."
The Scripture is Luke 9:51-62 [LSB]**



**Rocky Holcomb – June 29
Sarah Miles – June 30
Kylie Moody – June 30
Ada Katherine Nance – July 1
Matthew Sharpley – July 3
Kaye Herndon – July 4
Nancy Helsel – July 5**



**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.**



Judy & Charles Litten – July 1

PRAYER CONCERNS

Tyrone Armstrong	Pat Johnson
Donna Baker	Brian Lincoln (friend of Ethel Hickman)
Joyce Bell	Loving Neighbors
Tanya & Steve Benton	Mission Camp
Kendall Brodie (friend of Mrs. Hickman's grandson with cancer)	Rose Marie Madu
Claudia Calhoun (friend of Sonia)	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
Ethel Hickman	Monica Whitehurst
Hope Hodges & Debbie	Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe
Home School Out of Box	Tommy Womack
Amber Jenkins	Country & Troops
Earl Jenkins (Ericks's dad)	Our Pastor

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

Billy East
Our Homebound
Virginia Hair

**Jesus taught his disciples the "Lord's Prayer" we
still pray, centuries later. As we worship, know
that you are in company with countless
generations, praising God who was and is and is
to come.**

Calendar

Sunday, June 29

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 pm Worship in person and Facebook

Monday, June 30

10:00 am-12:00 pm Food Pantry

(Joanne Rooks & Dana Sanford)

7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, July 1

Wednesday, June July 2

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 3

Office closed – observance of Independence Day

10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, July 4

Saturday, July 5

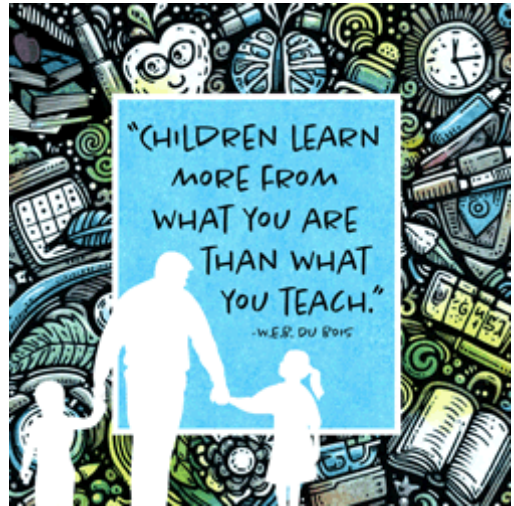
Sunday, July 6

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9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook

“The greatest thing that we can do is to help somebody know that they’re loved and capable of loving.”
—Fred Rogers



As I wrote Tuesday night in a Facebook post about Bible study, Paul offers a lot of contrasts in writing about the fruit of the spirit. Before listing “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control,” Paul catalogs, “sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these,” all of which he calls the deeds of the flesh. Paul also notes, “if you bite and devour one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another,” and, “I wish that those who are upsetting you would even mutilate themselves.” Ouch!

Could it be that Paul writes about such contrasts because he wants to illustrate an alternative? Jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, and envy aren’t exactly unknown commodities, so maybe what Paul means to say is that there’s another route, where such things are replaced with patience, faithfulness, kindness, and self-control.

I thought about this while reading Ephesians 5:1, 13-25 this morning. I also noticed that while we tend to say, “fruits of the spirit,” Paul writes of “the fruit of the spirit.” I wonder if he wrote in the singular to imply that we should manifest all of the fruit, and not just part of the list. Maybe it’s good to think about this in the singular.

Ned