

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

May 25 2025



*Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,
May 25, 2025. Rev. Ned Alderman will bring the
message entitled "The Urgent Work of the Church
Begins Here.."
The Scripture is Luke 24:44-53 [CEV].*



Billy East – May 26
Leah Kasmak – May 27
Dylan Rippard – May 27
Lilianna Sims – May 27
Margaret White – May 27
Bob Carter – May 28
Jeff Pair – May 28
Cynthia Wilson – May 30
Valerie Hunsberger – May 31



**The Support Staff is grateful for the
recognition they received last Sunday.
Thank you so much for the lunch, prayers
and gifts.**



To Our Church Family
**Bob and I wish to thank everyone for the
food, phone calls, cards, prayers and good
wishes during my recent hospitalization and
recovery.**
Sincerely, Bob and Judy Carter

PRAYER CONCERNS

Tyrone Armstrong	Earl Jenkins (Ericka's dad)
Barlow Family	Pat Johnson
Joyce Bell	Bernie Kinlich
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	A.J. Panis Ethel's friend's son)
Len Carter	Family & friends of
Kaylee Cuccorillo (Ericka's co-worker)	Aldor "Chip" Payette
Alex Denton	Dana Quinn
Mary Lou Dory	Ray & Bob Rosales
Jay Eckert (Ethel's nephew)	Loretta Smith (Amy's son's girlfriend's mother)
ForKids	The League of Advocates
Freekind Virginia	Edward Thomas
Patricia Guthrie (Mildred Walling's sister-in-law)	Virginia Conference & Bishop Sue
Karon Hardy (Monica's Neighbor)	Mildred Walling
Doris Wolfe Harlan (Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in- law)	Truman Weekly (Paige's Father)
Family of Bill Henry	Wesley ODU
Ethel Hickman	Betty Whitehurst
Hope Hodges & Debbie	Monica Whitehurst
Home School Out of Box	Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe
Amber Jenkins	Tommy Womack
	Our Pastor

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

Billy East
Our Homebound
Virginia Hair



Dorothy & Marvin Murden, Sr. – May 27

Calendar

Sunday, May 25, 2025

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 pm Worship in person and Facebook

Monday, May 26, 2025

Memorial Day – Office & Food Pantry Closed

7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, May 27

6:30 pm Lay Leadership & Nominations

Wednesday, May 28

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 29

10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, May 30

Saturday, May 31

Sunday, June 1

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9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook



The United Women of Faith will be collecting Kits for Conference. We will provide Hygiene Kits, Menstrual Hygiene Kits and Cleaning Kits. Instruction sheets are on the table in the narthex. Kits need to be turned in by 5/31.



Please remember the Blessing Box when you are out shopping! Rice and pasta will be our focus for the month of May. Please place your donations in the box in the narthex.



Julie Kissell may be the busiest person I know. Perhaps that's why it took her two months to call back after I e-mailed her about the Wesley Community Service Center. Julie's been president of that group since January, and she's also district president of United Women in Faith, formerly United Methodist Women. Additionally, she serves on the board of the Wesley Foundation at ODU, is part of a singing group called Bellissima, and is writing at least two books, so she's an exceptionally busy person.

I followed Julie as yearbook editor at Virginia Wesleyan College in 1982. We reconnected last year when I helped with VBS at her church, Community UMC, and she joined us for Oaklette's UMW meeting last March.

I called Julie shortly after the meeting to ask her how district apportionments support the Wesley Community Service Center. When we talked on May 20, she told me that the center had "lots of debts," but noted that its board is trying to get the ministry back to operational.

I told Julie that I would share what she wrote in the UWF district newsletter last month, which read, "The Wesley Community Service Center is slowly but surely recovering from the loss of its director and is working to resume food distribution soon. They have formed a partnership with Hampton Roads Urban Agriculture which works with youth to plant a garden on the property. The board has also discussed hiring a part-time director of operations to manage volunteers with the food pantry. Donations are needed and accepted. Please send to: Wesley Community Service Center, Inc., P. O. Box 1396, Portsmouth, VA 23705."

Oaklette's district apportionment for the Wesley Community Service Center is \$132, or \$11 per month. Please join me in supporting their ministry with prayer and contributions.

Please note, too, that Julie said that a district UWF meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 21, at 10 a.m. at a site TBA. The meeting will include Bible study, mission information, line dancing, and chair yoga.

Julie said that she'll let me know the site as soon as its announced. She's hoping women from all over the district will attend.

Grace and peace,
Ned

