

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

May 4 2025



*Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,
April 27, 2025. Rev. Stephanie Kimec-Parker will
bring the message entitled "New Birth." The
Scripture is John 3:1-16 [CEB].*



Linda Tandy – May 4
Walter Wilson – May 7
Kade Carroll – May 7
Amber Wilson – May 8
Sherri Foley – May 9



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.



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Sincere sympathy is extended to family and
friends of Aldor "Chip" Payette who passed
away this week.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Tyrone Armstrong	Amber Jenkins
Barlow Family	Earl Jenkins (Ericka's dad)
Joyce Bell	Pat Johnson
Tanya & Steve Benton	Bernie Kinlich
Kendall Brodie	Brian Lincoln (friend of Ethel Hickman)
(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	Walter Nebrotskie
Coastal VA District & DS Givens	Pat Newbern
Sandy Carraway	AJ. Panis Ethel's friend's son)
Kent Carter	Family & friends of
Len Carter	Aldor "Chip" Payette
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)	Mildred Walling
Karon Hardy (Monica's Neighbor)	Truman Weekly (Paige's Father)
Doris Wolfe Harlan	Wesley ODU
(Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in- law)	Betty Whitehurst
Family of Bill Henry	Monica Whitehurst
Ethel Hickman	Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe
Hope Hodges & Debbie	Tommy Womack
Home School Out of Box	Our Pastor

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

Billy East
Our Homebound
Virginia Hair



Rose Marie & Charles Enlow – May 8

Calendar

Sunday, May 4, 2025

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in Person & Facebook
(Nursery: Lisa & Brooks Ryno)

Monday, May 5, 2025

10:00-12:00 pm Food Pantry
(Brenda Swoope & Joanne Rooks)

6:30 pm Administrative Team Meeting

7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, May 6

Wednesday, May 7

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 8

8:30 am-3:00 pm HSOTB

10:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Model "A" Club

Friday, May 9

Saturday, May 10

Sunday, May 11

9:30 am Sunday School

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 May 31.



Surprisingly, preaching on Acts 9:1-20 has put me in mind of Chip Payette. That's surprising when you consider that Acts 9:1-20 tells of Saul's conversion. Nothing we know of Saul on the road to Damascus should remind us of Chip.

Chip is on my mind when as I work with this text. I'm glad that I was sitting at a stoplight when I heard from Eileen that Chip had died – glad because I was stopped. The news was hard enough to take as it was.

It's the contrast between Chip and Saul that strikes me. Saul, when we find him at the beginning of Acts 9, is "still spewing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples." "Still" indicates that the last time we saw Saul in Acts 8:3, he was wreaking "havoc against the church. Entering one house after another, he would drag off both men and women and throw them into prison." Before that, we only read of Saul when he approved of Stephen's murder in Acts 7, when those who murdered Stephen "placed their coats in the care of a young man named Saul."

In Acts 9, Saul wants to expand his operation. He goes to the chief priest and obtains a list of Jews who believe in Christ. He travels to Damascus to purge the synagogue there, armed with letters that allow him to bring any believers – male or female – to Jerusalem for imprisonment. It's hard to conceive of how anyone could be filled with and act with such hatred.

Chip was Saul's additive inverse. That kind of animosity was foreign to him. The last time that I saw him, the week before he died, he was as amusing and engaging as ever, even though his hospital bed hurt his back.

I will miss Chip. If you remember, his last Sunday in worship with us at Oaklette was Palm Sunday, when he was the narrator for our cantata, as he also was last Christmas. I'll miss Chip on such occasions, at Annual Conference, and in meetings such as nominations and staff-support. I know you'll miss him, too, because of the way we remember him.

Grace and peace,

Ned Alderman

