

# Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

November 20 2022



*Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook Live at 11:00 am on Sunday, November 20, 2022. Dr. Tim's sermon title is "Bringing Blessing." The Scripture is Genesis 12:1-8 (CEV).*



Brenda Hodsdon – November 20  
Jerome Dickinson – November 21  
Jonathan Litten – November 22  
Bill Blair – November 23  
Tracie Holcomb – November 25  
Ericka Litten – November 25  
Randy Pearce – November 26



Jenny & Tommy Obenchain – November 25  
Phyllis & Walter Nebrotskie – November 25



The Chrismon tree will be up, but undecorated, on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to stay after church to decorate the Chrismon Tree and the sanctuary for the Christmas holidays.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Tyrone Armstrong  
Hannah Bailey  
Matthew Bailey (Debbie Lowrimore Courainis' son)  
Elizabeth Bergesen  
Sandy Carraway  
Bob Carter  
Judy Carter  
Kent Carter  
Len Carter  
Amy Denton (Ericka's Friend)  
Drake (Judy Litten's neighbor)  
David Freeman  
Hope Hodges' family  
Pat Johnson  
Connie Jones  
Dennis Krupp (friend of Randy Story)

Ann Lee  
Theresa Magner  
Clara Marks (Debbie's mother)  
Kristie Masters (friend of Ethel Hickman)  
Family of Tammy Mullins (Ethel Hickman's niece)  
J. Panis (Son of Ethel Hickman's friend)  
Stella Price  
David Rippard  
Roman Roughton (Stella Price's great grandson)  
Carolyn Smith  
Betty Whitehurst  
Monica Whitehurst  
Our Pastor  
Nation, World

### Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

Billy East, Sylvia Peele, Joyce Richwine

### Our Homebound

Pat Grover,  
Jackie Munden, Mamie Whitehurst



Please bring mittens/gloves, scarves and hats and place on the Mitten Tree near the Church Office and Choir Room. Items will be collected until Sunday, December 11 and then will be donated to the children at Norfolk Highlands Primary School.



Sincere sympathy is extended to Ron & Debbie Repko on the passing of Ron's father, Thomas Repko, Sr. on November 10th

### Calendar

#### Sunday, November 20

- 9:30 am **Sunday School**  
(Children's Class Kindergarten & Older)  
To join Dr. Tim's class via Zoom:  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/9274947336>  
Meeting ID: 927 494 7336, Passcode: 273082
- 11:00 am **Worship in person & Facebook Live**  
(Nursery – Joanne Rooks & Barbara Bennett)
- 2:00-5:00 pm **Girl Scouts**
- #### Monday, November 21
- 10:00 am **Food Pantry**  
(Joyce Gaston & Theresa Magner)
- 7:00 pm **HRM Band**
- #### Tuesday, November 22
- 7:00 pm **Oaklette/SOTM Men's Meeting**
- #### Wednesday, November 23
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Choir**
- #### Thursday, November 24
- Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed**
- #### Friday, November 25
- #### Saturday, November 26
- #### Next Sunday, November 27
- 9:30 am **Sunday School**
- 9:30 am **SOTM**
- 11:00 am **Worship in person & Facebook Live**



**United  
Women  
in Faith**

### **WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**The United Methodist Women has a new name and a new logo! The new name is United Women in Faith. The changes are designed to address the different needs and life stages of current members and new women and expand options for membership and engagement.**

**Oaklette's women will meet on Saturday, November 26, 2022 at 10:00 am to reorganize and discuss ministries that we would like to participate in and support. All women of the church are encouraged to attend and to share ideas and plans for our future as Oaklette's United Women in Faith.**



### **A GOOD CONTAGION**

Thanksgiving is key in Christian prayer, but often our requests outweigh our thanks. By contrast 85% of prayers in the Jewish prayer book are blessings of thanks, according to Rabbi Evan Moffic. Noting that the Hebrew word for a Jewish person – Yehuda – means “one who is grateful,” he states, “Gratitude is at the core of how Jews pray.”

Someone once asked Moffic if he might know about a blessing he'd overheard at a restaurant. After a man proposed to his girlfriend and she said yes, he walked quietly to a corner, put on a yarmulke (a sacred Jewish head covering worn in prayer) and spoke a blessing. His fiancé teared up. The rabbi said the prayer was surely this: “Blessed are you, O God, sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us and for enabling us to reach this joy-filled moment.”

Why was this person so interested? “I am planning to propose to my girlfriend,” he shared with Moffic, “and I want to say this prayer with her.”

Unbeknown to the newly engaged pair, their gratitude transformed another couple's life. When we give thanks to God, not only is our faith strengthened but our thanksgiving may inspire others. Gratitude is contagious!

- Heidi Hyland Mann

**CHARGE CONFERENCE EVENT**  
**“We Are Accountable Because of Faith”**  
**Great Bridge UMC**  
**201 Stadium Dr, Chesapeake, VA 23322**  
**December 3, 2022**

**10-12 noon**

**This year all the churches of the former Elizabeth River District will be meeting together as each church approves their Budgets and Nomination Reports, as well as other annual reports. We will also participate in a discussion based on Paul Tillich’s book The New Being. Please read Chapter 5 entitled “On Healing” (copies are available in the church office).**

**THANK YOU!**

**We are so grateful for the many cards and gifts we received from the good people of Oaklette for Pastor’s Appreciation Sunday! The dinner in our honor was also delicious! We also are thankful for the outpouring of love we received upon Tim’s mother’s passing. The sympathy cards and memorial gifts certainly were a welcome comfort in our grief. Tim’s mother, Alice Griffin, will be buried at Arlington Cemetery sometime in the coming year.**



**SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS**

Again, this year the women’s ministry Women of Faith are inviting the congregation to purchase Salvation Army Christmas Stockings for the disadvantaged children of Hampton Roads. A stocking costs \$20, however, all donations will be accepted. All monies for stockings must be turned into Judy Litten or the Church Office by Sunday, December 4th!

**HAMPTON ROADS METRO BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022**

**6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**OAKLETTE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**Bring a dessert to share.**



**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP**

**Saturday, December 24, 2022**

**4:00 PM**



**DON'T BE A SCROOGE THIS CHRISTMAS  
JOIN US FROM HOME THIS CHRISTMAS**

**11:00 am**

**DECEMBER 25, 2022**

**With your favorite electronic device tuned to  
Facebook Live join Dr. Tim at home in front of  
his Christmas Tree for a Christmas Morning  
Worship Experience! Worship begins at  
11:00AM!**



***WE SING THIS STORY: A LESSONS & CAROLS  
SERVICE FOR CHRISTMASTIDE  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1. 2023  
11:00AM***