

TIM TALK

“On the Road to Emmaus”

Homiletics reminds its readers that the seven-mile stretch from Jerusalem to Emmaus was one of the most significant parts of the journey for the disciples. It was there, on this stretch of road, that two of Jesus' disciples, one named Cleopas and another unnamed, were walking away from the disaster of Good Friday and the puzzlement of Easter. Jesus comes to them as a stranger who joins them on the way as a traveling companion for a time and gets in on the idle

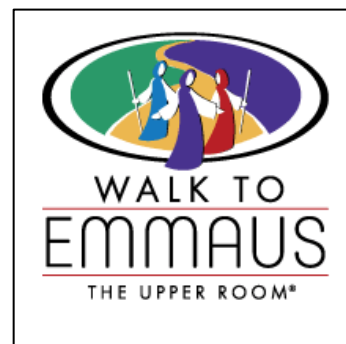
conversation. "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" he asks. Cleopas wonders if their fellow traveler has been living in a cave for the last several days and goes on to tell him the story of what happened to Jesus of Nazareth: from their hope about him as "the one to redeem Israel" to his tragic crucifixion and the puzzlement of the empty tomb. In all probability these two disciples had walked with Jesus prior to the cross, and while doing so, thought they were moving toward a promised destination. Now, while on the road to Emmaus, they seemed to be just walking with no real purpose in mind.

As the stranger walks with them on this road to nowhere, he begins to tell them about a longer journey they'd all been on. Starting with the journey of God's people from liberation in Egypt under Moses to the time of the prophets and through all the signs along the way, Jesus walked them through God's plan for his people and his own death and resurrection as both a destination and a new beginning.

The two disciples invite this stranger to stay with them and, when sitting at table together, they suddenly recognize it's the risen Jesus they've been walking with all along. Jesus disappears, but they start walking back to Jerusalem and into a new future. Emmaus wasn't their finish line after all; it was just another stop on the journey of following the Lord.

Homiletics says that if there's anything the Emmaus Road story teaches us, it's that the disciples of Jesus are at their best when they keep walking with him.

"Discipleship is never a drive-by or fly-by process," says Homiletics, "in which we can look for instant results and ignore the people and places we whiz by every day." Instead, discipleship is the recognition that our lives are a journey of following Jesus in which we learn to look for him in the faces of strangers who join us on the way. "Disciples," says Homiletics, "are willing to follow Jesus despite the dangers and potential pitfalls, and they offer hospitality to others who may not yet recognize him."



As many of you may already know I serve as the Community Spiritual Director for Tidewater Emmaus. Emmaus exists solely to assist local churches in the creation of committed disciples. We do that by offering weekend spiritual walks modeled after the Emmaus Walk that Cleopas and the other disciple made with the stranger by their side. Walks are offered both in the Spring and the Fall. I would personally like to see Oaklette become involved once again in the Emmaus Community. It's been a long time since some of you walked. In May Oaklette will be hosting a Gathering (a Gathering is where the entire Emmaus Community gathers together for a worship service and a meal). We will be doing that on the evening of Saturday, May 16. The Pot-Luck Meal will begin at 5:30 and the Worship Service will begin at 6:30. I would like to invite you to come to the Gathering whether you've walked or not so that your spirit will be rekindled as together we make this continuous journey of walking with the Lord.

In the words of the Apostle Paul:
"Love from the center of who you are. Don't Fake It!" (Romans 12:9)

Tim

Dr. Timothy D. Hazlett

SERMONS FOR APRIL 2020

(Please Note: The Coronavirus may affect some or all of our scheduled worship plans.)

APRIL 5, 2020

PALM SUNDAY

"Remember Me: A Musical Service for Communion"

Presented by the Chancel Choir



APRIL 12, 2020

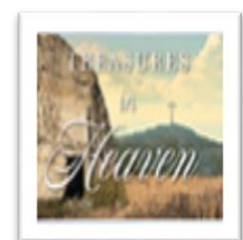
EASTER SUNDAY

LENTEN/EASTER SERMON SERIES

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

"Treasures in Heaven"

Matthew 6:19-21 (NRSV)



APRIL 19, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Guest Preacher: Charles Osuwu-Ansah



APRIL 26, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

"We Can't Walk This Journey Alone"

Luke 24:13-35



WORSHIP FOR OUR CURRENT TIMES

"Come to the river where you will thirst no more."

Sundays at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall!

Due to the holiday during the month of April "The River" will gather only on April 26!

MAYBERRY CHURCH

Sunday at 6:30PM - Fellowship Hall

Come and join this exciting gathering of believers growing in their journey with Christ.

Using the Bible and classic episodes of "The Andy Griffith Show" Oaklette is offering this unique and award-winning opportunity for south Hampton Roads. Our worship themes and episodes are as follows:

- April 5 – NO MAYBERRY CHURCH
- April 12 – NO MAYBERRY CHURCH
- April 19 – NO MAYBERRY CHURCH
- April 26 – Episode: "Andy's Old Girlfriend" – When Andy's high school sweetheart comes home to Mayberry Helen allows her jealousy to lead her down the wrong pathway. Theme: Lost in Jealousy. Scripture: Proverbs 27:4 (CEV) – *"An angry person is dangerous, but a jealous person is even worse."*

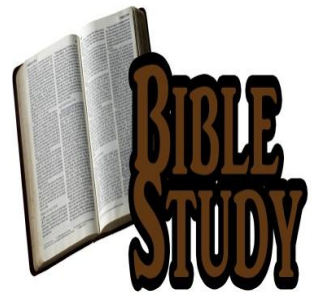
(Please Note: All Bible Studies and Sunday School Classes and Holy Week Celebrations may be cancelled or modified due to the Coronavirus.)



**BECOMING A WARRIOR NOT A WORRIER
BIBLE STUDY
BARNES & NOBLES STARBUCK'S CAFÉ AT GREENBRIER
WEDNESDAY'S AT 1:00 PM
(LOCATED NEXT TO THE HARRIS TEETER)**

THURSDAY'S WITH TIM

Thursday's with Tim is a Bible Study that meets in the John Teter Classroom at 10 AM on Thursdays. The class is currently studying the books of the New Testament in a series called "Invitation to the New Testament." Afterwards we usually go out to lunch at a favorite restaurant. You are welcome to join us anytime!



**stations
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CROSS**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday – April 9) Oaklette will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross. Commemorating eight of the fourteen highlights of Jesus' journey to the cross the Oaklette Faith Community will reenact this sacred pilgrimage as we start on the front steps of the sanctuary, move around to the picnic pavilion in the back and then be entering the building into the Fellowship Hall. The journey will continue throughout the building and conclude in the sanctuary (if the weather is inclement, we will begin in the Fellowship Hall). This walking worship experience will begin at 7:00 PM and will last for approximately an hour.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

This year we will be gathering in the backyard of John and Linda Tandy's home for Easter Sunrise. The Tandy's reside at 513 Oaklette Drive and overlook the Indian River. You are more than welcome to park in the church parking lot or even on the parsonage lawn and walk across the street to the Tandy's. Worship begins at 7:00 AM. In case of inclement weather, we will be gathering in Oaklette's sanctuary.



**EASTER CANTATA****"Remember Me"****SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020****11 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

Presented by Oaklette's Chancel Choir under the direction of
Dana Moody.

APRIL FELLOWSHIP EVENT**PALM SUNDAY RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE CANTATA**

The April Fellowship Event will be held on Sunday, April 5th following the 11 AM Worship Celebration. The Worship Team will be hosting this event with finger foods and sandwiches hopefully outdoors on the front lawn of the church grounds. This will also be a time for the congregation to offer up thanks to the members of the Chancel Choir for the weekly ministry they bring to Oaklette!

**THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER OFFERING**

Please remember to turn in your Thirty Pieces of Silver Bag by Easter Sunday. Our goal again this year is to raise enough funds to provide 14,000 meals to Rise Against Hunger. Packaging of these meals will be done by us in late September.

KITS FOR CONFERENCE

Virginia's Annual Conference is fast approaching and that means we need to gather our Kits for Conference. The kits that are being collected this year include Hygiene Kits, Cleaning Kits (formerly Flood Buckets), School Kits, Layette Kits, Birthing Kits, as well as Sewing Kits. Instructions for how each kit is to be assembled are available by contacting the church office. Kits can be placed in the Church Parlor across the hall from the Pastor's Office. All kits need to be at church by Sunday, June 14th.





BREAKFAST AT DENNY'S

Oaklette is encouraging you and your friends to gather for a 'social breakfast' at the Battlefield Blvd. Denny's located in front of the Home Depot on the second Friday of every month. In April that's Friday, the 10th! This is an opportunity for the good folk of Oaklette to "get outside of the castle" and into the neighborhood of which we are a part. No reservations are necessary! Just show up and eat breakfast (or a snack). Breakfast is on you. Debbie Rippard will be there to greet you at 9:00 AM!



TIDEWATER EMMAUS GATHERING AT OAKLETTE SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020 POT-LUCK DINNER AT 5:30PM WORSHIP CELEBRATION AT 6:30PM



EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY/STAFF APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Just like last year Oaklette and Spirit of Truth Ministry will be celebrating Everybody's Birthday Party and Staff Appreciation Sunday together again this year! Following the 11:00 AM Worship Celebration on Sunday, May 3rd both congregations (who will be participating in worship together) will gather in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish (salad, casserole, etc.) to share! Desserts (birthday cakes) will be provided by volunteers. A sign-up sheet for the cakes will be posted on the bulletin board across the hall from the offices. Each birthday cake volunteer is also responsible for decorating their table.





JUNE 13 – 20, 2020
HOST CHURCH: Indian River Baptist Church

For the first time ever Oaklette Church, instead of hosting a Vacation Bible School, will be participating in SHRMP!

SHRMP, a full 7-day experience, focuses on transforming socially and economically disadvantaged communities through the love and power of Jesus Christ. This experience prayerfully builds relationships in the South Norfolk and South Hampton Roads areas through various activities like Vacation Bible Schools and Sports/Reading Camps. With your help, alongside other supporting churches and organizations, we seek to impact even more individuals' and families' lives.

How can you help? Volunteer to work in the kitchen or help with registration. Volunteer to lead a Bible Story, help with recreation, do crafts, read, lead worship, and/or be a crew leader. Volunteers will be needed for both the afternoon and evening sessions.

For more information on how you can volunteer please speak with Pat Cruz or call the church office. Registration forms must be submitted by May 1st! The only expense to you will be the purchase of a SHRMP T-Shirt (that is, if you desire one).

FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS

Please bring flowers to adorn the cross on Easter Sunday. The flowers can be from your yard or purchased.



SATURDAY MAY 16, 2020

OAKLETTE CHURCH

SPONSORED BY THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Fellowship Hall will be ready to receive your treasures on Tuesday, May 12!

please note

Dear Oaklette Members and Friends,

The past weeks have been a watershed moment for our country, as well as with the church, as we have felt the effects of COVID-19 (coronavirus) upon our world and our lives. Here at Oaklette Church we are closely monitoring the latest updates from both our Bishop's Office and the CDC. On Sundays, March 22 and March 29, Oaklette Church will be closed to In-Person Worship. We will be offering, however, a live broadcast of Dr. Tim's sermon on Facebook Live both days at 11AM. You may access this site on the Oaklette Church Group Page of Facebook. A recording will also be posted on Dr. Tim's personal Facebook page after the live broadcast. We will also be attempting to upload the recordings to our webpage at www.oakletteumc.org.

For at least the next 15 days we will be limiting the use of the building to groups of less than 10 people. This applies to all events including rentals, funerals, weddings, meetings, etc.

The church office, for at least through March 27 (most likely April 3), will be operating on a skeleton schedule. We will be open Mondays through Thursdays from

8:30 to 12:30 only. Eileen will be in the office for the first two hours while Edna completes the last two.

The Food Pantry (which is only in service on Mondays from 10AM to Noon) will remain open but will be limited to 10 persons being in the building at the same time.

The River (our 8:30 Sunday morning worship) and Mayberry Church (our 6:30 Sunday evening worship) are currently on hiatus until at least April 26.

All Bible Studies and Sunday Classes have been cancelled until further notice.

In addition to these measures I discourage all members from visiting nursing homes and patients in hospitals at this time. Our elderly and shut-ins are at risk as well and I would encourage that you stay connected with all of these folks through telephone and by sending them cards. I myself will cease to be visiting persons during this time as well unless there is an emergency.

I encourage you all to continue to keep your financial giving to the church a top priority...if you are choosing to remain home during this health crisis please mail your offering to the church or make payments through your financial institution's e-banking.

Holy Week is fast approaching. As of now the cantata on Palm Sunday, Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday, the Sunrise Service and Traditional Service on Easter are all a go. We will keep you abreast of any changes.

Please be sure to check your email, the Oaklette United Methodist Church Facebook Page, and our website www.oakletteumc.org for updates concerning the Coronavirus and the church.

And lastly, using Bishop Lewis' words in her letter to the churches of Virginia; "Be a loving, non-anxious presence. Encourage those in your church and community to be nonanxious during this time and to use best cleanliness practices. We are people of faith and, as such, should lead from love and not fear. We trust in God and will extend compassion to those suffering. Pray. Placing our trust in God, let us continue to pray for those suffering from COVID-19 and their families as well as for leaders and professionals in the United States and worldwide working to contain COVID-19 and find a vaccine."

Sincerely,
Dr. Tim Hazlett
Oaklette UMC

Pray for our Military (In order to protect the safety of our Troops and their families, we will no longer list their whereabouts or their branches of service.)

Micah Beasley – (Nephew of Verna Carroll)

Jordan Carter – (Grandson of Len & Carole Carter)

Justin Castellow – (Son of Buzz and Shellene Castellow)

Marcus Hincks – (Husband of Samantha McDonald and
Ann & Jimmy Lee's grandson-in-law)

Troy Hudgins – (Nephew of Jenny & Tommy Obenchain)

Jared Meharg (Son-in-law of Dana & Don Moody)

Brian Miller – (Grandson-in-law of Adel Denson)

Major Matt Springer – (Son of Wayne & Sharon Springer)

Scott W. Weifert

Major Paul Leon Wolfe III - (Grandson of Barbara & Jack Buchanan)



Remember our Shut-ins/Nursing Home Residents with Cards, Calls, Visits, & Prayers

Billy East
2701 Border Rd
Chesapeake, VA 23324

Nell Cucinotta
1249 Davis Avenue
Chesapeake, VA 23325

Mary Guynn
Chesapeake Place
1508 Volvo Parkway
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Jackie Munden
3009 Mattox Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23325

Marjorie Harrison
Chesapeake Place
1508 Volvo Parkway
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Mamie Whitehurst
c/o Cathy Albertson
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Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Pat Grover
1726 Harvest Bend Ct.
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Fleda Humphries
Kempsville Health/Rehab
5520 Indian River Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

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Chesapeake Place
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Chesapeake, VA 23320

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715 Argyll Street
Chesapeake, VA 23320

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Chesapeake, VA 23325

Lucille Payette
1408 Elder Avenue
Chesapeake, VA 23325

Joyce Richwine
PO Box 16993
Chesapeake, VA 23328



April

-5-
Lillian Everett
-12-
Flowers on Cross
-19-
Chip Payette
-26-
Barbara Buchanan



April

-5-
Lynn Beethoven
-12-

-19-

-26-
Ethel Hickman

Please sign up for altar flowers and Food Basket. There are many, many blank lines to fill!



April Food Pantry Workers

-6-
JoAnn Story
&
Joyce Gaston
-13-
Ann & Jimmy Lee
-20-
Carol Henry
&
Linda Gallop
-27-
Judy Carter
&
Shelley Castellow

Volunteers are needed to work the Food Pantry on Mondays. It is only for two hours per shift and usually only one shift per several months. Please contact Barbara Bennett if you are interested.



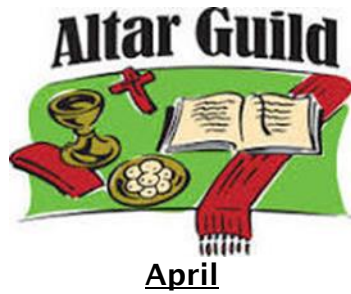
April

-5-
Jessica Weifert
-12-
Jerome Dickinson
-19-
Arte Jones
-26-
Barbara Bennett



Please use the following email address when communicating with the church:
oaklette@oakletteumc.org

Wi-fi is available throughout the building. The password is blessing4u.



Ericka & Chuck Litten



-2-

Andrew Hazlett
Cheryl Walker

-6-

Angeling Blakely

-7-

Doug Riggan
Daniel Castellow

-13-

Howard Combs
Brenda Swoope

-19-

Donna Baker

-22-

Scott Weifert
Linda Riddick

-23-

Courtney Lee

-25-

Joyce Gaston
Charles Enlow
Ian Blakely

-26-

Carolyn Williams

-27-

Joyce Richwine
Robert Castellow
Emili Snow

-28-

Fleda Humphries
Randy Story
Barry Bailey

-30-

Harrison Meharg



-9-

Denise & Neil Morin

-10-

Vickie & Bud Stephens Jr.

-28-

Kaye & Jim Herndon

Christian Symbol



Nails

Nails symbolize Jesus' passion and suffering because they were used at his Crucifixion.

They are often depicted in groups of three because two nails were used to secure Jesus' hands, and a third was used to secure his feet. Three nails are also used to identify Jesus as a member of the Holy Trinity.

Easter Around the World


Easter traditions are important, but they vary widely. While Americans dye hardboiled eggs, Kenyans carve soapstone eggs and present them as gifts in banana-fiber boxes. In Bermuda, locals fly homemade kites on Good Friday – a tradition that began when a teacher illustrated Christ's ascension to heaven using a cross-shaped kite.

Ethiopian Christians observe a 56-day fast from meat and all animal products. On Easter, they dress in white to worship in churches decorated with handmade fabric. Then they feast with non-Christians on roast chicken, goat and rice.

In France, church bells are silent between Holy Thursday and Easter to observe Jesus' Passion. According to legend, the bells grow wings and fly to Rome to be blessed, returning on Easter with chocolate and presents. In one town's main square, chefs make a giant omelet with 4,500 eggs to feed 1,000 people!

Kids page









PUZZLE

Picturing the Lord's Supper

Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples as a symbol of the new covenant.




Directions: Use the picture clues to fill in key words from Luke 22:19-20, NIV.



And he took _____, gave _____ and _____ it, and gave

it to them, saying, "This is my _____ given for you; do this in



_____ of me." In the same way, after the supper he

took the cup, saying, "This _____ is the new _____ in my

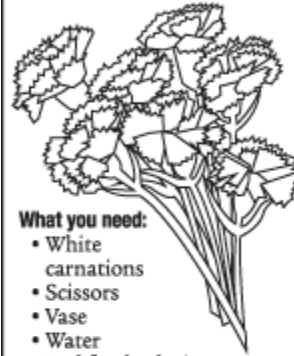
blood, which is _____ out for you."

LUKE 22:19-20, NIV

Answer: bread, thanks, broke, body, remembrance, cup, covenant, poured

Scripture AND NATURE

Conduct a simple experiment to illustrate Easter's meaning.



What you need:

- White carnations
- Scissors
- Vase
- Water
- Red food coloring
- Bible

What you do:

1. Cut the carnation stems (at an angle) to about 8 inches long.
2. Fill the vase halfway with water. Add 10 drops of food coloring. (More may be needed to darken the water.)
3. Add the cut flowers and observe what happens to the petals over time.
4. Discuss how this is like Jesus' work on the cross. Read 1 Peter 2:22-24 (NIV) and reflect on what his death means for us.
5. To learn more about this experiment, research capillary action.





Sincere sympathy is extended to family and friends of Adel Witherell Denson, who passed away February 25, 2020.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Bill Lucy, who passed away February 24, 2020.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Denise Morin on the passing of her sister, Lori Johnson.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Stella Price on the passing of her sister-in-law, Rose.

See(k) First

On Facebook, I can “follow” as many people as I want, viewing their messages, photos and activities. But I can choose only 30 to “see first” – that is, to prioritize in my news feed. As of this writing (Facebook changes often), if my “see first” list is full and I want to add someone new, I must “unprioritize” someone else.

That leads me to ponder bigger matters: I often claim to follow Jesus, but what might I need to “unprioritize” to make him not just a priority but the priority in my life? To what do I devote time and attention but ought to let go to follow Christ more closely? What activities, behaviors and values do I need to not just bump from my “see first” list but “unfollow” or “block” entirely? Perhaps they are antithetical to discipleship or simply take too much time away from prayer, Scripture and service.

This dilemma isn’t unique to the digital age. Facebook parlance is about what we “see first,” but in Matthew 6:33 Jesus says, “Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness (ESV, italics added).

- Heidi Mann

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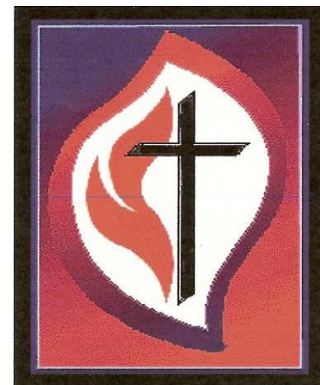
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