

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

August 30 2026



Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook Live at 11:00 am on Sunday, August 30. Rev. Carla Warnock will bring the message entitled "The Neglected Wesley." The Scripture is Psalm 98.



Please remember the Blessing Box when you are out shopping! Toiletries will be our focus for the month of August and for September it will be School Supplies. Please place your donations in the box in the narthex.



Theresa Magner – August 30
Posey Brooks – August 31
Jenifer Chamberlain – September 4



Debbie & David Rippard
September 4

PRAYER CONCERNS

Tyrone Armstrong

Barbara Bennett

Judy Carter

Cherry & Sebastian

*Coastal VA District &
DS Givens*

Sandy Carraway

Kent Carter

Alex Denton

Mary Lou Dory

*Joseph Grant (Jenny
Obenchain's nephew)*

*Patricia Guthrie
(Mildred Walling's
sister-in-law)*

Karon Hardy

(Monica's Neighbor

*Joseph Grant (Jenny
Obenchain's nephew)*

Carol Henry

Jim Herndon

Ethel Hickman

Pat Johnson

Rose Marie Madu

Theresa Magner

Wayne Magner

*Karen McCarthy's
Daughter*

Phyllis Nebrotski

Walter Nebrotskie

Pat Newbern

Dakota Rebel

Kelly Rippard

Ray & Bob Rosales

*Rhonda Roughton
(Stella's Daughter)*

Edward Thomas

*Virginia Conference
& Bishop Sue*

*Peggy White (David
Rippard's sister)*

Monica Whitehurst

Phyllis Buchanan

Wolfe

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

Billv East

Please utilize the name tags located on the wall in the narthex. If you don't have a name tag, please let the office know and one will be prepared for you.



Faith and works are like the light and heat of a candle; they cannot be separated.

Calendar

Sunday August 30

9:30 am Sunday School

9:40 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship

Monday, August 31

10:00 am–12:00 pm Food Pantry
(Paige Weifert & Helene Haluska)

Tuesday, September 1

7:00 pm SOTM Men

Wednesday, September 2

Thursday, September 3

10:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm SOTM Bible Study

Friday, September 4

Saturday, September 5

Sunday, September 6

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship



The Gift of Music

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them.

Music is a fair and glorious gift from God. I would not forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and they smile through their troubles in song.

Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am persuaded that after theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.

- Joseph Beaumont



As summer ends on a remote island off Iceland, parent puffins — black and white seabirds with rainbow beaks — stop bringing fish to their chicks. These “pufflings,” whose first few weeks were lived in burrows in cliffs, now must launch into a wind current to glide out over the sea and find their own food.

Some babies, however, mistake a lit-up house or gas station for moonlight on the water and, as locals say, “fall out of the sky.” Because pufflings can’t yet take off from land and fly, if left alone they starve.

So for generations, during “puffling season” people on this island have stayed up late to rescue baby birds. On his *Animal* podcast, reporter Sam Anderson tells how, with an islander’s help, he picks up a puffling one night, placing it in a box for morning release over the ocean. As the frightened, confused bird squeals and scratches to get free, Anderson supposes it thinks this is the worst night of its life. In

fact, it is the best: It’s being saved.

We humans often get confused, pulled in wrong directions. We’re misled and land in trouble from which we cannot save ourselves. Scared and confused, we believe we’re irredeemably trapped in the worst of circumstances. We can’t perceive that, even now, we are being protected and rescued, that God is working to give back to us the fullness of life we cannot attain for ourselves.

Hang on, beloved one. Though you can’t sense it at this moment, you are held in God’s care, soon to be lifted on the wind of the Holy Spirit, who will carry you into better days.

—Heidi Hyland Mann