

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

August 9 2026



*Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,
August 9. Rev. Carla Warnock will bring the
message entitled "The Power of Forgiveness."
The Scripture is Luke 24:44-49.*



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



Lee Warren – August 9
Calvin Gallop IV – August 11
Deborah Hill – August 12
Vicky Sharpley – August 13
Preston Basnight – August 14
Logan Rippard – August 15



Tysh & John Basnight – August 14
Jane & Preston Basnight – August 14
Carolyn & Jim Williams – August 14

PRAYER CONCERNS

*Tyrone Armstrong
Barbara Bennett
Judy Carter
Cherry & Sebastian
Coastal VA District &
DS Givens
Sandy Carraway
Kent Carter
Alex Denton
Mary Lou Dory
Patricia Guthrie (Mildred
Walling's sister-in-law)
Karon Hardy (Monica's
Neighbor)
Carol Henry
Ethel Hickman
Pat Johnson
Rose Marie Madu
Wayne Magner*

*Karen McCarthy's
Daughter
Phyllis Nebrotski
Walter Nebrotskie
Pat Newbern
Dakota Rebel
Kelly Rippard
Ray & Bob Rosales
Rhonda Roughton (Stella's
Daughter)
John Tandy
Edward Thomas
Virginia Conference &
Bishop Sue
Peggy White (David
Rippard's sister)
Monica Whitehurst
Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe
Country & Troops
Our Pastor*

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents
Billy East



WHY ME?

When we are faced with unexpected hardship, our first impulse is often to ask, "Why me, O God?" Yet when blessing comes our way, we rarely ask the same question, "Why me, O God? Why me?"

It will be helpful for our new pastor, Rev. Carla Warnock if our congregation will utilize the name tags on the rack in the narthex. If you don't have a name tag on the rack, please let the office know and we will prepare one.

Calendar

Sunday, August 9

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 pm Worship in person and Facebook

12:00 pm Worship Committee

Monday, August 10

10:00 am-12:00 pm Food Pantry
(Brenda Swoope & Terry Webb)

6:30 pm Church Council

Tuesday, August 11

Wednesday, August 12

Thursday, August 13

10:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Model "A" Club

Friday, August 14

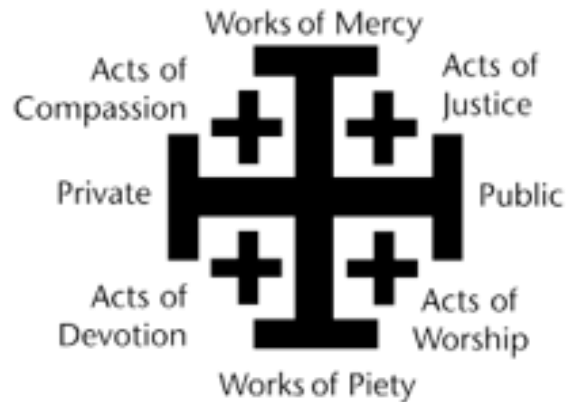
Saturday, August 15

Sunday, August 16

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook



Who Are The Least of These?

This is often a difficult question to wrestle with in our minds and hearts. Matthew 25:37b-39

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink?"³⁸ When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear?"³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?"

(Common English Bible) The least of these" generally refers to vulnerable and marginalized individuals in society.

This includes: the poor and hungry, the thirsty and homeless, strangers or foreigners, the sick and imprisoned, and those lacking clothing or basic necessities.

John Wesley in his sermon 98 "On Visiting the Sick" wrote: *"By the sick, I do not mean only those that keep their bed, or that are sick in the strictest sense. Rather I would include all such as are in a state of affliction, whether of mind or body; and that whether they are good or bad, whether they fear God or not."* ([The Wesley Center Online: Sermon 98 - On Visiting The Sick](#))

In his article, *Works of Mercy: Compassion & Justice*, Steve Manskar considers scripture along Wesley's teachings and UMC "General Rule of Discipleship as their rule of life: **To witness to Jesus Christ in the world and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship, and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.** If you love God with all your heart, soul, and mind then you must love who and what God lovesTheir love for God is revealed in the ways they love who God loves: people who are poor, hungry, sick, prisoners, homeless, strangers, outcasts, lonely, and hopeless. Followers of Jesus even love their enemies and people who persecute and defame them ([Matthew 5:43-48](#)). They can live this way because they know and experience God's love in the love they give to one another who are sisters and brothers in Christ." [Discipleship Ministries | Works of Mercy: Compassion & Justice](#)

The answer of the "least of these" is just about anybody at one time or another in their life.

Pastor Carla