



## The Oakletter, Jan. 18, 2026

The picture above is of my sister Micah and niece Kara. It was taken on Christmas Eve 2015, when my family had dinner at Freemason Abbey before worshipping at Epworth UMC across the street. Micah was then director of the family nurse practitioner program at ODU. She moved to the faculty at UNC-Wilmington before her death in 2019.

Micah was a strong woman of faith. She and her family were members of Great Bridge UMC, and when Micah received a pancreatic cancer diagnosis in 2018, she said that she wasn't asking for a prognosis because the Lord would take her when he was good and ready. Amen.

Micah served as faculty director for WesleyODU while at Old Dominion. In her memory, I plan to take lunch to students there on her birthday, Feb. 3. I ask for your help in three ways as that date approaches. First, please pray for Oaklette and for WesleyODU and their pastor, Joshua McCauley. Second, please consider joining me Feb. 3. I think we have to be there at 11 and I'll have to pick up the food on the way. Please let me know if you'd like to be there, too. Lastly, please help me put together a list of what we want students at WesleyODU to know about Oaklette. We can share a list of our plans for Lent and Easter, which our worship team will develop at a meeting Jan. 25, and other ministries we'd like to highlight. Please let me know your thoughts because if I try to come up with a list on my own, I'm sure to leave things out.

We've scheduled a number of meal opportunities of late; here are the others:

Friday, Jan. 23, breakfast at 8 a.m. at Cracker Barrel in Greenbrier, this in preparation for our Beverly Hillbillies Bible study, which starts Jan. 25.

Saturday, Jan. 24, breakfast at 6 a.m. at IHOP at Kempsriver Crossing, again in preparation for our Beverly Hillbillies Bible study, which runs through Feb. 15.

Tuesday, Feb. 17 [**new!**]: Shrove Tuesday pancake lunch. Time and place TBD. We went to IHOP last year; is anyone interested in going this year. Please let me know. Thanks.

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This week at  
Oaklette

Sun., Jan. 18

9:30 am  
Sunday School  
And SOTM

11 am Second  
Sunday after  
the Epiphany  
worship

5:30 p.m.  
Vespers for  
Church Unity,  
St. Brides

Mon., Jan. 19

10 a.m. Food  
pantry

[Linda Gallop  
and Helene  
Haluska]

7 p.m. HRM  
Band

Wed., Jan. 21

6:30 p.m.  
Choir practice

Thur., Jan. 22

10 a.m. Bible  
study

Fri. & Sat., Jan  
23 & 24

Breakfasts [see  
front]

Sun., Jan 25

9:30 am  
Sunday school

9:30 am  
SOTM

11 am Third  
Sunday after  
the Epiphany  
worship

Noon  
Worship team  
meeting

6:30 pm  
Beverly  
Hillbillies  
Bible study

**Birthdays:**

Yvonne Garcia – Jan. 18

Matilda Johnson – Jan. 18

Wanda Walton – Jan. 18

Jenny Obenchain – Jan. 19

Jack Hicks III – Jan. 23

**Sunday's Gospel, John 1:29-42:** The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).

He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

**New to the prayer list:** our services for Lent and Easter; Camp Occohannock on the Bay



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