

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

July 12 2026



*Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,
July 12. Rev. Carla Warnock will bring the
message entitled "The Importance of Taking Time."
The Scripture is Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NRSVue).*



Kay Hill – July 14
Norm Holcomb – 14
Brian Bailey – July 16



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

**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.**

PRAYER CONCERNS

*Tyrone Armstrong
Donna Baker
Barbara Bennett
Megan Carroll
Judy Carter
Cherry & Sebastian
Coastal VA District &
DS Givens
Sandy Carraway
Kent Carter
Alex Denton
Mary Lou Dory
Jay Eckert (Ethel's nephew)
Joyce Gaston
Patricia Guthrie (Mildred
Walling's sister-in-law)
Karon Hardy (Monica's
Neighbor)
Doris Wolfe Harlan
(Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in-
law)
Carol Henry
Kay Herndon
Ethel Hickman
Hope Hodges & Debbie
Earl Jenkins (Ericks's dad)
Pat Johnson*

*Brian Lincoln (friend of
Ethel Hickman)
Rose Marie Madu
Wayne Magner
Kristie Masters (friend of
Ethel Hickman)
Karen McCarthy's
daughter
Walter Nebrotskie
Pat Newbern
Dakota Rebel
Ray & Bob Rosales
Rhonda Roughton (Stella's
Daughter)
Loretta Smith (Amy's
son's girlfriend's
mother)
John Tandy
Edward Thomas
Virginia Conference &
Bishop Sue
Monica Whitehurst
Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe
Country & Troops
Our Pastor*

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents
Billy East



Donna & Julian Baker – July 15

Calendar

Sunday, July 12

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 pm Worship in person and Facebook

12:00 pm Reception for Pastor (Teter Room)

Monday, July 13

10:00 am-12:00 pm Food Pantry

(Terry Webb & Brenda Swoope)

7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, July 14

Wednesday, July 15

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 16

10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, July 17

Saturday, July 18

Sunday, July 19

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook



Creativity is so delicate a flower, that
praise tends to make it bloom, while
discouragement often nips it in the bud.
Any of us will [have] more and better
ideas if our efforts are truly appreciated.
—Alexander Osborn



The Sacred Pace of Rest

Jesus, who often withdrew with his disciples to quiet, deserted places, understood something we easily forget: transformation takes time. The richest, most life-giving compost does not form overnight. As author James Gleick observes, “You can’t hurry compost for the same reason you can’t hurry love and you can’t hurry a soufflé. The biochemistry has its own inherent pace.” In much the same way, the most meaningful parts of life unfold slowly. Relationships deepen over years. Wisdom grows through experience. True rest cannot be rushed.

Disciples of Jesus today are invited to rediscover the value of the deserted place. It is not empty or wasted space, but sacred ground. It is where long books can be read, unhurried prayers can be offered and deep thoughts can take root. It is where Sabbath is honored through rest, renewal and quiet attentiveness to God.

In a culture that prizes speed and productivity, stepping away may feel counterintuitive. Yet it is in these still moments that our souls are restored and made fertile for growth. The deserted place becomes a gift, shaping us into people who are grounded, attentive and spiritually mature, ready to reenter the world with renewed strength and purpose.