

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

July 19 2026



*Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,
July 19. Rev. Carla Warnock will bring the
message entitled "A Presence Transformed by
Prayer."
The Scripture is Luke 11:1-4 (NRSV).*



John Basnight – July 20
James Lee – July 21
Pamela Templeton – July 22
Valerie Arnold – July 23
Beth Holcomb – July 23
Brian Stephens – July 23
Bobby Phillips – July 25



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.



Cathy & David Grubb – July 20

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
Kelly Rippard
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
Peggy White
Monica Whitehurst
Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe
Country & Troops
Our Pastor*

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents
Billy East

**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, July 19

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 pm Worship in person and Facebook

Monday, July 20

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

7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, July 21

Wednesday, July 22

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 23

10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, July 24

Saturday, July 25

Sunday, July 26

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook



In Every Season, Turn to God

Are you enjoying a happy time? Praise God.

Is life becoming difficult? Seek God.

Are you experiencing a private moment? Worship God.

Are you suffering pain? Trust God.

Are you unsure what to do? Ask God.

Are you overwhelmed with joy? Thank God.

From the Pastor's Desk

As I began the Sunday worship for 19 July, I began to wonder if C.S. Lewis wrote about prayer. He did – well - sort-of. He wrote “Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer” - a series of twenty-two letters. It was published in 1964 after his death. Lewis explored the nature, practice, and philosophy of prayer through a series of fictional letters to a friend named Malcolm. He intentionally did not issue his reflections on prayer with the authority of a preacher or professional theologian but as a fellow traveler.

I was able to scan through some of it as I was writing. The Letter 5 caught my attention as Lewis discussed aspects of the Lord’s Prayer that he questioned. His discussion of forgiveness is below. Yes, it is humorous but also thought-provoking. FYI: I had to check the dictionary for the word “festooning”.

Forgive us... as we forgive. Unfortunately there's no need to do any festooning here. To forgive for the moment is not difficult. But to go on forgiving, to forgive the same offence again every time it recurs to the memory--there's the real tussle. My resource is to look for some action of my own which is open to the same charge as the one I'm resenting. If I'm still smart to remember how A let me down, I must still remember how I let B down. If I find it difficult to forgive those who bullied me at school, let me, at that very moment, remember, and pray for, those I bullied. (Not that we called it bullying of course. That is where prayer without words can be so useful. In it there are no names; therefore no aliases.)

Text me what you think!!

Resources:

Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer" e-Book is free online by Project Gutenberg Canada ebook #1346 at [Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer, by C. S. Lewis](#)

You can find a very interesting series of free videos and a study guide on what he wrote at this website. [Letters to Malcolm – C.S. Lewis Institute Courses](#)