

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

July 26 2026



*Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,
July 26. Rev. Carla Warnock will bring the
message entitled "The Best Gift: Your Honest Self"
The Scripture is Romans 12:2-8 (CEB)*



Mark Earley – July 26
Beth Blanchard – July 27
Dixie Brooks – July 27
Matthew Swoope – July 28
Jane Basnight – July 30



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.



Billie & Joe Kasmark
July 26

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)
Doris Wolfe Harlan
(Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in-law)
Carol Henry
Ethel Hickman
Hope Hodges & Debbie
Pat Johnson*

*Rose Marie Madu
Wayne Magner
Karen McCarthy's
daughter
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

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

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 26

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 pm Worship in person and Facebook

Monday, July 27

10:00 am-12:00 pm Food Pantry
(Stella Price & Nancy Helsel)

7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, July 28

Wednesday, July 29

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 30

10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, July 31

Saturday, August 1

Sunday, August 2

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook



When our lives are focused on God, awe and wonder lead us to worship, filling our inner being with a fullness we may never have thought possible. Awe prepares the way for God's transforming power within us. This transformation of our inner attitudes takes place as awe leads us into wonder, admiration, reverence, surrender and obedience before God.



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.