

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

July 5 2026



Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,
July 5. Rev. Carla Warnock will bring the message
entitled "A Nation Formed in Christian Faith."
The Scripture is 1 Peter 3:10-11, 14-16.



Rocky Holcomb – June 29
Sarah Miles – June 29
Kylie Moody – June 30
Ada Katherine Nance – July 1
Matthew Sharpley – July 3
Kaye Herndon – July 4



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



Judy & Charles Litten – July 1

Calendar

Sunday, July 5

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 pm Worship in person and Facebook

Monday, July 6

10:00 am-12:00 pm Food Pantry
(Linda Gallop & Kay Hill)

7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, July 7

Wednesday, July 8

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 9

10:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Model "A" Club

Friday, July 10

Saturday, July 11

Sunday, July 12

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9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook

God's Bonus Days



An author writing in *Guideposts* magazine calls those nostalgic moments of memory "God's bonus days." LaVerne Sexton recalled that in her family, life's unexpected dividends — a summer rainbow, a blazing sunset, a gentle spring thaw — were invitations to set aside ordinary tasks and celebrate something special. She remembered one breathtaking day from her childhood when the sky stretched wide and impossibly blue, as if it had no edges at all. Her father grabbed the fishing poles and called out, "Let's play hooky, hon. It's one of God's bonus days."



Pastor Carla's Musings - 1 July 2026

Am I Equipped?

I am writing this on Monday, 23 June in our 18' camper in south-central Georgia with my husband, Ted, our two big dogs (Border Collie Brin & Borderdoodle Brody) and Ted's cat. My current thoughts include countless questions. These are a few.

- How long will it take me to learn all your names?
- How many times will I get lost in the church?
- How early do I need to leave home to get to the church at various times of the day?
- How will my preaching be accepted?
- How long will I feel anxious?

I know in my heart that I must trust the "God equips the called". But will my brain trust?

I remember Moses telling God all the ways he was not the right guy to save the captive Israelites. God had an answer for Moses' excuse that he is not a qualified speaker. ¹¹ *Then the Lord said to him, "Who gives people the ability to speak? Who's responsible for making them unable to speak or hard of hearing, sighted or blind? Isn't it I, the Lord?"* ¹² *Now go! I'll help you speak, and I'll teach you what you should say*" Exodus 4:11-12 (CEB). Okay, so this means that I have God to guide my words whether individually, in meetings, or from the pulpit. Whew, that helps! Okay, so I must fully trust and rely on God rather than my own self. That can be tough. Sometimes my mouth and/or actions engage before I check with God, or I ignore what the Holy Spirit is trying to tell me.

God's power equips the called, regardless of our background or perceived limitations. The challenge is that the called must rely on God rather than on one's own human strength or wisdom. As we all respond to God's call, we are invited to trust and to step out in faith, knowing that God's power through the Holy Spirit will supply all that is needed for the task at hand.

Okay, this requires putting all my trust in God. But can I still trust Waze to get me to the church on time?

Prayer: Lord, help me trust fully. In your name Jesus, I ask to be equipped and to listen to the Holy Spirit as my guide of words and actions as I serve God's Church at Oaklette UMC. Help us called as Christians to share God's love in our words and actions everywhere, anytime, and with everyone as commanded by Jesus. Amen

(Some Excerpts from [Topical Bible: God Equips the Called](#))