

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

June 28, 2026



*Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,
June 28. Don Moody will bring the message
entitled "The Seed or the Soil?"
The Scripture is Matthew 9:35-10:8 NRSV*



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)
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, June 28

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 pm Worship in person and Facebook

Monday, June 29

10:00 am-12:00 pm Food Pantry

(Jane Basnight & Kay Hill)

7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, June 30

Wednesday, July 1

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 2

10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, July 3

Saturday, July 4

Sunday, July 5

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9:30 am SOTM

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Following Christ

To have faith in Christ means, of course, trying to do all that he says. There would be no sense in saying you trusted a person if you would not take his advice. Thus, if you have really handed yourself over to [Christ], it must follow that you are trying to obey him.

But trying in a new way, a less worried way. Not doing these things in order to be saved, but because he has begun to save you already. Not hoping to get to heaven as a reward for your actions, but inevitably wanting to act in a certain way because a first faint gleam of heaven is already inside you.



From Gratitude to Grateful Praise-

Gratitude is the beginning of faith; faith leads us to the ultimate gratitude.

Gratitude is often the first quiet step of faith. Before answers come, before circumstances change, gratitude teaches the heart to notice God's presence and provision. Scripture reminds us, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, KJV). Giving thanks, even in uncertain moments, opens our eyes to God's faithfulness already at work.

As gratitude grows, it naturally leads us into deeper trust. When we remember what God has done, faith finds solid ground. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1, KJV). Gratitude strengthens that hope by anchoring it in God's past mercies. Each thankful prayer becomes a reminder that the same God who carried us before will carry us again.

Faith, in turn, leads us to ultimate gratitude, not just for blessings received, but for God himself. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV). This gratitude reaches beyond circumstances and rests in Christ, the greatest gift of all. When gratitude begins our journey and faith guides our steps, our hearts learn lasting praise, thankful not only for what God gives, but for who he is.