



The Oakletter, May 24, 2026

Pastor Carla (Carla Jean Pease Warnock)

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Goes by Pastor Carla or Carla

Born on the Fort Sam Army base in San Antonio, TX

Grew up in the farm country of Northeastern Pennsylvania where her parents and previous generations of her family called home.

Met her husband, Ted, at a YFC skating event when they were both 16. He went home and told his mother that he met the girl he was going to marry but didn't know her real name. They have been a team in life, family, work, missionary and community service, laughter and tears. In June 2026, they will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary.

They have lived in many places, moving for work, for the USAF, for missionary service, for children, and to help with grandchildren. They have lived in upstate New York, Chanute, IL, northeast PA, Haiti, Tucker, GA, Virginia Beach, VA, Valdosta, GA, and back to Virginia Beach.

Carla's passion for caring began as a registered nurse. This career lasted 45 years with 21 of these serving with Ted as a United Methodist missionary, first in Haiti (1998-2001), then caring for the missionaries and their families until "retirement" in 2019. As retirement neared, she began the journey toward chaplaincy, which included training and certification as a lay minister, and from there onto licensed pastor and seminary earning a Master of Divinity degree. She also serves as a volunteer in the Chaplain Corps in the Civil Air Patrol, which is the auxiliary of the USAF.

Her personal message to us: "I am passionate about pastoral care. Hospital, facility, and home visits have been and will continue to be part of my ministry to your/our church and community. For those who cannot attend worship, I want very much to communicate with you via phone calls, text messages, email, cards, and/or home visits. Please feel free to contact me. I want to serve alongside each of you in ministry and mission. I want to hear your stories."

[Note: Carla Warnock begins her appointment to Oaklette July 1]

Submitted by Debbie Rippard, staff-support chair

Petecost Sunday Epistle lesson, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

Christ is just like the human body – a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink.

Birthdays: Scott Moore, May 24; Billy East, May 26; Leak Kazmark, David Rippard, Lillianna Sims, and Margaret White, May 27; Bob Carter and Jeff Pair, May 28; Cynthia Wilson, May 30

Anniversary: Marvin and Dorothy Murden Sr., May 28

Reminders: Mission of the month [blessing box]: canned vegetables;
UMW collections for kits for conference, through May 31

This Week at Oaklette:

Sunday, May 24: Sunday school class and SOTM @ 9:30 a.m.; Pentecost worship service and children's church @ 11 a.m. [J. Perry/J. Rooks]

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day; office closed

Wednesday, May 27: choir practice @ 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 28: Bible study @ 10 a.m.

Sunday, May 31: Sunday school and SOTM @ 9:30 a.m.; worship service and children's church [C. Gallop/L. Gallop] @ 11 a.m.; confirmation class @ 5 p.m.

Our prayer list includes: Pastor Tyrone Armstrong, Donna Baker, Preston Basnight, Barbara Bennett, Tanya & Steve Benton, Chris Carney, Sandy Carraway, Megan Carroll, Chesapeake Fire Dept., Coastal Va District & DS Givens, Kaylee Cuccorillo, Rylee Amelia Dimitry, Billy East, Jay Eckert, ForKids, Joyce Gaston, Freekind Virginia, Bill Gilliam, Kaye Herndon, Ethel Hickman, Debbie Hodges, Home School Out of Box, Earl Jenkins, Teal Jenkins, Pat Johnson, Karon Hardy, Brian Lincoln, Dave Lorence, Rose Marie Madu, Wayne Magner, Walter Nebrotskie; Pat Newbern, Dakota Rebel, Ray & Bob Rosales, Rhonda Roughton, Loretta Smith, the League of Advocates, Virginia Conference & Bishop Sue, John Tandy, Marilyn Washington, Monica Whitehurst, Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe, Our Country & Military, our confirmation class, Our Pastor

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