Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church November 22 2026



Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook Live at 11:00 am on Sunday, November 22. Don Moody will bring the message entitled "Our Corner Stone. The Scripture is Isaiah 28:14-17.



Please remember the Blessing Box when you are out shopping! Our focus for the month of November is shelf stable or dry milk products. Please place your donations in the box in the narthex.



William Blair – November 22
Jonathan Litten – November 22
Randy Pearce – November 26
Letcher Stephens – November 26
Jerome Dickinson – November 27
Andrea Howell – November 28

Please utilize the name tags located on the wall in the narthex. If you don't have one, please let the office know and we will prepare one.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Tyrone Armstrong
Hannah Bailey
Preston Basnight
Barbara Bennett
Phyllis Buchanan
Judy & Bob Carterr
Coastal VA District & DS Givens
Sandy Carraway
Kent Carter
Alex Denton
Mary Lou Dory
Bill Griffin
Patricia Guthrie (Mildred Walling's sister-in-law)
Karon Hardy (Monica's Neighbor)
Carol Henry
Jim Herndon
Ethel Hickman
Bridget Litten
Pat Johnson
Rose Marie Madu
Theresa Magner
Wayne Magner
Karen McCarthy's Daughter
Phyllis Nebrotski
Walter Nebrotskie
Pat Newbern
Dakota Rebel
Jean & Sebert Rorrer
Ray & Bob Rosales
Rhonda Roughton (Stella's Daughter)
Edward Thomas
David Todd (David's nephew)
Virginia Conference & Bishop Sue
Monica Whitehurst
Vee Wroton
Country & Troops
Our Pastor

<u>Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents</u>
Billy East



Phyllis & Walter Nebrotskie – 11-25
Jenny & Tommy Obenchain – 11-25

Sunday, November 22
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am SOTM
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Hanging of the Greens

Monday, November 23
10:00 am-12:00 pm Food Pantry
(Brenda Swoope & Linda Gallop)
7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, November 24

Wednesday, November 25
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving – Office closed

Friday, November 27

Saturday, November 28
7:00 pm SOTM Women

Sunday, November 29
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am SOTM
11:00 am Worship



The United Women in Faith are collecting money for the Salvation Army stocking drive. Estimated cost of a stocking is $25. Please give donations to Kay Hill.

The group will meet for their regular meeting on Saturday, December 12 at 11:00 am followed by lunch at an undetermined location.



Please plan to stay after church today to adorn the sanctuary and put up the Mitten tree.

Pastor Carla's Musings: A Thanksgiving Prayer

The people on the Mayflower were Pilgrams (Separatists) and Puritans – both groups English Protestants who disagreed with the Church of England. And there were the non-religious "strangers" like my 12th great-grandfather Peter Brown/Browne and his wife. According to the MayflowerHistory.com and the General Society of Mayflower Descendant the first "thanksgiving" was essentially the Pilgrims' own tradition of giving thanks as a religious observance involving prayer and fasting, not feasting. The 1621 event was a secular harvest celebration.

There are only two contemporary accounts of the 1621 Thanksgiving: First is Edward Winslow's account, which he wrote in a letter dated December 12, 1621. *"Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruits of our labors. The four in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little help beside, served the company almost a week. At which time, amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor, and upon the captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you were partakers of our plenty."*

Because no prayer text survives from that first Thanksgiving, historians often reference typical prayers used by the Pilgrims. One such prayer, adapted from George Webb's 1625 devotional, reflects the heart of their gratitude in the original in traditional English:

O Lord our God and heavenly Father, which of Thy unspeakable mercy towards us, hast provided meate and drinke for the nourishment of our weake bodies. Grant us peace to use them reverently, as from Thy hands, with thankful hearts: let Thy blessing rest upon these Thy good creatures, to our comfort and sustentation: and grant we *humbly beseech Thee, good Lord, that as we do hunger and thirst for this food of our bodies, so our soules may earnestly long after the food of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, Amen.*