

# Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

October 25 2026



*Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook Live at 11:00 am on Sunday, October 18. Rev. Carla Warnock will bring the message entitled "Faith Stones: Peter the Rock." The Scripture is Matthew 16:13-20 (CEB).*



Please remember the Blessing Box when you are out shopping! Our focus for the month of October is lunchbox snacks. Please place your donations in the box in the narthex.



## INDOOR TRUNK OR TREAT

Please plan to help decorate for Trunk or Treat Thursday, October 29 at 4:00 pm.

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

|                                  |                                 |
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| <i>Tyrone Armstrong</i>          | <i>Ethel Hickman</i>            |
| <i>Hannah Bailey</i>             | <i>Pat Johnson</i>              |
| <i>Preston Basnight</i>          | <i>Rose Marie Madu</i>          |
| <i>Barbara Bennett</i>           | <i>Theresa Magner</i>           |
| <i>Phyllis Buchanan</i>          | <i>Wayne Magner</i>             |
| <i>Judy Carter</i>               | <i>Karen McCarthy's</i>         |
| <i>Cherry &amp; Sebastian</i>    | <i>Daughter</i>                 |
| <i>Coastal VA District &amp;</i> | <i>Phyllis Nebrotski</i>        |
| <i>DS Givens</i>                 | <i>Walter Nebrotskie</i>        |
| <i>Sandy Carraway</i>            | <i>Pat Newbern</i>              |
| <i>Kent Carter</i>               | <i>Jenny Obenchain</i>          |
| <i>Alex Denton</i>               | <i>Dakota Rebel</i>             |
| <i>Mary Lou Dory</i>             | <i>Jean &amp; Sebert Rorrer</i> |
| <i>Joseph Grant (Jenny</i>       | <i>Ray &amp; Bob Rosales</i>    |
| <i>Obenchain's nephew)</i>       | <i>Rhonda Roughton</i>          |
| <i>Bill Griffin</i>              | <i>(Stella's Daughter)</i>      |
| <i>Patricia Guthrie</i>          | <i>Edward Thomas</i>            |
| <i>(Mildred Walling's</i>        | <i>Virginia Conference</i>      |
| <i>sister-in-law)</i>            | <i>&amp; Bishop Sue</i>         |
| <i>Karon Hardy</i>               | <i>Peggy White (David</i>       |
| <i>(Monica's Neighbor)</i>       | <i>Rippard's sister)</i>        |
| <i>Carol Henry</i>               | <i>Monica Whitehurst</i>        |
| <i>Jim Herndon</i>               | <i>Linda Worth</i>              |
| <i>Ethel Hickman</i>             | <i>Country &amp; Troops</i>     |
| <i>Pat Johnson</i>               |                                 |

## Nursing Home & Long-Term Care

### Residents

*Billy East*

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We will observe All Saints Sunday on November 1<sup>st</sup>. If there are family members who you would like to be remembered, please give this information to the church office by Tuesday, October 27.

### **Calendar**

#### **Sunday, October 25**

9:30 am Sunday School  
9:40 am SOTM  
11:00 am Worship

#### **Monday, October 26**

10:00 am- 12:00 pm Food Pantry  
(Kay Hill & Joanne Rooks)  
7:00 pm HRM Band

#### **Tuesday, October 27**

#### **Wednesday, October 28**

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, October 29**

8:30 am-3:00 pm HSOTB  
10:00 am Bible Study  
4:00 pm Decorate for Trunk or Treat

#### **Friday, October 30**

#### **Saturday, October 31**

6-8 pm Inside Trunk or Treat

#### **Sunday, November 1**

9:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am SOTM  
11:00 am Worship



### **PASTOR CARLA'S MUSINGS**

**I REMEMBER SEEING DOVES DISPLAYED IN BIBLICAL ART AND CHURCH WINDOWS AND THE STORY OF Noah sending out a dove from the ark as a test to determine if the flood water had rescinded. If there was no place for the dove to land, it would return to the ark – its shelter.**

In Israel's history, doves (turtledoves or young pigeons) were used as offerings to God. Leviticus 1:14 (CJB) "If his offering to Adonai (God) is a burnt offering of birds, he must offer a dove or a young pigeon." When the infant Jesus was brought to the Temple, Luke 2:23-24 describes the sacrifice requirement; "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to Adonai" and also to offer a sacrifice of a pair of doves or two young pigeons, as required by the Torah of Adonai" (CJB)

Luke recorded this witness statement after Jesus' baptism "...the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) came down on him in physical form like a dove; and a voice came from heaven." (Luke 3:22a (CJB). In Matthew 10:16 (CJB) Jesus gave the disciples this warning, "Pay attention! I am sending you out like sheep among wolves, so be as prudent as snakes and as harmless as doves."

In the early Christian church, the dove was a symbol of a person's belief. "Before the cross gained prominence in the fourth century, the second-century church father Clement of Alexandria urged early Christians to use the dove or a fish as a symbol to identify themselves and each other as followers of Jesus." (Willette, D.).

I must end with the lyrics of "Wings of a Dove" written by Bob Ferguson in 1958.

- (1) When Noah had drifted on the flood many days, He searched for land in various ways. The raven returned, with no place to land. Then, God sent His love, on the wings of a dove.
  - (2) When Jesus went down to the river that day, He was baptized in the usual way. And when it was done, God blessed His Son. He sent Him His love, on the wings of a dove
  - (3) When troubles surround us or sorrows come the body grows weak and the spirit grows numb. When evil besets us, we are never alone. God sends us His love, on the wings of a dove.
  - (4) Counselor, Comforter, Teacher, and Friend, our seal of salvation, guarantee till life's end, Gift of the Father—Holy Spirit of God—sent to each who believes, on the wings of a dove.
- (Chorus) On the wings of a snow-white dove, God sends His pure, sweet love – sign from above, on the wings of a dove.

Blessings,

Pastor Carla

#### References:

- The Common Jewish Bible (CJB)
- The Enduring Symbolism of Doves: From ancient icon to biblical mainstay by Dorothy Willette. October 8, 1926, Biblical Archeology Society.
- Wings of a Dove Folk & Traditional Song Lyrics – Wings of a Dove