

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

October 4 2026



Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook Live at 11:00 am on Sunday, October 4. Rev. Carla Warnock will bring the message entitled "Believer Stones: A Life Lesson of Trusting God." The Scripture is 1 Samuel 17:45-47.



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.



Sarah Sharpley October 6
Carole Carter – October 7

I have a great need for Christ; I have a great Christ for my need.
—Attributed to Count Zinzendorf

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
Barbara Bennett
Phyllis Buchanan
Judy Carter
Cherry & Sebastian
Coastal VA District &
DS Givens
Sandy Carraway
Kent Carter
Alex Denton
Mary Lou Dory
Joseph Grant (Jenny
Obenchain's nephew)
Patricia Guthrie
(Mildred Walling's
sister-in-law)
Karon Hardy
(Monica's Neighbor
Carol Henry
Jim Herndon
Ethel Hickman
Pat Johnson*

*Rose Marie Madu
Theresa Magner
Wayne Magner
Karen McCarthy's
Daughter
Phyllis Nebrotski
Walter Nebrotskie
Pat Newbern
Jenny Obenchain
Dakota Rebel
Ray & Bob Rosales
Rhonda Roughton
(Stella's Daughter)
Edward Thomas
Virginia Conference
& Bishop Sue
Peggy White (David
Rippard's sister)
Monica Whitehurst
Linda Worth
Country & Troops
Our Pastor*

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care
Residents
Billy East



Sharon & Wayne Springer – October 6
Linda & Calvin Gallop IV – October 9
Rachel & Stephen Friedel – October 10

Calendar

Sunday, October 4

9:30 am Sunday School

9:40 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship

3:00 pm Blessing of the Animals

Monday, October 5

10:00 am- 12:00 pm Food Pantry

(Paige Weifert & Joanne Rooks)

6:30 pm Church Council

7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, October 6

Wednesday, October 7

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 8

8:30 am-3:00 pm HSOBX

10:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Model "A" Club

Friday, October 9

Saturday, October 10

Sunday, October 11

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship

12:00 pm Trunk or Treat Planning Meeting



Paul the Apostle gave a beautiful compliment to the believers in Corinth. He wrote:

What a meaningful picture. A letter carries a message, and Paul reminded the church that their lives were sharing the message of Christ with others.

The same is true for us today. Through our words, actions and faith, people can see evidence of God at work in our hearts. None of us is perfect, but living faithfully can point others toward Him.

What a wonderful goal for every Christian: to be known as "a letter from Christ."

Pastor Carla's Musing: History of World Communion Sunday – First Sunday in October

The origin of this day is a brainwave that came to Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr, pastor of Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh. He came up with this idea in 1930 when he served as moderator of the General Assembly. Dr. Kerr's younger son, Rev. Dr. Donald Kerr, himself pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, stated that World Communion Sunday arose from the celebration at the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. His father had attempted to bring churches together in service of Christian unity, and the idea grew from there.

Initially, this idea did not take hold. Whatever celebrations there were grew only incrementally, and people did not give this day a lot of thought. With the Second World War came an increased understanding of one's own mortality, and the spirit of this day caught hold. This day symbolized the effort of bringing the world together, in a spiritual sense, thought Kerr. This celebration was adopted in the U.S., in the period during World War II, and soon, the organization, now known as the National Council of Churches, started endorsing and promoting the event to churches worldwide, led by their leader, Jesse Moren Bader.

Today, this day is celebrated the world over, bringing together the unique flavor of all denominations with a strong individual spirit, just like the world we live in.

References:

John A. Dalles, a pastor from the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (PCUSA), researched the history of this day for this document.