

# Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

September 14, 2026



**Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook  
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,  
September 14. Monica Whitehurst will bring the  
message entitled "Examples of the  
Patience & Purpose."  
The Scripture is 1 Timothy 1:12-17 [NRSV]**



While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22, NASB).

As autumn begins, we watch the world transform before our eyes. Leaves change color, the air turns crisp, and a new rhythm settles in. In these seasonal shifts, we are reminded of God's faithful hand over all of creation.

Genesis 8:22 assures us that the cycles of nature—seedtime and harvest, summer and winter—are part of God's ongoing promise. Each season speaks of His order, care, and presence. Autumn, in particular, invites reflection. Just as the trees release their leaves, we are called to let go of what no longer serves us and make space for renewal.

This season also marks a return to routines—school schedules, church programs, and community events. As we step into new responsibilities or revisit familiar ones, may we do so with gratitude and trust. God is not only present in the harvest but in the quiet letting go.

Let this autumn be a time to embrace God's steady rhythm, find beauty in change, and rest in His faithful promises that never cease—even as the world around us shifts.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

<b>Tyrone Armstrong</b>	<b>Pat Johnson</b>
<b>Donna Baker</b>	<b>Loving Neighbors</b>
<b>Tanya &amp; Steve Benton</b>	<b>Mission Camp</b>
<b>Kendall Brodie</b>	<b>Rose Marie Madu</b>
<i>(friend of Mrs. Hickman's</i>	<b>Wayne Magner</b>
<i>grandson with cancer)</i>	<b>Terry Martin</b>
<b>Megan Carroll</b>	<b>Kristie Masters (friend of</b>
<b>Judy Carter</b>	<b>Ethel Hickman)</b>
<b>Cherry &amp; Sebastian</b>	<b>Karen McCarthy's</b>
<b>Chesapeake Police Dept.</b>	<b>daughter</b>
<b>CNRMA ROC</b>	<b>Pat Newbern</b>
<b>Coastal VA District &amp;</b>	<b>AJ. Panis (Ethel's</b>
<b>DS Givens</b>	<b>friend's son)</b>
<b>Sandy Carraway</b>	<b>Debbie Pope</b>
<b>Kent Carter</b>	<b>Dana Quinn</b>
<b>Kaylee Cuccorillo (Ericka's</b>	<b>Dakota Rebel</b>
<b>co-worker)</b>	<b>Ray &amp; Bob Rosales</b>
<b>Alex Denton</b>	<b>Rhonda Roughton (Stella's</b>
<b>Mary Lou Dory</b>	<b>Daughter)</b>
<b>Jay Eckert (Ethel's nephew)</b>	<b>Loretta Smith (Amy's</b>
<b>ForKids</b>	<b>son's girlfriend's</b>
<b>Freekind Virginia</b>	<b>mother)</b>
<b>Joyce Gaston</b>	<b>The League of Advocates</b>
<b>Patricia Guthrie (Mildred</b>	<b>Edward Thomas</b>
<b>Walling's sister-in-law)</b>	<b>Virginia Conference &amp;</b>
<b>Karon Hardy (Monica's</b>	<b>Bishop Sue</b>
<b>Neighbor)</b>	<b>Truman Weekly (Paige's</b>
<b>Doris Wolfe Harlan</b>	<b>Father)</b>
<b>(Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in-</b>	<b>Wesley ODU</b>
<b>law)</b>	<b>Betty Whitehurst</b>
<b>Kay Herndon</b>	<b>Monica Whitehurst</b>
<b>Ethel Hickman</b>	<b>Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe</b>
<b>Hope Hodges &amp; Debbie</b>	<b>Tommy Womack</b>
<b>Home School Out of Box</b>	<b>Country &amp; Troops</b>
<b>Earl Jenkins (Ericks's dad)</b>	<b>Our Pastor</b>
<b>Brian Lincoln (friend of</b>	
<b>Ethel Hickman)</b>	

**Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents**  
**Billy East**

**STOCK THE  
BOX**

**Please remember the Blessing Box when you  
are out shopping! School supplies is our focus  
for the month of September Please place  
your donations in the box in the narthex.**

## Calendar

### Sunday, September 14

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in person and Facebook

### Monday, September 15

10:00 am-12:00 pm Food Pantry

(Judy Carter & Jane Basnight)

7:00 pm HRM Band

### Tuesday, September 16

### Wednesday, September 17

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, September 18

9:00 am-3:00 pm Home School Out of the Box

10:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Friends of Indian River

### Friday, September 19

5:00 pm Set up for use of building Saturday

### Saturday, September 20

8:00 am-5:00 pm Outside group

### Sunday, September 21

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook

12:00 pm Trunk or Treat Meeting



Get to know Jesus well because the more you know him, the more you'll love him. And the more you love him, the more you'll want to follow him. And the more you follow him, the more you'll become like him. And the more you become like him, the more you become yourself.

—Ned Erickson



It may have been “Why Do the Innocent Suffer?” the title of chapter six in Adam Hamilton’s *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith*, that convinced me to offer the text as a Sunday-evening study. I asked about starting a fall study months ago, something in the same time slot as Oaklette’s former Mayberry study. A couple of folks have said things that chapter six of Hamilton’s study may address, so I sounded them out and came up with a plan, namely to begin this study, in person and on Zoom, Sundays at 6:30 p.m. starting Oct. 5. The study continues through Nov. 23 and won’t meet Oct. 19 or Nov. 16, which are my last two weekends with the reserves since I retire from the Navy Jan. 1. Here’s a schedule for the class:

Oct. 5, chapter one: Is There a God?

Oct. 12, chapter two: The Good Book? Wrestling with the Bible

Oct. 26, chapter three: Are All Non-Christians Going to Hell?

Nov. 2, chapter four: Is Heaven Real?

Nov. 9, chapter five: When Prayers Go Unanswered

Nov. 23, chapter six: Why Do the Innocent Suffer?

Copies of the text will cost about \$16. We’ll place the order by Monday, Sept. 22, so please let the office know by then if you’d like a copy. We plan to pass them out on Sunday, Sept. 28.

As this study progresses, we’ll discuss having an Advent study in the same time slot starting Sunday, Nov. 30. We’ll also come up with a plan for a “Beverly Hillbillies” Bible study starting in January, and we’ll discuss how all of these studies may differ from any offered in the past. Again, all of these classes will be offered in person and via Zoom.

Please pray about our drawing closer to God through these studies and please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Ned