

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

September 20 2026



Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook Live at 11:00 am on Sunday, Sept 20. Rev. Carla Warnock will bring the message entitled "Remembrance Stones – Stones at Gilgal" The Scripture is Joshua 4:1-9 (CEB)



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



Pat Everton – September 23
"Rudy" Garcia – September 26
Elle Hincks – September 26
Phyllis Nebrotski – September 26

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.



Our Deepest Sympathy

Sincere sympathy is extended to Jenny Obenchain on the passing of her sister.

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



Ann & Jimmy Lee – September 21

Calendar

Sunday September 20

9:30 am Sunday School

9:40 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship

Monday, September 21

10:00 am- 12:00 pm Food Pantry

(Linda Gallop & Paige Weifert)

7:00 pm Friends of Indian River (HistoryRm)

7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, September 22

Wednesday, September 23

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 24

8:30 am-3:00 pm HSOBX

10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, September 25

Saturday, September 26

Sunday, September 27

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship

12:00 pm Congregational Care



Cynthia Sundman, a missionary serving in a rural village in Peru, shared these words during a talk to a church group in Snohomish, Washington:

“I have struggled to learn Spanish and spent countless weeks sleeping on dirt floors surrounded by rats and bats. In an effort to assimilate into the Peruvian culture, I have learned to eat large amounts of rice, fried guinea pig and even roasted ants.

“I am often asked why I chose to become a missionary. I have only one answer: ‘God called me to serve there, and I must obey.’”

—From her sermon, “*Where Can I Serve You, Lord?*”

From the Pastor's Desk

PASTOR'S MUSINGS “But God”

The phrase: “*But God*” in the Bible caught my attention. It reminded me of saying “*But Dad*” probably hundreds of times trying to convince him of something I needed or wanted to get or to do. Sometimes, I used “*But Dad*” to get a reduced punishment.

“The phrase “but God” is used to contrast human inabilities, obstacles, and shortcomings with God’s supreme authority and power. It indicates that while a situation may seem hopeless or doomed to fail from mankind’s limited perspective, God has the ability to intervene with His mighty power and change circumstances for the better” (Williams).

Someone counted and found the “*But God*” “...appears in the Bible 587 times” (Witt’s End Art).

For example, in Genesis 50:20, Joseph tells his brothers who had sold him into slavery, “You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”

Ephesians 2:4-5 – People were dead in sin, but God made them alive in Christ.

Romans 5:6-8 – People were powerless, but God showed His love for them through Christ’s sacrifice.

Sadly, the “*But Dad*” did not always work for me. However, the “*But God*” can be counted on!

Resources:

Williams, Amanda. (2024). *What Does But God Mean?* [Christian Guide](#). Whitt’s End Art. (2026). [20 Powerful “But God” Statements In The Bible](#)
<https://onpathup.wordpress.com/2026/01/26/20-powerful-but-god-statements-in-the-bible/>