

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

September 21, 2025



*Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,
September 21. Rev. Ned Alderman will bring the
message entitled "Taming of the Shrewd."
The Scripture is Luke 16:1-13 [NRSV]*



David Rippard – September 21
Joseph Miles – September 22
Pat Everton – September 23
Phyllis Nebrotskie – September 26
J. D. Miles IV – September 27



Ann & Jimmy Lee – September 21

Just show up!

n A Million Little Ways (Revell), Emily Freeman says in order for Christians to "show up as you are with what you've been given," we must confront these statements:

I'm not cut out for this.

- Someone else can do it better.
- People might not like it.
- I have nothing to offer.
- I hate my calling.
- It's a waste of time.
- It's too much work.
- Who do you think you are?

"A million loud voices ... keep us from the million little ways [Jesus] wants to show up through us to the world," Freeman writes.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents
Billy East



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 21

- 9:30 am Sunday School
 9:30 am SOTM
 11:00 am Worship in person and Facebook
 12:00 pm Trunk or Treat Planning Meeting

Monday, September 22

- 10:00 am-12:00 pm Food Pantry
 (Brenda Swoope * Kay Hill)
 6:30 pm Administrative Meeting
 7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, September 23

- 7:00 pm SOTM Men's Group

Wednesday, September 24

- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 25

- 9:00 am-3:00 pm Home School Out of the Box
 10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, September 26

Saturday, September 27

Sunday, September 28

- 9:30 am Sunday School
 9:30 am SOTM
 11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook

The Sounds of Worship

Have you ever paused to listen — really listen — to the world around you?

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" (Psalm 98:4, ESV)

The hum of morning birdsong. The laughter of children. The comforting voice of a friend. Even the quiet moments of stillness. These aren't just background noise — they're invitations to worship.

God designed a world that sings. Worship isn't limited to Sunday mornings or formal songs; it's woven into the everyday moments that tune our hearts to Him. And when we pause to truly hear it, we are drawn into praise, right where we are.

What sound lifts your heart toward God today? Take a moment to listen. Let it remind you of His love and nearness.



In Tuesday night's Breakthrough Prayer video, I talked about opportunities we have the next two Saturdays. I should have made it three.

This Saturday, Sept. 20, we can help with the soup line in downtown Norfolk. Mary Lovell Swetnam of St. Brides Episcopal Church introduced us to this Catholic Worker ministry last year. It starts at 7 a.m. on Salter Street and involves volunteers from several churches. Dana Sanford has been several times, and my friend Mary Baker has gone with me on two recent occasions. Please consider joining us this month, or on the third Saturday of any month. I usually meet Mary Lovell at St. Brides at 6:30 a.m. and we head downtown from there.

Next Saturday, Sept. 27, Serve the City returns to Chesapeake. The plan is to meet at Temple Baptist Church on George Washington Highway at 8:15 a.m. and work on various projects with the day concluding after lunch at 12:45 p.m. Last June, three volunteers from other churches and I helped install a new air conditioner in a veteran's trailer. Police officers from across the city help with this outreach, too. Please see me if you'd like to participate or know more.

Oct. 4 is our next breakfast at Bill's. Please join us that day at 9 a.m. for fellowship, and please let me know if you'd like to suggest a different meeting place. Until then, we'll see you at the corner of Providence and Sparrow.

Thanks,

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