

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

April 30 2023



Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook Live at 11:00 am on Sunday, April 30, 2023. Dr. Tim's sermon title is "Everything, Everywhere, All at Once." The scripture is Psalm 23 (NRSV).



Harrison Meharg – April 30
Barbara Buchanan – May 1
Patricia Wynne – May 1
Linda Tandy – May 4



PRAYER'S CERTAIN PAYOFF

Prayers prayed in the Spirit never die until they accomplish God's intended purpose. His answer may not be what we expected, or when we expected it, but God often provides much more abundantly than we could think or ask. He interprets our intent and either answers or stores up our prayers. Sincere prayers are never lost [and] will never be wasted or go unrewarded.
- Missionary Wesley Duewel

PRAYER CONCERNS

<i>Tyrone Armstrong</i>	<i>Phillip Jenkins (Ericka's & Sonya's brother)</i>
<i>Hannah Bailey</i>	<i>Connie Jones</i>
<i>Steve Benton (Ericka & Sonia's uncle)</i>	<i>Dennis Krupp (friend of Randy Story)</i>
<i>Elizabeth Bergesen</i>	<i>Ann Lee</i>
<i>Don Branstetter (friend of Dr. Etheridge)</i>	<i>Kristie Masters (friend of Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>Kendall Brodie (8-yr old friend of Mrs. Hickman's grandson with cancer)</i>	<i>Kneeland Nesius (friend of Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>Sandy Carraway</i>	<i>A. J. Panis (Ethel's friend's son)</i>
<i>Kent Carter</i>	<i>Roman Roughton (Stella Price's great grandson)</i>
<i>Pat Cruz</i>	<i>Carolyn Smith</i>
<i>Madeline Day</i>	<i>Loretta Smith (Amy's son's girlfriend's mother)</i>
<i>Calvin Gallop</i>	<i>Tara & mother (friend of Nancy Helsel)</i>
<i>Patricia Guthrie (Mildred Walling's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>Tim & Sandy White</i>
<i>Doris Wolfe Harlan (Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in-law)</i>	<i>Betty Whitehurst</i>
<i>Bobbi Helsey (Carolyn Smith's sister)</i>	<i>Monica Whitehurst</i>
<i>Hope Hodges' family</i>	<i>Our Pastor</i>
<i>Earl Jenkins (Ericka's dad)</i>	<i>Nation, World</i>
<i>Pat Johnson</i>	

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents
Billy East, Brenda Hodsdon Joyce Richwine
Our Homebound
Pat Grover, JB McCrickard,
Jackie Munden, Mamie Whitehurst



BLOOD DRIVE – DATE CHANGE

YMCA Indian River Road
American Red Cross Bus
5660 Indian River Rd., Va Bch, VA
THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2023
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and
Enter: YMCAIR to schedule appointment.

Calendar

Sunday, April 30

9:30 am Sunday School
(Children’s Class Kindergarten & Older)
To join Dr. Tim’s class via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/9274947336>

Meeting ID: 927 494 7336, Passcode: 273082

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in Person & Facebook Live
(Nursery – Nancy Helsel & Barbara Bennett)

Monday, May 1

10:00 am-12:00 pm Food Pantry
(Emma Beggs & Duane Johnstone)

7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, May 2

Wednesday, May 3

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 4

10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, May 5

Saturday, May 6

Sunday, May 7

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Morning Worship in Person
and Facebook Live

1:00-5:00 pm Girl Scouts

3:00 pm Double Dutch Club



KITS FOR CONFERENCE
UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

We are collecting Kits for Conference. Instructions and items needed for two different Hygiene Kits and the Cleaning Kit are available on the table outside the sanctuary.

Kits must be turned in to the church by Sunday, May 28.

Please note that all items included in the kits must be new and they must be assembled according to the directions on each sheet.

Any questions, please contact Judy Litten.



THE POWER OF GOD’S LIGHT

Do most people truly feel happier in spring? Is the light brighter, the sky bluer? Meteorologists say yes. The shorter, blue wavelengths of sunlight scatter more efficiently than long, red ones; as the sun rises higher in spring, the light passes through less atmosphere, making the sky appear bluer. Outdoor levels of light have proven as effective as Prozac to combat depression – and May is the sunniest month!

The Bible frequently uses light as a metaphor for God: “The Lord is my light and my salvation” (Psalm 27:1); “Let us walk in the light of the Lord” (Isaiah 2:5); “The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world” (John 1:9). Darkness isn’t bad; seeds sprout in dark soil, life begins in the dark womb, and darkness protected the Hebrews fleeing Pharaoh and the holy family fleeing Herod.

But light is one apt image for God because most of us know the joy, health and energy light brings. Both in spring and through faith in the God who enlightens all, may we “live as children of light” (Ephesians 5:8).

- Heidi Hyland Mann