

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist

August 24 2025



**Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,
August 24. Rev. Ned Alderman will bring the
message entitled "Serve in a Way That Is Pleasing
to God."
The Scripture is Hebrews 12:18-29.**



**John Butler – August 26
Donna Cronin – August 27
Bill Gilliam – August 28
Theresa Magner – August 30**



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



**"[Jesus] has said, 'I will never leave you or
forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,
'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid'"**
(Hebrews 13:5-6, NRSV).

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents
Billy East

**Like a kind parent, dear God, you take us
in your arms, lift us to your cheek, teach
us to walk, heal our injuries and bend
down to feed us (Hosea 11:1, 3-4). Thank
you for showering us with your love.**

Calendar

Sunday, August 24

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 pm Worship in person and Facebook

12:00 PM Worship Team Meeting

Monday, August 25

10:00 am-12:00 pm Food Pantry

(Dana Sanford & Linda Gallop)

7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, August 26

6:30 pm Nominations & Lay Leadership Meeting

7:00 pm SOTM Men

Wednesday, August 27

Thursday, August 28

10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, August 29

Evening Parking lot used by outside group

Saturday, August 30

Sunday, August 31

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook



"It is not more vacation we need," said Eleanor Roosevelt. "It is more vocation" — in other words, something that God calls you to do. God uses his people to accomplish amazing things, even during the summer! Call If you're planning a trip, call ahead and offer to serve at a local homeless shelter or urban ministry. If you want to be outdoors, ask a Bible camp or recreation department if it needs volunteers. Other possibilities include assisting with programs that help elderly residents or people with special needs enjoy outdoor activities. it a "vocation vacation." You'll enjoy summertime fun (vacation) *and* the knowledge that God is working through you (vocation).



Summer is peak time for home renovations and remodeling projects. Those can be super stressful, starting with the selection of a contractor.

n a blog about her own family's construction plans, Laura Elliott explains the challenge: "It's not just any builder I want. I want one who has impeccable workmanship, is completely trustworthy and delivers our long-awaited [projects] early and under-budget." After sifting through bids and reviews, she discovered that most builders "look like they do pretty similar work for a pretty similar price."

For spiritual renovations, however, the choice is clear. "God is the builder of everything," says Hebrews 3:4 (NIV). Elliott writes, "Jesus is not only the *builder* of His Father's house, but He is the *buyer*, and the *heir* as well." And what he's building, she adds, is "a better Bride," his church.

Faith upgrades are an ongoing, lifelong process. "The renewal of our natures is a work of great importance," said 18th-century minister George Whitefield. "It is not to be done in a day. We have not only a new house to build up, but an old one to pull down." It's a good thing God oversees this project!

—Stephanie Martin