

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

August 27 2023



Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook Live at 11:00 am on Sunday, August 27, 2023. Rev. Ned Alderman will bring the sermon entitled "Understand And Take the Keys." The Scripture is Matthew 16:13-20 CEB).



Donna Cronin – August 27
Bill Gilliam – August 28
Theresa Magner – August 30
Posey Brooks – August 31



*The Food Pantry Ministry appreciates donations of plastic bags but please **do not** bring paper bags as they cannot be used for the Pantry.*



"The Lord will give what is good. And our land will give its fruit" (Psalm 85:12, NLV). As gardens and fields bear produce, God, harvest goodness also in my life.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Tyrone Armstrong	Family of Brenda Hodsdon
Hannah Bailey	Earl Jenkins (Ericka's dad)
Family of Elizabeth	Pat Johnson
Bergesen (Monica's aunt)	Connie Jones
Don Branstetter (friend of Dr. Etheridge)	Dennis Krupp (friend of Randy Story)
Kendall Brodie (8-yr old friend of Mrs. Hickman's grandson with cancer)	Kristie Masters (friend of Ethel Hickman)
Cherry & Sebastian (born @ 25 wks)	Walter Nebrotskie
Curtis & Renee' Buchanan	Pat Newbern
Sandy Carraway	Family & friends of Steve O'Neal (Brenda's friend)
Kent Carter	A. J. Panis (Ethel's friend's son)
Len Carter	Roman Roughton (Stella Price's great grandson)
Paula Case	Loretta Smith (Amy's son's girlfriend's mother)
Pat Cruz	John Tandy
Madeline Day	Tara & mother (friend of Nancy Helsel)
Patricia Guthrie (Mildred Walling's sister-in-law)	Tim & Sandy White
Doris Wolfe Harlan (Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in-law)	Betty Whitehurst
Family of Bonnie Harmon (Pat Newbern's sister)	Monica Whitehurst
Hope Hodges' family	Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe
	Our Pastor
	Nation, World

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

Billy East, Joyce Richwine

Our Homebound

JB McCrickard,



United Women in Faith

Please plan to attend our next United Women in Faith meeting on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 11:00 am. Our speaker will be Molly, of Freekind, who will talk to us about Human Trafficking. After the meeting we will go to Olive Garden for lunch. Please let Judy Litten know if you plan to come as she will need a head count for lunch.

Calendar

Sunday, August 27

- 9:30 am Sunday School
(Children's Class Kindergarten & Older)
9:30 am SOTM
11:00 am Worship in Person & Facebook Live
(Nursery: (Debbie & Ron Repko)
12:00 pm Planning Meeting – Trunk or Treat
3:00 pm Double Dutch

Monday, August 28

- 10:00am-12:00 pm Food Pantry
(Ann & Jimmy Lee)
7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, August 29

Wednesday, August 30

Thursday, August 31

- 10:00 am Bible Study
Friday, September 1
Saturday, September 2
Sunday, September 3

- 9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am SOTM
11:00 am Worship in Person & Facebook Live
3:00 pm Double Dutch Club



DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THE BLESSING BOX!

The Blessing Box is a project of the United Women of Faith and is a SEPARATE Project from the Food Pantry. Items needed are individual size foods in pop-top cans, packages of Nabs, peanut butter and jelly, and items that do not require a can opener. Please bring your donations and place in the box in the narthex near the coffee area.



There will be a Planning Meeting for Trunk or Treat on Sunday, August 27, 2023 following Worship.

A HUNGER FOR THE HEIGHTS

In a sermon titled “Sky Hunger,” Stan Purdum explores Ephesians 1:3, where Paul writes about God blessing us “in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” (ESV). The expression “sky hunger,” says the pastor, “suggests that to be the best earthbound people we can be, we need to lift our eyes to a higher place – *the highest place.*”

While on a mission trip in Kentucky, Purdum discovered that many residents refer to pastors as sky pilots. “What better role can a pastor have,” he asks, “than to point people to the skies, to the God Most High?”

The Easter anthem “Christ the Lord is Risen Today,” which celebrates our ultimate destination, sums up another definition of sky hunger.

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!

“That to which our holy restlessness, our inner discontent, our sky hunger points us is Christ.” Purdum concludes: “Sky hunger is a blessing from God, Paul tells us, to bring us into Christ, to fullness of life and to life eternal.”