

# Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

August 30 2020



*Dr. Tim's sermon will be broadcast on Facebook Live every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. You can access his sermon through the Oaklette Church Group on Facebook.*

*You must be a member of that group page to see it however. Please send Dr. Tim a Facebook request to join the group if you are not already a member of the group. You can also access the sermon through Dr. Tim's personal Facebook page as well as the Oaklette UMC Facebook page. The sermon title for August 30<sup>th</sup> is*

*"Overcoming Evil with Goodness."*

*The Scripture is Romans 12:9-21 (NRSV).*

*If you are unable to use Facebook Live a link can be sent to you by email after the Facebook Live Worship has been recorded, but we will need your email address to do this. The Facebook Live service is also being downloaded to our website on Monday morning. To find it there, click on the worship tab and scroll down until you find it.*



### Tim Talk on Tuesdays

*Dr. Tim will be providing a devotional every Tuesday morning on Facebook Live. If you are a part of the Oaklette Church Group you will receive a notification when Dr. Tim is live with that devotional.*



- Theresa Magner – August 30
- Lucille Payette – September 2
- Crystal Williams – September 3
- Marjorie Harrison – September 4
- Jenifer Chamberlain – September 4
- Rachel Ryan – September 5



Sincere sympathy is extended to Bob and Judy Carter and family on the passing of Bob's sister, Elizabeth Carter Perry.

### Bible Study



*Zoom Bible Study Thursdays at 10:00 AM  
If you would like to join us on Zoom please contact the church office and provide us with your email address.*

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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| <i>Paula Aymer (Theresa's friend)</i>          | <i>Eric Magner</i>                                      |
| <i>Hannah &amp; Bob Bailey</i>                 | <i>John Machuzak</i>                                    |
| <i>Al Bean</i>                                 | <i>Breahna Mariee</i>                                   |
| <i>Trudy Bennett (Pat's sister-in-law)</i>     | <i>JB McCrickard</i>                                    |
| <i>Bryan (Theresa Magner's grandson)</i>       | <i>Don Moody's mother</i>                               |
| <i>Curtis &amp; Renee Buchanan</i>             | <i>Jerome Perry</i>                                     |
| <i>Sandy Carraway's son Steve</i>              | <i>Lou Anne &amp; Russell Poyner</i>                    |
| <i>Judy Carter's sister</i>                    | <i>Stella Price's sister-in-law &amp; nephew's wife</i> |
| <i>Bob &amp; Judy Carter</i>                   | <i>Albert Reel</i>                                      |
| <i>Charles' sister</i>                         | <i>Beth Ann Ryan</i>                                    |
| <i>Colleen (Kyle Bailey's fiancée)</i>         | <i>Gladys Smith</i>                                     |
| <i>Tommy Crueday</i>                           | <i>Stella's son Ricky</i>                               |
| <i>Shirley Dickinson</i>                       | <i>Dick Stiller</i>                                     |
| <i>Lillian Everet</i>                          | <i>Judy Story (Chesapeake Rehab)</i>                    |
| <i>Fifteen-year-old w/cancer</i>               | <i>David Todd (David Rippard's nephew)</i>              |
| <i>Pete Gale</i>                               | <i>Todd (Pat's son)</i>                                 |
| <i>Virginia Hair</i>                           | <i>Betty Whitehurst</i>                                 |
| <i>Derek Hemry (Debbie Repko's son-in-law)</i> | <i>Monica Whitehurst</i>                                |
| <i>Hope Hodges</i>                             | <i>Jan Whitzel</i>                                      |
| <i>Shirley Hoefle</i>                          | <i>Atha Wimmer</i>                                      |
| <i>Billy Irvin</i>                             | <i>Wolfe family</i>                                     |
| <i>Earl Jenkins</i>                            | <i>Nathaniel Wooddard (Lucy Armstrong's brother)</i>    |
| <i>Valerie Konert</i>                          | <i>Our Pastor</i>                                       |
| <i>Lynne, Judv &amp; David</i>                 | <i>Our Nation</i>                                       |
|  | <i>Our World</i>  |
|  | <i>Those affected by coronavirus</i>                    |

### Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

- Howard Combs, Billy East, Mary Guynn*
- Marjorie Harrison, Fleda Humphries*
- Our Homebound*
- Nell Cucinotta, Pat Grover, Jackie Munden, Lucille Payette, Kathryn Paynter, Joyce Richwine, Mamie Whitehurst, Evelyn Yount*



**Debbie and David Rippard  
September 4**



## THE RIGHTEOUS WILL THRIVE

By Tommy Herndon

United Methodist Foundation

Carolyn and I had friends in the Portsmouth District who collected everything. They had so many dolls that they had to build shelving all the way around their house. They had so many salt and pepper shakers that one cabinet would not hold them all and they had to go to two. Their house was amazing because they collected so many different things. Why do we collect “things”? Is it because we think we need something new or in many cases because we just want something “old”? Many times we think we would be happy if we just had one more of a certain thing. I wonder in our world today – what makes us happy? Is it “stuff”?

The things we collect never deliver the goods. Why? God created us to be filled by Him, not by things. The world insists we need many “things” but the reality of life is what we need is “Jesus.” Our longing hearts need to be filled with the love of Christ. It is only then that we will be satisfied.

Proverbs says there are two ways to live. One way is to spend your life pursuing riches. The other is grounded in loving God and giving generously. In the *Message*, Eugene Peterson says Proverbs 11:28 like this: “A life devoted to things is a dead life, a stump; a God-shaped life is a flourishing tree.”

The word **thrive** in Proverbs 11:28 is a translation of the Hebrew verb **parach**. It means to break forth as a bud or blossom. It can also mean grow or spring up. “Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.”

There are two ways to live. One is flourishing and fruitful – one is hollow and barren. The world thinks that the good life is filled with material abundance. God wants us to be rooted in Him and then we will flourish fruitfully. God reshapes our desires and transforms us from the inside out.

Prayer: Father, help me to keep putting my trust in You rather than the “stuff” of this world. Amen.



## GOD’S SURPRISES

Don’t assume that God will always work in your life the way he always has. A sunset is proof that God colors outside the lines. He has no status quo. Even the laws of nature are his to interrupt. As many times as you’ve prayed before, today may be the day when God sends the answer so swiftly – so divinely – that you’re windburned.

- Beth Moore