

# Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

December 15 2024



Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook  
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,  
December 15, 2024. The Choir will present the  
Christmas Cantata, "The King of Who I Am."



Jackson Castellow – December 16  
Tom Henry – December 17  
Walter Nebrotskie, Jr. – December 18  
Felix Stephens – December 20  
Beth Carroll – December 20



Please remember the Blessing Box  
when you are out shopping! Food and sundry  
supplies are needed. Please place your  
donations in the box in the coffee area, the  
Blessing Box, or if you would prefer that  
Monica shop for you, please see her.

## PLEASE NOTE

Ethel Hickman is home from rehab. If you  
would like to visit her, please text her  
daughter, Robin Bergen to schedule a time  
which will not interfere with Ethel's home  
health visits. Afternoons are best.  
Robin's cell number is 931-294-0102.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

<i>Tyrone Armstrong</i>	<i>Amber Jenkins</i>
<i>Hannah and Bob Bailey</i>	<i>Earl Jenkins (Ericka's dad)</i>
<i>Barlow Family</i>	<i>Pat Johnson</i>
<i>Joyce Bell</i>	<i>Brian Lincoln (friend of</i>
<i>Tanya &amp; Steve Benton</i>	<i>Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>Kendall Brodie (8-yr old</i>	<i>Loving Neighbors</i>
<i>friend of Mrs. Hickman's</i>	<i>Mission Camp</i>
<i>grandson with cancer)</i>	<i>Rose Marie Madu</i>
<i>Megan Carroll</i>	<i>Wayne Magner</i>
<i>Judy Carter</i>	<i>Dennis Marks (Debbie's</i>
<i>Cherry &amp; Sebastian</i>	<i>brother)</i>
<i>Curtis &amp; Renee</i>	<i>Terry Martin</i>
<i>Buchanan</i>	<i>Kristie Masters (friend of</i>
<i>Chesapeake Police Dept.</i>	<i>Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>CNRMA ROC</i>	<i>Joann McClung</i>
<i>Coastal VA District &amp;</i>	<i>Pat Newbern</i>
<i>DS Givens</i>	<i>A.J. Panis Ethel's</i>
<i>Sandy Carraway</i>	<i>friend's son)</i>
<i>Kent Carter</i>	<i>Dana Quinn</i>
<i>Len Carter</i>	<i>Hosea Smith (friend of</i>
<i>Alex Denton</i>	<i>Monica)</i>
<i>Mary Lou Dory</i>	<i>Loretta Smith (Amy's</i>
<i>Jay Eckert (Ethel's nephew)</i>	<i>son's girlfriend's</i>
<i>ForKids</i>	<i>mother)</i>
<i>Freekind Virginia</i>	<i>The League of Advocates</i>
<i>Girl Scout Troop 550</i>	<i>Edward Thomas</i>
<i>Patricia Guthrie (Mildred</i>	<i>Virginia Conference &amp;</i>
<i>Walling's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>Bishop Sue</i>
<i>Karon Hardy (Monica's</i>	<i>Mildred Walling</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>Ethel Hickman</i>	<i>Monica Whitehurst</i>
<i>Hope Hodges &amp; Debbie</i>	
<i>Home School Out of Box</i>	

## Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

*Billy East*  
Our Homebound  
*Virginia Hair*



**Happy Anniversary**  
**December 15**  
**Ericka & Chuck Litten**

**Calendar**

**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am SOTM
- 11:00 am Worship in Person & Facebook
- 12:00 pm SPRC Meeting  
(Nursery: Lisa & Brooks Ryno)

**Monday, December 16**

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

**Tuesday, December 17**

**Wednesday, December 18**

- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 19**

- 9:00 am-3:30 pm HSOTB

- 10:00 am Bible Study

**Friday, December 20**

SOTM – Decorate Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, December 21**

- 12:00 SOTM

- 4:00 pm Blue Christmas Service

**Sunday, December 15**

- 9:30 am Sunday School

- 9:30 am SOTM

- 11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook



Thanks to all who brought mittens, scarves and hats for the Mitten Tree. The children of College Park School will really benefit from the gifts.



I've made a few changes to the Blue Christmas service. I think some changes were needed. Among them, come Dec. 21, we'll be reading Psalm 23 in addition to Psalm 22. We'll also have a couple of recorded musical interludes, and we'll have the trees and the stars.

In the last five years, as I've offered this service in King George, Djibouti, Franklin, and now Chesapeake, I've never included the recommended use of memory stars. As written, the service calls for bare trees to be put at the back of the sanctuary and for stars made out of paper to be handed to worshippers as they come in. At one point in the service, the congregation is invited to write their concerns for themselves and for others on the stars and to hang them on the trees.

Again as written, the service recommends that the trees be 10- to 12-foot limbs put into pots. We'll adapt that. I found tree-like construction paper on Amazon and will post that around the sanctuary. We'll also use Post-it stars to eliminate the need for ornament hookers. There may be some other variations with the service involving candles but that remains to be seen.

Please plan to be part of the Blue Christmas service Saturday, Dec. 21, at 4 p.m. The worship committee decided to offer the service last year to help us remember congregants who died during the COVID pandemic and whose lives could not be celebrated because of pandemic restrictions. Baylake UMC, my home church, has had the service for years and I remember getting a postcard about it after my father's death. The service is designed to help those who find the holidays difficult to celebrate. Please share word of this service with your friends and please keep its preparations in your prayers.

Thanks,  
Ned



**CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE  
DECEMBER 1-24  
USE OUR MAILBOX TO SEND  
CHRISTMAS CARDS TO CHURCH MEMBERS\***

**\$.25 EACH  
FUNDS USED FOR APPORTIONMENTS**

**SAVE MONEY ON POSTAGE**

**\*CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY!**