

# Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

February 16 2025



Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook Live at 11:00 am on Sunday, February 16, 2025. Rev. Ned Alderman will present the message "Right Between the Eyes." The Scripture is Luke 6:17-26.



Earl Baker – February 16  
William Smith – February 16  
Mildred Walling – February 18  
John Gallop V – February 19  
Gina Long – February 19  
Virginia Hair – February 22  
Patricia Newbern – February 22



Please remember the Blessing Box when you are out shopping! Canned meat is needed so that will be our focus for the month of February. Please bring canned meat or fish products and place in the bin in the narthex.



## ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF CHURCH

The United Women in Faith will meet March 15, 2025 at 11:00 am at the church and there will be a guest speaker. Following the meeting we will have lunch at Uno's.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

<i>Tyrone Armstrong</i>	<i>Earl Jenkins (Ericka's dad)</i>
<i>Hannah and Bob Bailey</i>	<i>Pat Johnson</i>
<i>Barlow Family</i>	<i>Brian Lincoln (friend of Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>Joyce Bell</i>	<i>Loving Neighbors</i>
<i>Tanya &amp; Steve Benton</i>	<i>Mission Camp</i>
<i>Kendall Brodie</i>	<i>Rose Marie Madu</i>
<i>(friend of Mrs. Hickman's grandson with cancer)</i>	<i>Wayne Magner</i>
<i>Claudia Calhoun (friend of Sonia)</i>	<i>Dennis Marks (Debbie's brother)</i>
<i>Megan Carroll</i>	<i>Terry Martin</i>
<i>Judy Carter</i>	<i>Kristie Masters (friend of Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>Cherry &amp; Sebastian</i>	<i>Pat Newbern</i>
<i>Chesapeake Police Dept.</i>	<i>AJ. Panis Ethel's friend's son)</i>
<i>CNRMA ROC</i>	<i>Dana Quinn</i>
<i>Coastal VA District &amp; DS Givens</i>	<i>Hosea Smith (friend of Monica)</i>
<i>Sandy Carraway</i>	<i>Loretta Smith (Amy's son's girlfriend's mother)</i>
<i>Kent Carter</i>	<i>The League of Advocates</i>
<i>Len Carter</i>	<i>Edward Thomas</i>
<i>Alex Denton</i>	<i>Virginia Conference &amp; Bishop Sue</i>
<i>Mary Lou Dory</i>	<i>Mildred Walling</i>
<i>Jay Eckert (Ethel's nephew)</i>	<i>Truman Weekly (Paige's Father)</i>
<i>ForKids</i>	<i>Wesley ODU</i>
<i>Freekind Virginia</i>	<i>Betty Whitehurst</i>
<i>Patricia Guthrie (Mildred Walling's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>Monica Whitehurst</i>
<i>Karon Hardy (Monica's Neighbor)</i>	<i>Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe</i>
<i>Doris Wolfe Harlan (Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in-law)</i>	<i>Tommy Womack</i>
<i>Ethel Hickman</i>	<i>Our Pastor</i>
<i>Hope Hodges &amp; Debbie</i>	
<i>Home School Out of Box</i>	
<i>Amber Jenkins</i>	

### Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

*Billy East*  
Our Homebound  
*Virginia Hair*

As days grow longer and we continue to celebrate your light this Epiphany season, dear Jesus, help us spread kindness and compassion in ever-widening circles as testimony to you.

Calendar

Sunday, February 16, 2025

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

Monday, February 17

- 10:00-12:00 pm Food Pantry  
(Linda Gallop & Helene Haluska)
- 7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, February 18

- 1:00 pm Green Thumb Meeting
- 5:00-9:00 pm Chesapeake Master Gardeners

Wednesday, February 19

- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 20

- 8:30 am-3:00 pm HSOTB
- 10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, February 21

Saturday, February 22

Sunday, February 23

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am SOTM
- 11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook



Lord of heaven and earth, we offer you our deepest gratitude for this country and the freedom to worship you. Stir up a sense of stewardship so we all may care for our nation and each inhabitant of it.

We pray especially for our leaders, that you will bless them with wisdom and humility. Prompt everyone in positions of authority to pursue righteousness, justice and the welfare of all.

Remind us of the psalmist's teaching: "Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12, NRSV). May that promise be fulfilled "from sea to shining sea." Amen.



Oaklette's mission statement says that we seek to make the Gospel of Jesus Christ real for all people through worship, outreach, and education. The committee on nominations and lay leadership development met Feb.11 to discuss outreach ideas for the first two quarters of 2025. We decided on the following:

For the first quarter, we'll take doughnuts or bagels to teachers at College Park Elementary School, where Kelly Castellow works, on Shrove Tuesday, which is March 4. We took Krispy Kreme doughnuts there last year; I don't remember how many we bought, but the cost was just under \$80. If anyone wants to contribute to this outreach or even take doughnuts or bagels to College Park on Shrove Tuesday, please contact the church office. Tuesdays are National Bagel Day at Panera, and a baker's dozen bagels costs \$9.29 then. That's one option. Krispy Kreme remains an option as well. I cut some coupons out of the paper a few weeks ago that give us many possibilities, including glazed doughnuts for \$8.99 a dozen, any dozen doughnuts for \$9.99, and \$17.99 for two dozen doughnuts. We supported College Park with our Mitten Tree last winter. Kelly shared with us then that College Park is a Title I school, which means that support is very much needed.

Norfolk Highlands Elementary is also a Title I school and we may look at developing outreach ministry to them for the second quarter of 2025. Debbie Rippard will contact a guidance counselor at Norfolk Highlands who worked with her last Thanksgiving when we supported the staff there with gift cards. The committee on nominations and lay leadership looked at Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5-9, as a possible time for outreach. Another possibility for the second quarter or later is Fire Station #3 on Rokeby, which came to Oaklette's aid at times when the church participated in NEST. I called the Chesapeake Fire Department the morning of Feb. 12 and asked how we could support Station #3. They told me to go by and talk to the Officer in Charge, which I'll do by the end of this week. I'll let you know what I learn, and please know that I'm gratified that Oaklette is seeking to make the Gospel of Jesus Christ real through these ministries.

Thanks,  
Ned