

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

February 19 2023



Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook Live at 11:00 am on Sunday, February 19, 2023. The sermon title is "Isaiah of Babylon: Grace for the Despairing." The scripture is Isaiah 6:1-8 (CEV).



Tim Hazlett – February 19
Gina Long – February 19
John Gallop V – February 19
Pat Newbern – February 22
Virginia Hair – February 22



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
WILL MEET AT THE CHURCH
MARCH 11, 2023 AT 11:00 AM.
THEN TO
GOLDEN CORRAL
FOR LUNCH AT 12:00 PM

PRAYER CONCERNS

<i>Tyrone Armstrong</i>	<i>Earl Jenkins (Ericka's dad)</i>
<i>Hannah Bailey</i>	<i>Pat Johnson</i>
<i>Elizabeth Bergesen</i>	<i>Connie Jones</i>
<i>Jeanne Barlow & family</i>	<i>Dennis Krupp (friend of Randy Story)</i>
<i>Trudy Bennett</i>	<i>Ann Lee</i>
<i>Don Branstetter (friend of Dr. Etheridge)</i>	<i>Kristie Masters (friend of Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>Kendall Brodie (8-yr old friend of Mrs. Hickman's grandson with cancer)</i>	<i>Carla McDonald (Ann & Jimmy's daughter-in-law)</i>
<i>Sandy Carraway</i>	<i>Kneeland Nesius (friend of Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>Chris Carroll</i>	<i>A. J. Panis (Ethel's friend's son)</i>
<i>Bob Carter</i>	<i>David Roach (friend of Joann & Randy Story)</i>
<i>Judy Carter</i>	<i>Roman Roughton (Stella Price's great grandson)</i>
<i>Kent Carter</i>	<i>Carolyn Smith</i>
<i>Len Carter</i>	<i>Loretta Smith (Amy's son's girlfriend's mother)</i>
<i>Amy Denton (Ericka's Friend)</i>	<i>Tara & mother (friend of Nancy Hesel)</i>
<i>David Freeman</i>	<i>Betty Whitehurst</i>
<i>Patricia Guthrie (Mildred Walling's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>Monica Whitehurst</i>
<i>Doris Wolfe Harlan (Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in-law)</i>	<i>Our Pastor</i>
<i>Hope Hodges' family</i>	<i>Nation, World</i>
<i>Richard Hodsdon</i>	

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

Billy East, Joyce Richwine

Our Homebound

Pat Grover, JB McCrickard, Jackie Munden, Mamie Whitehurst



Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Calendar

Sunday, February 19

9:30 am Sunday School
(Children's Class Kindergarten & Older)
To join Dr. Tim's class via Zoom:
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/9274947336>

Meeting ID: 927 494 7336, Passcode: 273082

9:30 am SOTM
11:00 am Worship in Person & Facebook Live
3:00 pm Double Dutch Club
Monday, February 20

10:00 am-12:00 pm Food Pantry
(JoAnn & Randy Story)

7:00 pm HRM Band
Tuesday, February 21
Wednesday, February 22

6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, February 23
10:00 am Bible Study
2:00-5:00 pm Chesapeake Master Gardeners

Friday, February 24
Saturday, February 25

Sunday, February 26

9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am SOTM
11:00 am Morning Worship in Person
and Facebook Live



IN ALL HIS GLORY

On the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, many Christian churches celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord. After telling his shocked, uncomprehending disciples that he would die and rise again, Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain. Suddenly Jesus appeared to be glowing! "He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light" (Matthew 17:2, ESV).

Moses and Elijah appeared, and a voice said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (verse 5). Jesus' disciples fell to the ground, overcome by fear. But Jesus touched them, told them not to be afraid and led them down the mountain. The disciples witnessed firsthand the glory and Godhood of Jesus, who would soon die for the sins of the world and rise again to give us life.



GOING OUT OF OUR WAY

In mid-2022, Mediterranean Shipping Company, a world leader in container transport, voluntarily changed its routes, on the advice of scientists, to protect large populations of blue whales off the Sri Lankan coast. Going out of its way 15 nautical miles has led to a whopping 95% drop in whale strikes.

Jesus counseled people to go out of their way for one another, especially for the vulnerable: "If anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles." Further, "whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water...will by no means lose his reward" (Matthew 5:40-41; 10:42; ESV).

Paul likewise urged his listeners to voluntarily give up eating meat, even if they didn't believe in and weren't challenged by the idols to which it had been sacrificed, for the sake of new believers with weaker faith (Romans 14).

Faith calls us to go out of our way for the sake of others, sometimes a wealthy corporation opts to do the same. God's hand is at work in both, protecting vulnerable humans and nonhumans alike.