

# Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

February 2 2025



Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook  
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,  
February 2, 2025. Rev. Ned Alderman will present  
the message "Only the Beginning." The Scripture  
is Luke 4:21-30.



Samantha Hincks – February 3  
Richard Tucker – February 7



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.



Deepest sympathy is extended to family and  
friends of Jack Buchanan who passed away  
January 24, 2025.

## 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>Family of Jack Bushanan</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>WesleyODU</i>
<i>Freekind Virginia</i>	<i>Betty Whitehurst</i>
<i>Girl Scout Troop 550</i>	<i>Monica Whitehurst</i>
<i>Patricia Guthrie (Mildred Walling's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe</i>
<i>Karon Hardy (Monica's Neighbor)</i>	<i>Tommy Womack</i>
<i>Doris Wolfe Harlan (Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in-law)</i>	<i>Our Pastor</i>
<i>Ethel Hickman</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*



"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.

- Maya Angelou

Calendar

Sunday, February 2, 2025

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

Monday, February 3

- 10:00-12:00 pm Food Pantry  
(Jane Basnight & Judy Carter)
- 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting
- 7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, February 4

- 5:00-9:00 pm Chesapeake Master Gardeners

Wednesday, February 5

- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 6

- 8:30 am-3:00 pm HSOTB

- 10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, February 7

Saturday, February 8

Sunday, February 9

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



In *Bread for the Journey*, theologian Henri J.M. Nouwen calls consolation — from “to be with” (con-) “the lonely one” (solus) — “one of the most important ways to care.” He writes, “Life is so full of pain, sadness and loneliness that we often wonder what we can do to alleviate the immense suffering we see.”

Although consoling doesn't necessarily remove someone's pain, Nouwen notes that it serves a deeper purpose: To console means “to be there and say, ‘You are not alone, I am with you. Together we can carry the burden. Don't be afraid. I am here.’ That is consolation. We all need to give it as well as to receive it.”



I took a study skills class when I went to seminary. I'd been out of school for 12 years and was told that that might be a smart move. It was. It may have been in that class that I learned this saying: “If you can't say it, you don't know it.” I found this to be true when it came time for exams, because if I couldn't articulate how I'd answer a question, I couldn't answer it.

With that in mind, I'd like to ask this question: What is our church's future, and how are we going to get there? I think this question falls squarely into if-you-can't-say-it, you-don't-know-it territory, because if we can't articulate Oaklette's future, how will we get there?

Please think and pray about this and let me know what comes from your prayers. I pray that we can achieve a vision and direction for Oaklette that we can all embrace and articulate.

Thanks,

Ned