

# Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

January 12 2025



Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook Live at 11:00 am on Sunday, January 12, 2025. Rev. Ned Alderman will present the message "The Call of the Moment." The Scripture is Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 [CEB].



- Holly Nance – January 12
- Kaitlin Brooks – January 13
- Noah Hincks – January 13
- Eric Weber – January 13
- Kevin Haluska – January 15
- S. Jones, Jr. – January 15
- Steven Carter – January 17
- LouAnne Poyner – January 17
- Yvonne Garcia – January 18
- Matilda Johnson – January 18
- Wanda Walton – January 18



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

Please see the bulletin board in the narthex and sign up for flowers, food basket, lay readers and prayer partners for the New Year – 2025.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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| <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 (8-yr old friend of Mrs. Hickman's grandson with cancer)</i>                      | <i>Rose Marie Madu</i>                                 |
| <i>Jack Bushanan</i>  | <i>Wayne Magner</i>                                    |
| <i>Megan Carroll</i>  | <i>Dennis Marks (Debbie's brother)</i>                 |
| <i>Judy Carter</i>  | <i>Terry Martin</i>                                    |
| <i>Cherry &amp; Sebastian Chesapeake Police Dept. CNRMA ROC Coastal VA District &amp; DS Givens</i> | <i>Kristie Masters (friend of Ethel Hickman)</i>       |
| <i>Sandy Carraway</i>   | <i>Joann McClung</i>                                   |
| <i>Kent Carter</i>  | <i>Pat Newbern</i>                                     |
| <i>Len Carter</i>   | <i>AJ. Panis Ethel's friend's son</i>                  |
| <i>Alex Denton</i>  | <i>Dana Quinn</i>                                      |
| <i>Mary Lou Dory</i>  | <i>Hosea Smith (friend of Monica)</i>                  |
| <i>Jay Eckert (Ethel's nephew)</i>  | <i>Loretta Smith (Amy's son's girlfriend's mother)</i> |
| <i>ForKids</i>  | <i>The League of Advocates</i>                         |
| <i>Freekind Virginia</i>  | <i>Edward Thomas</i>                                   |
| <i>Girl Scout Troop 550</i>   | <i>Virginia Conference &amp; Bishop Sue</i>            |
| <i>Patricia Guthrie (Mildred Walling's sister-in-law)</i>   | <i>Mildred Walling</i>                                 |
| <i>Karon Hardy (Monica's Neighbor)</i>  | <i>Truman Weekly (Paige's Father)</i>                  |
| <i>Doris Wolfe Harlan (Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in-law)</i>  | <i>WesleyODU</i>                                       |
| <i>Ethel Hickman</i>  | <i>Betty Whitehurst</i>                                |
| <i>Hope Hodges &amp; Debbie</i>   | <i>Monica Whitehurst</i>                               |
| <i>Home School Out of Box</i>   | <i>Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe</i>                          |
| <i>Amber Jenkins</i>  | <i>Tommy Womack</i>                                    |
|   | <i>Our Pastor</i>                                      |

### Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

*Billy East*

### Our Homebound

*Virginia Hair*

Sometimes my heart feels cold, like the snowy ground during a northern winter. Nurture seeds of growth deep inside me, Great Gardener, so I may soon bloom with love and faith.

Calendar

Sunday, January 12, 2025

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

Monday, January 13

- 10:00-12:00 pm Food Pantry  
(Nancy Helsel & Stella Price)
- 7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, January 14

- 6:00-9:00 pm Chesapeake Master Gardeners

Wednesday, January 15

- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 16

- 10:00 am Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Friends of Indian River

Friday, January 17

Saturday, January 18

Sunday, January 19

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



God in church or nature? Yes.

Church isn't designed to be an alternative to the real world. Worship is a time and space apart from the world in order for us to find our way out into the world. Worship isn't a man-made place distinct from the beauty of the natural world; at its best, church is a place where we realize God's glory in the world we find ourselves in. ... Do I find God in a church? or out in nature? Yes. ... In church I hope to sharpen my senses so I can discover the house of God everywhere.

—James C. Howell, *Everywhere Is Jerusalem*



Amy-Jill Levine was big in Djibouti. When I was there in 2020-21, we offered three of her Bible studies at the base chapel, starting with her Advent study, *Light of the World*. I taught that, and I really wanted to teach her Lent study, *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, but I also wanted to make sure that other chaplains had an opportunity to teach, so a National Guard chaplain, Lee Lockwood, taught that course and another Navy chaplain, Shaun Drefahl, taught Levine's study on the Sermon on the Mount.

I've yet to teach *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, but maybe this is the year. If there's interest, I'd be happy to teach this class in Sunday school during Lent, starting March 2. Since I have reserves the following weekend, I'd resume teaching March 16, and the last class would be on Palm Sunday, April 13. Books for the study are available from Cokesbury at a cost of \$11.29 plus shipping and tax. If you're interested, please let the office know by Feb. 3 to give us time to order. If you'd like a preview of the study, please see this link: <https://www.cokesbury.com/Entering-the-Passion-of-Jesus-3>

Thanks,

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