

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

January 19 2025



Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,
January 19, 2025. Rev. Ned Alderman will present
the message "Do Whatever He Tells You." The
Scripture is Luke 2:1-11 [NRSV]



Jenny Obenchain – January 19
Jack Hicks III – January 23



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

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

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

Billy East

Our Homebound

Virginia Hair



Calendar

Sunday, January 19, 2025

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

Monday, January 20

- 10:00-12:00 pm Food Pantry
(Paige Weifert & Patricia Wilson)
- 6:30 pm Administrative Team
- 7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, January 21

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

Wednesday, January 22

- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 23

- 10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, January 24

Saturday, January 25

- 4:30 – 7:30 pm HSOTB Movie Night

Sunday, January 26

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



Two-way benefits

“When you do nothing, you feel overwhelmed and powerless,” observed Connecticut politician Pauline Keezer. “But when you get involved, you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better.” Indeed, it’s impossible to shine light in someone else’s life without lighting up your own.

We might think being generous toward another with our time or possessions leaves us with less. But as Jesus said, “Whoever loses their life for my sake will find it” (Matthew 10:39, NIV). How common it is that when we minister to others in Christ’s name, we find we have also — or perhaps even more so — received ministry. This is the miracle of God’s love at work.



As I’ve shared in a couple of Breakthrough Prayer posts on Facebook, I’ve been invited to give a witness at Coffee with a Cop Thursday, Jan. 23, at 9 a.m. at Wawa on Woodlake. The invitation came from Justin Mathews at Coffee with a Cop at the same location last month. Officer Mathews heads up Chesapeake’s Crime Prevention Unit. I know him from his time with the Second Precinct.

I’ve never been asked to give a witness before, so I’m not sure what to make of this opportunity. I ask for your prayers and suggestions. The best idea I’ve come up with is to listen, and to take some of the mugs that Oaklette has for visitors and set them up on a card table. Maybe they’ll attract some visitors.

I guess that, in my heart of hearts, I’d like to talk about ways the church makes crooked paths straight for Jesus Christ. Maybe by listening I can learn more ways for us to do that.

Thanks,
Ned