

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

July 14 2024



*Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,
July 14, 2024. Rev. Ned Alderman will bring the
message entitled "Let Loose Before the Lord." The
Scripture is 2 Samuel 6:1-5; 12b-19.*



Kay Hill – July 14
Norm Holcomb – July 14
Brian Bailey – July 16
John Basnight – July 20



Donna & Julian Baker – July 15
Cathy & David Grubb – July 20



On one day Jesus fed a crowd with a few loaves and fish, then calmed both a storm and his disciples (John 6:1-21). He is also with you always — whatever your needs and cares.

PRAYER CONCERNS

<i>Tyrone Armstrong</i>	<i>Hope Hodges & Debbie</i>
<i>Hannah Bailey</i>	<i>Amber Jenkins</i>
<i>Barlow Family</i>	<i>Earl Jenkins (Ericka's dad)</i>
<i>Don Branstetter (friend of Dr. Etheridge)</i>	<i>Pat Johnson</i>
<i>Kendall Brodie (8-yr old friend of Mrs. Hickman's grandson with cancer)</i>	<i>Brian Lincoln (friend of Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>Cherry & Sebastian</i>	<i>Loving Neighbors</i>
<i>Curtis & Renee Buchanan</i>	<i>Mission Camp</i>
<i>Chesapeake Police Dept. CNRMA ROC</i>	<i>Wayne Magner</i>
<i>Coastal VA District & DS Givens</i>	<i>Terry Martin</i>
<i>Sandy Carraway</i>	<i>Kristie Masters (friend of Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>Kent Carter</i>	<i>Phyllis Nebrotskie</i>
<i>Len Carter</i>	<i>Pat Newbern</i>
<i>Alex Denton</i>	<i>AJ. Panis Ethel's friend's son</i>
<i>Jay Eckert (Ethel's nephew)</i>	<i>Hosea Smith (friend of Monica)</i>
<i>ForKids</i>	<i>Loretta Smith (Amy's son's girlfriend's mother)</i>
<i>Freekind Virginia</i>	<i>The League of Advocates</i>
<i>Girl Scout Troop 550</i>	<i>Virginia Conference & Bishop Sue</i>
<i>Patricia Guthrie (Mildred Walling's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>WesleyODU</i>
<i>Karon Hardy (Monica's Neighbor)</i>	<i>Betty Whitehurst</i>
<i>Doris Wolfe Harlan (Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in-law)</i>	<i>Monica Whitehurst</i>
	<i>Patti & Amber Wilson</i>
	<i>Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe</i>
	<i>Tommy Womack</i>

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

Billy East

Our Homebound

Virginia Hair, Mamie Whitehurst



Food including meat, and sundry items are needed for the blessing box. Cans do not need to be flip top! Anything is helpful. Please place your donations in the box in the coffee area, in the Blessing Box, or if you want Monica to shop for you, please see her.

Calendar

Sunday, July 14

9:30 am Sunday School
(Children's Class Kindergarten & Older)

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in Person & Facebook
(Nursery: Deborah & Ron Repko)

Monday, July 15

10:00-12:00 pm Food Pantry
(Joanne Rooks & Kay Hill)

6:30 pm Administrative Team Meeting

7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, July 16

Wednesday July 17

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 18

10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, July 19

Saturday, July 20

Next Sunday, July 21

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Worship in wonder

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Worship in wonder

Worship is a faith-building, faith-sustaining act. It's
also a form of service to God. Remember to worship
regularly during the summer, even when you're out of
town.

- "Worship is like corrective lenses for our
souls, bringing God clearer into view. That's
important for all of us, especially when life
goes off the rails."

—Louie Giglio

"Worship is transcendent wonder.

—Thomas Carlyle



I went to Panera at Greenbrier after work July 8 to finish the bulletin for July 14. I like fresh air and sat outside despite the heat. Two men sat at another table and my ears perked up when I heard one say that discipleship is more important to him than fellowship. My ears perked up because I heard them discussing the Gospel – John in particular – and because I feel the same way about discipleship. The speaker turned out to be Chris Tomita, a deacon at South Norfolk Christian Church. Chris and I exchanged cards and have connected via text. We're praying for each other and for our churches. Discipleship is the next item in the Possibilities Report prepared for Oaklette two years ago. The report states that, after launching a Breakthrough Prayer Initiative, which we did last April, "Oaklette will host a congregation-wide small group/Sunday school experience and worship series using the resource *Disciple Like Jesus* by Phil Maynard [and Eddie Pipkin]. This resource will provide the congregation with a framework for understanding and living a life modeled by Jesus, including discipling others. The district can provide some of these resources."

What will this “congregation-wide small group/Sunday school experience and worship series” look like? I don’t know yet. I may know more after I hear from Stephanie Kimec-Parker, the new District Director of Church Revitalization. I called the Coastal Virginia District yesterday to ask about resources for the study. Stephanie said she’d check to see what she had at home since this is a study she’d thought about offering before moving to the district office. I’m supposed to hear from Stephanie later today.

When I was at Epworth, the DS brought Phil Maynard in for clergy training in reference to Maynard’s 2013 book, *Shift*, of which I still have several copies. I hope that we get as much out of *Disciple Like Jesus* as I got out of *Shift*. I have read the first two chapters of *Disciple Like Jesus* and see that it focuses on belonging to the body of Christ, becoming more like Jesus, and blessing the world, which sounds promising. We’re about to begin a worship series that starts July 14 with “Gathering” and ends Aug. 25 with “Sent Out to Live.” Please join me in praying that this worship series serves as a launching pad for what’s comes next in our initiative.

Thanks,

Ned

