

# Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

July 20 2025



*Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook  
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,  
July 20. Don Moody will bring the message entitled  
"WOW, Look at That!"  
The Scripture is Psalm 8.*



**John Basnight – July 20**  
**James Lee – July 21**  
**Pamela Templeton – July 22**  
**Valerie Carroll – July 23**  
**Beth Holcomb – July 23**  
**Brian Stephens – July 23**  
**Bobby Phillips – July 25**  
**Mark Early – July 26**



**Please remember the Blessing Box when you  
are out shopping! Toiletries will be our focus  
for the month of July. Please place your  
donations in the box in the narthex.**



**Donna & Julian Baker – July 15**  
**Cathy & David Grubb – July 20**  
**Billie & Joe Kasmak – July 26**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

<b>Tyrone Armstrong</b>	<b>Brian Lincoln</b> (friend of Ethel Hickman)
<b>Donna Baker</b>	<b>Loving Neighbors</b>
<b>Tanya &amp; Steve Benton</b>	<b>Mission Camp</b>
<b>Kendall Brodie</b>	<b>Rose Marie Madu</b>
(friend of Mrs. Hickman's grandson with cancer)	<b>Wayne Magner</b>
<b>Megan Carroll</b>	<b>Terry Martin</b>
<b>Judy Carter</b>	<b>Kristie Masters</b> (friend of Ethel Hickman)
<b>Cherry &amp; Sebastian</b>	<b>Karen McCarthy's</b> daughter
<b>Chesapeake Police Dept.</b>	<b>Walter Nebrotskie</b>
<b>CNRMA ROC</b>	<b>Pat Newbern</b>
<b>Coastal VA District &amp; DS Givens</b>	<b>AJ. Panis</b> (Ethel's friend's son)
<b>Sandy Carraway</b>	<b>Debbie Pope</b>
<b>Kent Carter</b>	<b>Dana Quinn</b>
<b>Kaylee Cuccorillo</b> (Ericka's co-worker)	<b>Dakota Rebel</b>
<b>Alex Denton</b>	<b>Ray &amp; Bob Rosales</b>
<b>Mary Lou Dory</b>	<b>Rhonda Roughton</b> (Stella's Daughter)
<b>Jay Eckert</b> (Ethel's nephew)	<b>Loretta Smith</b> (Amy's son's girlfriend's mother)
<b>ForKids</b>	<b>The League of Advocates</b>
<b>Freekind Virginia</b>	<b>Edward Thomas</b>
<b>Joyce Gaston</b>	<b>Virginia Conference &amp; Bishop Sue</b>
<b>Patricia Guthrie</b> (Mildred Walling's sister-in-law)	<b>Truman Weekly</b> (Paige's Father)
<b>Karon Hardy</b> (Monica's Neighbor)	<b>Wesley ODU</b>
<b>Doris Wolfe Harlan</b> (Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in-law)	<b>Betty Whitehurst</b>
<b>Kay Herndon</b>	<b>Monica Whitehurst</b>
<b>Ethel Hickman</b>	<b>Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe</b>
<b>Hope Hodges &amp; Debbie</b>	<b>Tommy Womack</b>
<b>Home School Out of Box</b>	<b>Country &amp; Troops</b>
<b>Earl Jenkins</b> (Ericks's dad)	<b>Our Pastor</b>
<b>Pat Johnson</b>	

### Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

**Billy East**  
**Our Homebound**  
**Virginia Hair**

**With a basket of summer fruit, God showed Amos a sign (8:1-2). What summer messages do you have for me, O God, in ripening gardens, starry skies, long bright days, warmer weather?**

## Calendar

### Sunday, July 20

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 pm Worship in person and Facebook

### Monday, July 21

10:00 am-12:00 pm Food Pantry  
(Brenda Swoope & Linda Gallop)

7:00 pm HRM Band

### Tuesday, July 22

7:00 pm SOTM Men's Group

### Wednesday, July 23

### Thursday, July 24

10:00 am Bible Study

6:30 pm Choir

### Friday, July 25

### Saturday, July 26

### Sunday, July 27

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook

## Complete joy

Because Jesus came to do such serious work, we often imagine him straight-faced. Yet Jesus also enjoyed fun times, such as the wedding celebration at Cana. When the wine ran out, Jesus miraculously produced more.

Jesus also warmly welcomed children. Picture him lifting an infant into the air or tickling a giggling youngster while another child, grinning, climbs on his back.

Summer usually allows more time for fun and play. So use these months to teach the kids in your life — and to remind yourself — that Jesus came so our “joy may be complete” (John 15:11). Laughing, playing, having fun, relaxing and enjoying life are part of living and loving as faithful disciples.



I love minor-league baseball, but I left the last game I attended early. I went to a Fredericksburg Nationals game in the summer of 2021. It was a Sunday night and I had recently gotten back to King George from Djibouti. I have no idea what the final score was, but the Nats batted around in the fourth inning, which tells you how bad the pitching was. I left because I was afraid that they might put me in.

I'm guessing that the pitching will be better at Harbor Park on Tuesday, Aug. 19, when the Norfolk Tides host the Charlotte Knights. Shall Oaklette go as a group? I'm told that this is something the United Methodist Men coordinated in the past.

Aug. 19 is Turn Back the Clock Night, and the game starts at 6:35 p.m. The Tides' website says of Turn Back the Clock Night, “Join the Tides for a trip back to the era of the Tidewater Tides. With special thanks to Smithfield, Harbor Park will also feature hot dogs, boxes of popcorn, and soft drinks at the special roll-back price of just \$0.50 each. [Presented By Smithfield Foods.]” I can do without hot dogs and soft drinks; give me a soft pretzel with mustard any day.

Tickets, according to Ben Kafka, with the Norfolk Tides, are \$20-\$22. We can get group rates of \$14.50-\$16 if 20 or more of us go. If interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet posted directly across from the church office. Unless the Tides say that group reservations have to be made earlier, let's make Thursday, Aug. 7, the deadline for signing up.

Please consider accepting this invitation, and please also consider joining Jimmy Lee and me for breakfast Saturday, July 26, at Bill's at Sparrow and Providence for breakfast at 9 a.m. Jimmy, I'm grateful that you've accepted that invitation.

Thanks,  
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P.S. Please note that if we go to this game, the Aug. 19 meeting of the committee on nominations and lay leadership development will be rescheduled, possibly for Aug. 26.