

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

July 28 2024



*Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,
July 28, 2024. Rev. Ned Alderman will bring the
message entitled "Not Erased But Redeemed." The
Scripture is 2 Samuel 11:1-15.*



Matthew Swoope – July 28
Charles Walton – July 29
Jane Basnight – July 30
Chuck Walton – July 31



Sheri & Bob Antoskow – August 3

It's a miracle!

I believe in miracles. While I believe in the possibility, under God, of any kind of miracle, I am committed especially to the miracle of the changed life. When a human being goes from despair to hope, when a lost soul comes home, or when a mean and destructive person becomes kind and fruitful, the greatest of all miracles has occurred.

—J. Ellsworth Kalas

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 Mission Camp</i>
<i>Curtis & Renee Buchanan</i>	<i>Wayne Magner</i>
<i>Chesapeake Police Dept. CNRMA ROC 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>Walter 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 Virginia Conference & Bishop Sue</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>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 28

- 9:30 am Sunday School
(Children's Class Kindergarten & Older)
- 9:30 am SOTM
- 11:00 am Worship in Person & Facebook
(Nursery: Jane Basnight & Barbara Bennett)

Monday, July 29

- 10:00-12:00 pm Food Pantry
(Janice Lobello & Paige Weifert)
- 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting
- 7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, July 30

Wednesday July 30

- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 31

- 10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, August 1

Saturday, August 2

- 8:30 am – 3:00 pm Tidewater Quilt Guild

Next Sunday, August 3

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



DOLPHIN — Because dolphins often swim alongside ships, they've been used to symbolize Christ's presence, guiding people through earthly life and into eternal life. Although they're mammals, dolphins have been depicted as the fish that swallowed Jonah. Jesus compared his three days inside the tomb to Jonah's three days inside the fish, so dolphins also came to symbolize resurrection.



Tuesday night's Zoom open house with Dawn Martin of Hinton Rural Life Center went fine. I made notes about their retreats and educational opportunities and their goals of serving their community and beyond. They aim to offer safe and healthy housing and they emphasize building relationships with the families whose homes they repair and among the volunteers in their ministry. Dawn said that that ministry is based on 2 Cor. 4:6-9, a text I invite you to read and one that I may share in a Breakthrough Prayer post on Facebook.

As the meeting began, Dawn asked the half-dozen or so participants if we'd been to Hinton. I may have been the only participant who hadn't and I don't think that's likely to change. Why? Because Hinton Rural Life Center is 509 miles from the parsonage, as I discovered during the meeting. I admire the ministry Hinton provides, and I'll keep them in my prayers and invite you to do the same, but there are also admirable ministries closer to home that invite Oaklette's support.

One such ministry is Faith & Blue, a nationwide initiative pairing churches and police departments. Last fall's event was at Cuffee Community Center and featured tactical vehicles that, as I said on Facebook Tuesday, caught the eye of either Bob or Judy Carter. There's a virtual meeting about Faith & Blue next Tuesday, July 30, at 2 p.m., and I'll let you know more after that.

Another possibility is the training that's being developed by Stephanie Kimec-Parker, Coordinator for Church Revitalization in the Coastal Virginia District, based on *Get Their Name: Build Your Church by Growing New Relationships*. This book was recommended to Oaklette in the Possibilities Report prepared by the district two years ago. Stephanie doesn't have a start date in mind, which is fine, since Oaklette has another text, *Disciple Like Jesus*, to work through first. I've mentioned that title a couple of times here and would like to start a study of it this fall. Like the ministry of Hinton Rural Life Center, these are things that I invite us to keep in prayer. Hinton may be a possibility for us one day, but for now, let's think closer to home.

Grace and peace,

Ned

