

# Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

March 30 2025



**Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook  
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,  
March 30, 2025. Rev. Ned Alderman will present  
the message "Songs of Rescue" The Scripture is  
Psalm 32 [CEB].**



**Cheryl Walker – April 2**



**Please remember the Blessing Box  
when you are out shopping! Beans will be our  
focus for the month of April, either dried or  
canned. Please place your donations in the  
box in the narthex.**



**The United Women of Faith will be  
collecting Kits for Conference. We will  
provide Hygiene Kits, Menstrual  
Hygiene Kits and Cleaning Kits.  
Instruction sheets are on the table in the  
narthex. Kits must be turned in by May  
31.**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

<b>Tyrone Armstrong</b>	<b>Earl Jenkins</b> (Ericka's dad)
<b>Barlow Family</b>	<b>Pat Johnson</b>
<b>Joyce Bell</b>	<b>Brian Lincoln</b> (friend of Ethel Hickman)
<b>Tanya &amp; Steve Benton</b>	<b>Loving Neighbors</b>
<b>Kendall Brodie</b> (friend of Mrs. Hickman's grandson with cancer)	<b>Mission Camp</b>
<b>Claudia Calhoun</b> (friend of Sonia)	<b>Rose Marie Madu</b>
<b>Megan Carroll</b>	<b>Wayne Magner</b>
<b>Judy Carter</b>	<b>Dennis Marks</b> (Debbie's brother)
<b>Cherry &amp; Sebastian</b>	<b>Terry Martin</b>
<b>Chesapeake Police Dept.</b>	<b>Kristie Masters</b> (friend of Ethel Hickman)
<b>CNRMA ROC</b>	<b>Walter Nebrotskie</b>
<b>Coastal VA District &amp; DS Givens</b>	<b>Pat Newbern</b>
<b>Sandy Carraway</b>	<b>AJ. Panis</b> Ethel's friend's son)
<b>Kent Carter</b>	<b>Dana Quinn</b>
<b>Len Carter</b>	<b>Ray &amp; Bob Rosales</b>
<b>Kaylee Cuccorillo</b> (Ericka's co-worker)	<b>Hosea Smith</b> (friend of Monica)
<b>Alex Denton</b>	<b>Loretta Smith</b> (Amy's son's girlfriend's mother)
<b>Mary Lou Dory</b>	<b>The League of Advocates</b>
<b>Jay Eckert</b> (Ethel's nephew)	<b>Edward Thomas</b>
<b>ForKids</b>	<b>Virginia Conference &amp; Bishop Sue</b>
<b>Freekind Virginia</b>	<b>Mildred Walling</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>Bill Henry</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>Our Pastor</b>
<b>Amber Jenkins</b>	

### Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

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

**There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you  
it's going to be a butterfly."**

**—Buckminster Fuller**

### Calendar

#### Sunday, March 30, 2025

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

#### Monday, March 31, 2025

10:00-12:00 pm Food Pantry  
(Linda Gallop & Jane Basnight)  
7:00 pm HRM Band

#### Tuesday, April 1

5:00-9:00 pm Chesapeake Master Gardeners

#### Wednesday, April 2, 2025

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, April 3

8:30 am-3:00 pm HSOTB

10:00 am Bible Study

#### Friday, April 4

#### Saturday, April 5

8:30-3:00 pm Tidewater Quilting Guild

#### Sunday, April 6

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook



Thanks, Oaklette, for such a warm welcome. We are so thankful to have found a new church home with such wonderful people. I'm surprised and happy with how easy it has been to fit in. Ya'll have certainly made us feel welcome, wanted and at home.

The Baileys



I'm waiting to hear from a few people before writing more about apportionments. I'm waiting to hear from Joel Coleman, camp director at Occohannock on the Bay, and from Julie Kissell, who's president of the Wesley Community Center in Portsmouth in addition to serving as district president for United Women in Faith. Eastern Shore clergy met at Camp Occohannock several times while I was serving Cheriton and Travis Chapel; some of us even spent the night there once. I see great things about Camp Occohannock on Facebook and just learned of their adopt-the-counselor program for summer 2025. I'll let you know more when I hear from Joel.

I see in Oaklette's district apportionments that we've been asked to support Camp Occohannock with \$336 this year and asked to support the Wesley Center with \$132. Again, I'll share more when I hear from Julie and Joel.

In the meantime, I'd like to share something that occurred to me this morning, and that's this: "A disciple of Jesus Christ is a lifelong learner who influences others to serve." This vision came from Bishop Sharma Lewis at Annual Conference in 2017. At that time, Bishop Lewis gave us this challenge: "All United Methodist Churches in Virginia will have a process of intentionally forming

**disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by your influence and your acts of servanthood by 2020.” Unfortunately, this challenge got swept away by COVID. Still, I appreciate Bishop Lewis’ leadership and emphasis on making disciples.**

**I hope that the seven of us who attend [Re]thinking Church Culture training at Oak Grove UMC Saturday learn more about leadership and discipleship. [Re]think coordinator Jordi Shelton said in an email Tuesday,**

**“We will be discussing your church’s unique identity and culture, which encompasses not only worship/your worship style, but also into your engagement with your community in and out of church.**

**“We’ll have opportunities to evaluate what your church is currently doing well, where growth is possible, and ways to use your values to create attainable goals that create positive change. This positive change is not only limited to worship services – it could include things like programming, education, hospitality, or outreach.”**

**That sounds good, doesn’t it? I look forward to sharing more, and I’m happy to be in mission with you.  
Ned**



**Between the death of Christ and the Last Day it is only by gracious anticipation of the last things that Christians are privileged to live in invisible fellowship with other Christians. It is by the grace of God that a congregation is permitted to gather visibly in this world to share God’s Word and sacrament. Not all Christians receive this blessing. The imprisoned, the sick, the scattered lonely, the proclaimers of the Gospel in heathen lands stand alone. They know that visible fellowship is a blessing.**