

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

March 5 2023



Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook Live at 11:00 am on Sunday, March 5, 2023. The sermon title is "The Blind Man: Grace for the Blind." The scripture is John 9:1-7, 24-38 (RSV).



John Buchanan – March 5
Donna Bradley – March 5
Jacob Butler – March 6
Cassie Weifert – March 9
Adam Blakely – March 9
Riley Reichling – March 9



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
WILL MEET AT THE CHURCH
MARCH 11, 2023 AT 11:00 AM.
THEN TO
GOLDEN CORRAL
FOR LUNCH AT 12:00 PM
SIGN UP WITH JUDY LITTEN.

Cost for regular buffet with water \$15.57
Cost for regular buffet with a drink \$19.24
Cost for Senior buffet with water \$14.55
Cost for Senior buffet with a drink \$18.12

PRAYER CONCERNS

<i>Tyrone Armstrong</i>	<i>Richard Hodsdon</i>
<i>Hannah Bailey</i>	<i>Earl Jenkins (Ericka's dad)</i>
<i>Elizabeth Bergesen</i>	<i>Pat Johnson</i>
<i>Jeanne Barlow & family</i>	<i>Connie Jones</i>
<i>Trudy Bennett</i>	<i>Dennis Krupp (friend of Randy Story)</i>
<i>Don Branstetter (friend of Dr. Etheridge)</i>	<i>Ann Lee</i>
<i>Kendall Brodie (8-yr old friend of Mrs. Hickman's grandson with cancer)</i>	<i>Kristie Masters (friend of Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>Barbara Buchanan</i>	<i>Carla McDonald (Ann & Jimmy's daughter-in-law)</i>
<i>Sandy Carraway</i>	<i>Kneeland Nesius (friend of Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>Chris Carroll</i>	<i>A. J. Panis (Ethel's friend's son)</i>
<i>Bob Carter</i>	<i>Roman Roughton (Stella Price's great grandson)</i>
<i>Judy Carter</i>	<i>Carolyn Smith</i>
<i>Kent Carter</i>	<i>Loretta Smith (Amy's son's girlfriend's mother)</i>
<i>Len Carter</i>	<i>Tara & mother (friend of Nancy Helsel)</i>
<i>Amy Denton (Ericka's Friend)</i>	<i>Betty Whitehurst</i>
<i>David Freeman</i>	<i>Monica Whitehurst</i>
<i>Patricia Guthrie (Mildred Walling's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>Our Pastor</i>
<i>Doris Wolfe Harlan (Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in-law)</i>	<i>Nation, World</i>
<i>Bobbi Helsey (Carolyn Smith's sister)</i>	
<i>Hope Hodges' family</i>	

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

Billy East, Joyce Richwine
Our Homebound
Pat Grover, JB McCrickard,
Jackie Munden, Mamie Whitehurst



Deepest sympathy is extended to Jenny and Tommy Obenchain on the passing of Jenny's niece, Donna Jean Brandon, on February 20, 2023.

Calendar

Sunday, March 5

9:30 am **Sunday School**
(Children's Class Kindergarten & Older)
To join Dr. Tim's class via Zoom:
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/9274947336>

Meeting ID: 927 494 7336, Passcode: 273082

9:30 am **SOTM**

11:00 am **Worship in Person & Facebook Live**
(Nursery – Nancy Helsel & Shellene Castellow)

3:00-5:00 pm **Girl Scouts**

Monday, March 6

10:00 am-12:00 pm **Food Pantry**
(Nancy Helsel & Mildred Walling)

7:00 pm **HRM Band**

Tuesday, March 7

Wednesday, March 8

5:30-8:30 pm **Green Thumb**

6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday, March 9

10:00 am **Bible Study**

7:00 pm **Model "A" Club**

Friday, March 10

Saturday, March 11

Sunday, March 12

9:30 am **Sunday School**

9:30 am **SOTM**

11:00 am **Morning Worship in Person**
and Facebook Live

3:00 pm **Double Dutch Club**



LOVE THAT WELCOMES ALL

Actor Tom Hanks once said, "There's no substitute for a great love who says, 'No matter what's wrong with you, you're welcome at this table.'" Although I don't know that quote's context, those words could well describe Jesus and Holy Communion, as well as God's unconditional love.

For when Jesus first invited his followers, "Take and eat, this is my body. Take and drink; this is my blood," he didn't exclude Judas, who would betray him, or Peter, who would deny him, or any of the others, who would abandon him as he was arrested and executed.

Indeed, no matter what's wrong with us – what sins we've committed, what flaws we try to hide – Jesus welcomes us to the communion table. And he'll welcome us to the great heavenly banquet at the end of time. For the great love of God declares, "You're all welcome at my table."

- Heidi Hyland Mann



After some time away from the church, author Donald E. Miller returned to the fold. He writes: "One thing that brought me back...was asking simply: What are the alternatives to the church? Where are the communities that sanction the pursuit of meaning and truth as a legitimate enterprise? That have material and personal resources to assist in this search? That provide regular occasions for confession of failures? That renew and inspire? That provide a setting where children are nurtured? Where family members can be buried? Where births can be celebrated? Where social issues can be debated?"

Miller concludes: "There are a number of institutions that deal with one or several of these questions, but historically the church has demonstrated its ability to energize all of these activities."

**It's still winter ... but spring is near. It's Lent ... but we're pointed toward Easter.
Keep us hopeful, Lord.**