

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

March 31 2024



Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook Live at 11:00 am on Sunday, March 31, 2024. Rev. Ned Alderman will bring the message entitled "Jesus Reigns." The Scripture is John 20:1-18.



Cheryl Walker – April 2

KITS FOR CONFERENCE

The United Women of Faith will be doing Kits for Conference again this year. They will do the Menstrual Kits and Hygiene Kits. Directions for the items needed for kits are on the table in the narthex. Kits must be turned in by June 1, 2024.

HE IS RISEN!

"This is the day of the Lord's victory; let us be happy, let us celebrate!" (Psalm 118:24)



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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

<i>Tyrone Armstrong</i>	<i>Hope Hodges & Debbie</i>
<i>Hannah Bailey</i>	<i>MEF RELSUP</i>
<i>Barlow Family</i>	<i>Amber Jenkins</i>
<i>Don Branstetter (friend of Dr. Etheridge)</i>	<i>Earl Jenkins (Ericka's dad)</i>
<i>Richard & Dawn Bray (friends of Bob Carter)</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>Wayne Magner</i>
<i>Curtis & Renee Buchanan</i>	<i>Kristie Masters (friend of Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>Chesapeake Police Dept. Coastal VA District & DS Brooks</i>	<i>Walter Nebrotskie</i>
<i>Sandy Carraway</i>	<i>Pat Newbern</i>
<i>Kent Carter</i>	<i>A. J. Panis (Ethel's friend's son)</i>
<i>Len Carter</i>	<i>Hosea Smith (friend of Monica)</i>
<i>Madeline Day</i>	<i>Loretta Smith (Amy's son's girlfriend's mother)</i>
<i>Jay Eckert (Ethel's nephew)</i>	<i>Tulsa & Sharon Sturges</i>
<i>ForKids</i>	<i>Darrel Taylor (Ericka's coworker)</i>
<i>Freekind Virginia</i>	<i>The League of Advocates UMC General Conference April 23-May 3, 2024</i>
<i>Lydia Friedel. (Bremda granddaughter)</i>	<i>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>Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe</i>
	<i>Tommy Womack</i>
	<i>Our Pastor</i>

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

Billy East

Our Homebound

Virginia Hair, Mamie Whitehurst



Please plan to attend the Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 am Sunday, March 31st in the Pavilion behind the church. A pancake breakfast will follow.

Calendar

Sunday, March 31

- 7:00 am Sunrise Service in Pavilion
Pancake breakfast
9:30 am Sunday School
(Children's Class Kindergarten & Older)
9:30 am SOTM
11:00 am Worship in Person & Facebook Live
(Nursery: Debbie & David Rippard)

Monday, April 1

- 10:00 am Food Pantry
(Helen Haluska & Joanne Rooks)
7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, April 2

Wednesday, April 3

- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 4

- 10:00 am Bible Study (John 20:19-31)

Friday, April 5

Saturday, April 6

- 9:00 am-4:00 pm Girl Scouts

Next Sunday, April 7

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



BUTTERFLY — The butterfly symbolizes resurrection, Easter and the new life we have in Christ Jesus. As a caterpillar disappears into a chrysalis, so Jesus' lifeless body was hidden in a tomb. The emergence of the butterfly, rising into the sky in its beautiful new body, reminds us of Christ's resurrection — and ours.

God's provision while we wait

A November 2023 landslide trapped 41 construction workers in a tunnel they'd been excavating for a Himalayan highway project. For 17 days, they were stranded nearly 3 miles from freedom. When rescuers' drilling equipment broke, miners drilled through the last 2 meters of rock and gravel by hand. Finally, all the workers were pulled to safety through a 3-foot-wide steel pipe. Because they had received food, water, medicines, oxygen and even light through a narrow pipe while underground, all were in good health.

We are trapped in sin and brokenness: our sin and that of others, fragmented relationships and systems, nearby and across the globe. Christianity teaches that God's way of goodness will win in the end. But before full rescue comes, what keeps us alive and hopeful — even healthy?

As water was faithfully provided to the laborers through that narrow pipe, God quenches our thirst through baptism. Scripture and the sacrament of communion are the food and medicine that nourish and strengthen us. Prayer — our own and others' prayers for us — along with the Holy Spirit's gifts such as comfort and joy flow into our lives like the light of hope and the oxygen of life. Though complete rescue seems slow to come, God provides for us while we wait.

—Heidi Hyland Mann