

# Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist

November 21, 2021



*Sunday's service will be in person and also broadcast on Facebook Live at 11:00 am. Masks are optional for persons who are fully vaccinated but must practice social distancing. You can access the service through the Oaklette Church Group on Facebook. You must be a member of that group page to see it however. Please send Dr. Tim a Facebook request to join the group if you are not already a member of the group. You can also access the sermon through the Oaklette UMC Facebook page. The sermon title for Sunday, November 21, 2021 is "Thanks for Nothing." The Scripture is Ephesians 1:15-23 (NIV). If you are unable to use Facebook Live a link can be sent to you by email after the Facebook Live Worship has been recorded, but we will need your email address to do this. The Facebook Live service is also being downloaded to our website on Monday morning. To find it there, click on the worship tab and scroll down until you find it.*



**William Blair – November 22**  
**Jonathan Litten – November 22**  
**Ericks Litten - November 25**  
**Brenda Hodsdon – November 26**  
**Randy Pearce – November 26**  
**Letcher Stephens – November 26**  
**Michael Natchus – November 27**  
**Jerome Dickinson - November 27**



**Phyllis & Walter Nebrotskie**  
**Jenny & Tommy Obenchain**



Advent devotionals are available in the narthex.

The flowers on the altar today are presented to the glory of God by Brenda Swoope in celebration of the birth of her new granddaughter, Lydia Wren Friedel.

The pink rose on the altar is a welcome to Lydia Wren Friedfel, born November 14, 2021.

The Food Basket on the altar today is presented to the glory of God by Ethel Hickman in honor of her daughter, Robin Cheryl Burgan for her birthday.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

<i>Tyrone Armstrong</i>	<i>Brenda &amp; Richard Hodsdon</i>
<i>Joyce Barnes &amp; family</i>	<i>Pat Johnson</i>
<i>Al Bean</i>	<i>Mark Lancaster</i>
<i>Todd Bennett</i>	<i>Herbert Larkin (Linda Gallop's father)</i>
<i>Elizabeth Bergesen</i>	<i>Jan Lockwood</i>
<i>Chris Bliss</i>	<i>Wayne Magner</i>
<i>Curtis &amp; Renee Buchanan</i>	<i>Kristie Masters (friend of Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>Sandy Carraway</i>	<i>JB McCrickard</i>
<i>Judy Carter</i>	<i>Don Moody's mother</i>
<i>Kent Carter</i>	<i>Bonnie Nelson (Amy Weber's cousin)</i>
<i>Sandy Cockrell</i>	<i>Pat Newbern</i>
<i>Edith Crump (Ann Lee's cousin)</i>	<i>Steve O'Neal</i>
<i>Pat Cruz</i>	<i>Debbie Pope</i>
<i>Amy Denton</i>	<i>Mary Jo Roy</i>
<i>Linda Gallop</i>	<i>Carolyn Smith</i>
<i>Joyce Gaston</i>	<i>Linda Stewart</i>
<i>Rita Gray</i>	<i>Betty Whitehurst</i>
<i>Alice Griffin (Tim's mother)</i>	<i>Monica Whitehurst</i>
<i>David Hair</i>	<i>Jan Whitzel</i>
<i>Hope Hodges' Family</i>	<i>Cord Whitley</i>
<i>Kathy Horton</i>	<i>Our Pastor</i>
	<i>Nation, World</i>

### Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

*Howard Combs, Billy East, Joyce Richwine*  
Our Homebound  
*Nell Cucinotta, Pat Grover, Jackie Munden, Mamie Whitehurst*

## Calendar

### Sunday, November 21

9:30 am **Sunday School In-Person & Zoom**

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

Nursery Provided: Debbie Rippard

11:00 am **Worship In-Person & Facebook Live**

Nursery Provided: Nancy Helsel

### Monday, November 22

10:00 am **Food Pantry**

(Nancy Helsel & Mildred Walling)

### Tuesday, November 23

### Wednesday, November 24

### Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed

### Friday, November 26

### Saturday, November 27

### Next Sunday, November 28

9:30 am **Sunday School In-Person & Zoom**

11:00 am **Worship In-Person & Facebook Live**



Congratulations to Rachel and Stephen Friedel on the birth of their baby girl, Lydia Wren, on November 14, 2021. Proud grandmother is Brenda Swoope.



### ANGEL TREE FOR ELEMENTARY CHILDREN

This year Oaklette will again be collecting winter mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for local school children. A tree will be placed in the hallway near the office for your donations. We will be collecting until Sunday, December 12.



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### A NEW THANKSGIVING TRADITION

At Thanksgiving, we give thanks for things (food, home, clothing, work) and loved ones (family, friends, pets). But if the people we name aren't present, they may never know how precious they are to us. This November, start a new tradition by writing notes of thanks to people you appreciate.

Follow Paul's model of starting letters with thanksgiving: "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world" (Romans 1:8 NIV). Notice how he thanks his addressees by thanking God for them. Paul is specific too, not writing, "Thanks for everything."

Expressing genuine thanksgiving to God and another person, you might write something like this:

*Dear Judy, This Thanksgiving I'm thinking about special people in my life. You are one! I thank God for our friendship, for your strong witness for Jesus and for your willingness to lend a hand as a substitute teacher. (Your chocolate cookies are icing on the cake!) I praise God for you! Sincerely, Joan*

Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good.

—Maya Angelou