

# Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

November 3 2024



Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook Live at 11:00 am on Sunday, November 3, 2024. Rev. Ned Alderman will bring the message entitled "Change Time." The Scripture is John 11:32-44 [CEB].



Brooks Ryno – November 3  
Stella Price November 3  
Paxson Davis – November 8  
Beverly Roane – November 8



## UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

The United Women of Faith will be collecting money for the stockings given from the Salvation Army. Cost of each stocking is about \$20. Please make checks payable to United Women of Faith and give to Kay Hill by Sunday, December 1.

Found in Sanctuary:  
Reading glasses.  
Please pick up in office.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

<i>Tyrone Armstrong</i>	<i>Amber Jenkins</i>
<i>Hannah Bailey</i>	<i>Earl Jenkins (Ericka's dad)</i>
<i>Barlow Family</i>	<i>Pat Johnson</i>
<i>Tanya &amp; Steve Benton</i>	<i>Brian Lincoln (friend of Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>Don Branstetter (friend of Dr. Etheridge)</i>	<i>Loving Neighbors Mission Camp</i>
<i>Kendall Brodie (8-yr old friend of Mrs. Hickman's grandson with cancer)</i>	<i>Rose Marie Madu</i>
<i>Megan Carroll</i>	<i>Wayne Magner</i>
<i>Judy Carter</i>	<i>Dennis Marks (Debbie's brother)</i>
<i>Cherry &amp; Sebastian</i>	<i>Terry Martin</i>
<i>Curtis &amp; Renee Buchanan</i>	<i>Kristie Masters (friend of Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>Chesapeake Police Dept. CNRMA ROC</i>	<i>Joann McClung</i>
<i>Coastal VA District &amp; DS Givens</i>	<i>Pat Newbern</i>
<i>Sandy Carraway</i>	<i>A.J. Panis Ethel's friend's son</i>
<i>Kent Carter</i>	<i>Dana Quinn</i>
<i>Len Carter</i>	<i>Hosea Smith (friend of Monica)</i>
<i>Alex Denton</i>	<i>Loretta Smith (Amy's son's girlfriend's mother)</i>
<i>Jay Eckert (Ethel's nephew)</i>	<i>The League of Advocates</i>
<i>ForKids</i>	<i>Edward Thomas</i>
<i>Freekind Virginia</i>	<i>Virginia Conference &amp; Bishop Sue</i>
<i>Girl Scout Troop 550</i>	<i>Mildred Walling</i>
<i>Patricia Guthrie (Mildred Walling's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>Truman Weekly (Paige's Father)</i>
<i>Karon Hardy (Monica's Neighbor)</i>	<i>WesleyODU</i>
<i>Doris Wolfe Harlan (Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in-law)</i>	<i>Betty Whitehurst</i>
<i>Ethel Hickman</i>	<i>Monica Whitehurst</i>
<i>Hope Hodges &amp;Debbie</i>	

### Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

*Billy East*

### Our Homebound

*Virginia Hair*

Please remember the Blessing Box when you are out shopping! Food and sundry supplies are needed. Please place your donations in the box in the coffee area, the Blessing Box, or if you would prefer that Monica shop for you, please see her.

**Calendar**

**Sunday, November 3**

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am SOTM
- 11:00 am Worship in Person & Facebook  
(Nursery: Brooks & Lisa Ryno)
- 12:00 pm Staff Support Meeting

**Monday, November 4**

- 10:00-12:00 pm Food Pantry  
(Lynn Jones & Felix Stephens)

**Tuesday, November 5**

**Election Day**

**Wednesday, November 6**

- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, November 7**

- 9:00 am-3:30 pm HSOTB

- 10:00 am Bible Study

**Friday, November 8**

**Saturday, November 9**

- 2:00 pm Blessing of the Animals  
(Portico behind church)

**Sunday, November 10**

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

**BE PREPARED...TO WAIT**

My husband always keeps a book handy. When he picks up our kids or heads to an appointment, a current title is tucked securely under his arm. He expects to wait — and is prepared to do so. What could have been a frustrating delay turns into extra time to delve further into the story.

I, on the other hand, get caught off-guard if a doctor runs late or a meeting runs long. As the minutes tick by, my down time gets wasted — unless I quietly reflect on God’s goodness, return an email, take a short walk or chat with the person next to me.

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord,” says Psalm 27:14 (NIV). That’s an important reminder as Advent nears. Scripture advises us to use our waiting time wisely, preparing for God and drawing closer to him. What will you do while you wait for Jesus?

—Janna Firestone



**Thank you for your Clergy Appreciation Month gifts. I appreciate your generosity, and I hope to use what you gave me to buy meals for Second-Precinct police officers working on Christmas Eve or New Year’s Eve. Last year, I bought meals from Chick-fil-A on Christmas Eve and from Mission BBQ on New Year’s Eve for the police. This year I’m wondering if gift cards from Panera might be a better option. I welcome your thoughts on this. Maybe we can come up with a plan before the Dec. 9 meeting of the South Norfolk Civic League, which may be the next time I see anyone from the Second Precinct.**

**Thank you, too, in advance, for participating in the Trunk or Treat. I look forward to using this as an opportunity to invite folks to our special events in the next two months, starting with the Nov. 9 Blessing of the Animals. If you have time before the Trunk or Treat, please read chapter five of our Sunday school text, *Disciple Like Jesus*, which tells of the importance for disciples to connect with people outside the church in service of Jesus Christ. I’d like to follow up on this idea next year with *Get Their Name: Grow Your Church by Building New Relationships*. More on that later.**

**Grace and peace,  
Ned**