

TIM TALK
“The Happy Family”

One of my favorite menu items at Chinese restaurants is what is called Happy Family. It’s a dish made up of a mix of vegetables (broccoli, water chestnuts, baby corn, bamboo shoots, mushrooms, and carrots), and meats (beef, pork and chicken) and seafood (shrimp, lobster/crab meat and scallops) cooked in a simple brown sauce. I like it because it not only contains all my favorite foods; it saves me the hassle of making decisions.

The church, like my choice on the Chinese menu, sometimes believes that it too must be one big “happy family;” where all get along perfectly as if chicken and seafood were created to swim in the same tank together. As a pastor I struggle with the ideal of being one big happy family. After all, it denies the uniqueness of our differences. It also grooms me as a pastor to be more “pleasing” to everyone’s opinions and in so doing I end up compromising my faith in Jesus Christ. What I am saying, is that as a pastor my calling is to please God; not the people. The more of myself I put into pleasing people the less of self I discover I have. And the less of self I have the less of me I have to please God.

In their book *The Unnecessary Pastor* Marva Dawn and Eugene Peterson write: *“Some Christians have the mistaken notion that we ought all to like each other in our churches, but sometimes I think God purposefully puts us together with people we can’t stand to give us practice in learning to love our enemies.”*

I don’t know about you, but when I first read this quote my initial response was, “Ouch!” The more I meditated on the quote, however, the more I began to realize the truth behind their words.

In his second letter to the Corinthians Paul in the tenth verse of the twelfth chapter (The Living Bible) writes; *“Since I know it is all for Christ’s good, I am quite happy about ‘the thorn,’ and about insults and hardships, persecutions and difficulties; for when I am weak, then I am strong—the less I have, the more I depend on him.”* Certainly, Paul’s words echo Dawn’s and Peterson’s words concerning our notion that we ought all to like each other in our churches. As a pastor I have had more than my fair share of people who have seemed like thorns in my side. I have even lamented over them. But every time I go to God in prayer about them the only answer I get from God is to love these thorns all the more. The weakness Paul is talking about is, I believe, the ability to understand that through our own weaknesses God’s grace is able to abound all the more. In other words; it’s not my successfulness at being perfect in creating a happy family that gets God’s attention...it’s my admittance that without God I can accomplish nothing. Romans 5:20 says it best: *“As much as sin may abound, God’s grace abounds even more”* (The New Interpreter’s Bible Commentary).

My struggle with maintaining a Happy Family (that is, striving to make you happy with me) has begun to take its toll. Thanks to the love of the church leadership, I have begun to take some corrective steps. I will be taking more time for self-care including exercising, being more intentional with my days off, going to the movies more often, and participating in moments of self-reflection and meditation. I have come to realize that taking care of myself including that of my relationship with Jesus Christ will in the long run truly make us an even more "Happy Family" where our first priority will be to serve God and not self.

I close with a prayer that I found in a daily devotional from March of 2010: "Dear Lord, let me be more concerned about pleasing you than I am winning the approval of others and preserving my status in their eyes." May this become your prayers as well, so that together, with Christ at the lead we will truly become the Happy Family.

In Christ's Service,

Tim

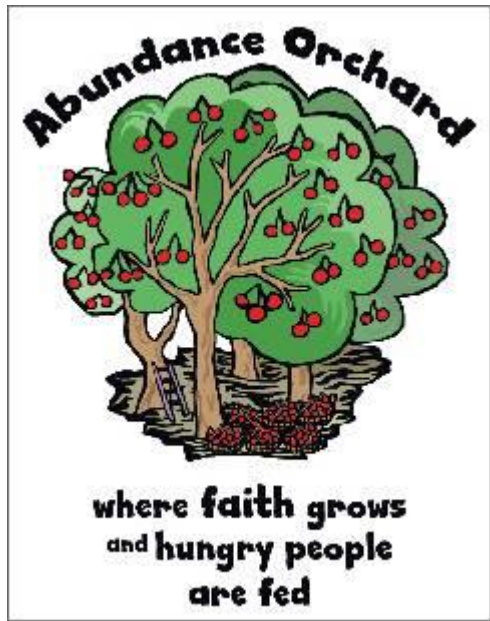
Dr. Timothy D. Hazlett



FOLLOW, KNOW & BECOME LIKE JESUS



**BECOMING A WARRIOR NOT A
WORRIER BIBLE STUDY
BARNES & NOBLES STARBUCK'S CAFÉ
AT GREENBRIER
(LOCATED NEXT TO THE HARRIS TEETER)
WEDNESDAY'S AT 1:00 PM**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH – THURSDAY JUNE 28TH

“Where faith grows and hungry people are fed”

Theme: Trust and faith in the God who always provides for our needs.

5:30 – 8:30 pm

Ages 4–11

Anyone interested in helping, please contact
Shellene Castellow.

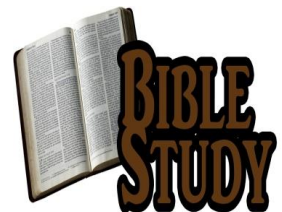


KITS FOR CONFERENCE

Virginia's Annual Conference is fast approaching and that means we need to gather our Kits for Conference. This year due to the massive amount of damage caused by hurricanes in 2017 UMCOR has put out an appeal for only Cleaning Kits (Flood Buckets) and Hygiene Kits. Kits and buckets must be placed in the Church Parlor across the hall from the Pastor's Office by Sunday, June 10th.

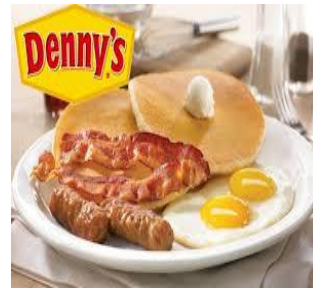
THURSDAY'S WITH TIM

Thursday's with Tim is a Bible Study that meets in the John Teter Classroom at 10 AM on Thursdays. The class is currently studying 1 & 2 Samuel.



BREAKFAST AT DENNY'S

Oaklette is encouraging you and your friends to gather for a 'social breakfast' at the Battlefield Blvd. Denny's located in front of the Home Depot on the second Friday of every month. In June that's Friday, the 8th! This is an opportunity for the good folk of Oaklette to "get outside of the castle" and into the neighborhood of which we are a part. No reservations are necessary! Just show up and eat breakfast (or a snack). Breakfast is on you. Debbie Rippard will be there to greet you at 9:00AM!



**FREE MOVIE NIGHT
SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH
7:00 – 9:00 pm – FELLOWSHIP HALL
“Fireproof”**



In the wake of his daring rescue of a complete stranger, decorated firefighter Caleb Holt (Kirk Cameron) realizes the extent to which he has failed as a husband. In a desperate attempt to save his relationship with his wife Holt turns to "The Love Dare," a Christian self-help book. At the prompting of his devout father, -- and guided by the book itself -- Holt embarks on a 40-day mission to rescue his marriage from the looming specter of divorce.

SERMONS FOR JUNE 2018

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
“Treasure in Plastic Bottles”
2 Corinthians 4:5–12 (MSG)**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
“When God is Not Enough”
1 Samuel 30:4–20 (NRSV)**

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018
ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUNDAY
(NO 8:30 AM WORSHIP)

“Lifelong Learners”

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis

(We will be using Bishop Lewis’ Sermon preached at Annual Conference in June 2017.)

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
“Name Your Hurricane”
Mark 4:35–41 (NRSV)



WORSHIP FOR OUR CURRENT TIMES

“Come to the river where you will thirst no more.”

Sunday’s at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall!

The River will not gather Sunday, June 17th.

MAYBERRY CHURCH

Sunday at 7:00PM - Fellowship Hall



Come and join this exciting gathering of believers growing in their journey with Christ. Using the Bible and classic episodes of “The Andy Griffith Show” and “Mayberry R.F.D” Oaklette is offering this unique and award-winning opportunity for south Hampton Roads. Our worship themes and episodes are as follows:

- **June 3 – Episode: “The Copy Machine”** – Mike accidentally receives a paper copier through the mail. Rather than returning the machine he and a friend decide to go into business making copies of documents for local business. With a 10-day return policy the kids think they can't lose. That is till they accidentally damage the unit beyond repair and somehow have to explain the situation to Mike's father. Theme: Warranties and Guarantees. Scripture: Hebrews 6:17 (MSG) – *“When God wanted to guarantee his promises, he gave his word, a rock-solid guarantee—God can’t break his word.”*

- **June 10 – Episode: “The Panel Show”** – A television company writes to the town asking them to send two representatives to New York to record a show about where is better Mayberry or New York City. Emmett and Howard are chosen by the town to defend the honor of all small towns across America. Things don't go well and Howard returns to Mayberry an outcast till an odd twist of events teaches the town and Howard some inner truths. Theme: Humility. Scripture: Proverbs 29:23 (MSG) – “Pride lands you flat on your face; humility prepares you for honors.”
- **June 17 – Episode: “Youth Takes Over”** – Andy and Sam push for a new youth initiative that will allow students to take up the major role in running the town for a day. The children embrace their roles with far more enthusiasm than anyone thought. Theme: Learning Life Lessons from Children. Scripture: Psalm 8:2 (TLB) – “*You have taught the little children to praise you perfectly. May their example shame and silence your enemies!*”

**THIS WILL BE THE LAST MAYBERRY CHURCH OF THE SUMMER.
MAYBERRY CHURCH WILL BE ON HIATUS UNTIL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018.]**

RED, WHITE & BLUE SUNDAY

Just like last year Oaklette and Spirit of Truth Ministries will be celebrating Red, White & Blue Sunday together again this year! Following the 11:00 AM Worship Celebration on Sunday, July 1st both congregations (who will be participating in worship together) will gather in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish (salad, casserole, dessert, etc.) to share! Remember to wear your red, white and blue colors!



Our goal is to feed 14,000 people! \$2,232.60 has been raised leaving a balance of \$1,839.00. Meals will be packaged in September.

Pray for our Military (In order to protect the safety of our Troops and their families, we will no longer list their whereabouts or their branches of service.)

Micah Beasley - (Nephew of Verna Carroll)

Jordan Carter - (Grandson of Len & Carole Carter)

Justin Castellow - (Son of Buzz and Shellene Castellow)

Troy Hudgins - (Nephew of Jenny & Tommy Obenchain)

Brian Miller - (Grandson-in-law of Adel Denson)

Major Matt Springer - (Son of Wayne & Sharon Springer)

Scott W. Weifert

Capt. Paul Leon Wolfe III - (Grandson of Barbara & Jack Buchanan)



Remember our Shut-ins with Cards, Calls, Visits, & Prayers

Billy East

2701 Border Rd
Chesapeake, VA 23324

Mildred Hair

164 Culpepper Rd
South Mills, NC 27976

Verna Carroll

Beth Shalom
6401 Auburn Drive #123
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Jackie Munden

3009 Mattox Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23325

Marjorie Harrison

Chesapeake Place
1508 Volvo Parkway
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Thelma Peele

325 Redbrick Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23325

Bessie Mae Etheridge

1513 Waterside Dr. N.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Sally Phillips

3031 Yakima Rd.
Chesapeake, VA 23325

Mamie Whitehurst

1033 Hobb Road.
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Howard Combs

Autumn Care
Room 302
715 Argyll Street
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Ann Earley 2A #36

Va Bch Health & Rehab Ctr
1801 Camelot Dr
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Fleda Humphries

Kempsville Health/Rehab
5520 Indian River Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Mable Lowrimore

1104 Nolan Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA 23435

Pat Grover

1726 Harvest Bend Ct.
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Adel Denson

Chesapeake Place
1508 Volvo Parkway
Chesapeake, VA 23320



Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Gloria Maddrey who went to be with the Lord on May 3, 2018.



Thank you to everyone who helped with the United Methodist Women's Yard Sale in any way – donations, set-up, baked goods, kitchen help, shoppers, clean-up and any other assistance that was given to make the day a great success!



Free WiFi is available throughout the building. You can access it with the password blessing4u.

A prayer for families



Heavenly Father, we come as your children to praise you for putting us into families. Thank you for the love and nourishment we've received — and been blessed to give. We confess our need for your daily forgiveness and guidance in our families. Please grant harmony in our homes and help us always show respect and love for one another. In Jesus' name.

Amen.



Happy Father's Day!

**June**

-3-
Shirley Dickinson
-10-
Jan Whitzel
-17-
Tim & Lori Hazlett
-24-
John & Linda Tandy

**Food Basket**

-3-
-10-
-17-
-24-
Ethel Hickman

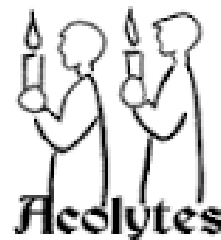
Please sign up for altar flowers and Food Basket. There are many, many blank lines to fill!

**June Food Pantry Workers**

-4-
Duane Johnstone
&
Emma Beggs
-7-
Janice LoBello
&
Jenny Obenchain
-11-
Paige Weifert
&
Truman Weekley
-14-
JoAnn Story
&
Ann Lee
-18-
Paige Weifert
&
Truman Weekley
-21-
Ree Enlow
&
Helene Haluska
-25-
Theresa Magner
&
Lillian Everett
-28-
Connie & Richard Tucker



Volunteers are needed to work the Food Pantry on Mondays and Thursdays. It is only for two hours per shift and usually only one shift per several months. Please contact Barbara Bennett if you are interested.

**June**

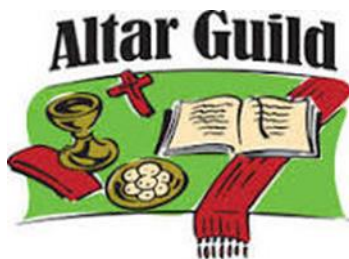
-3-
Jessica Weifert
-10-
Barbara Bennett
-17-
Jerome Dickinson
-24-
Jessica Weifert



Please use the following email address when communicating with the church:
oaklette@oakletteumc.org

**JUNE**

-11-
Judy & Bob Carter
-12-
Carol & Bill Henry
-14-
Brenda & Richard
Hodsdon
-20-
JoAnn & Randy Story
-23-
Gwendolyn & Brian
McDonald
-25-
Janice & Tim LoBello
Linda & John Tandy, Jr.
-26-
Lorraine & Earl Baker

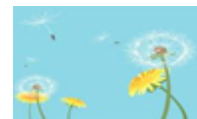
**June**

**Judy Carter
&
Mildred Walling**



-1-
Daniel Etheridge
Steven Rudis
-2-
Chuck Litten-
-3-
Wendi Butler
JB McCrickard
-4-
Greg Obenchain
-5-
David Grubb
Adam Hendrickson
Sarah Martinez
-7-
Vickie Stephens
-8-
Debbie Nebrotskie
Marvin Murden, Sr.
Opal Myers
-9-
Pattie Moulton
Kelli Evans
-10-
Matt Blakely
-11-
Rose Marie Enlow
-12-
Bessie Etheridge
-14-
Kimberly Pizer
Arte Jones
Megan Meharg
-16-
Bobby Phillips
-18-
Bradley Wilson

-17-
Dean Evans
-19-
Angie Myers
-20-
Lois Cress
Justin Silverman
Megan Silverman
-21-
Diane Wilson
Kathi Howell
Megan Mulrooney
-23-
Alisa Gerald
-24-
Susan Mulrooney
Lisa Ryno
-26-
Chip Payette III
-29-
Rocky Holcomb III
-30-
Jeffrey Kidd
Kylie Moody
Sarah Miles

**The dandelion**

The dandelion's pallid tube
astonishes the grass,
and winter instantly becomes an
infinite alas.


The tube uplifts a signal bud and
then a shouting flower,
the proclamation of the suns that
sepulture is o'er.

—Emily Dickinson

Clear-headed faith

Most often ... worry is a lack of confidence in life, in its purpose, in God. Faith in life, in God, is native to the human spirit. ... Worry is faith in reverse. Not only because most of the things we are anxious over never come to pass, but also because, when we worry, the most obvious things to do in our situation are overlooked. We should relax our tension by trusting God and putting at the disposal of that trust a clear head.

—Howard Thurman, *Deep Is the Hunger*



Beloved children

God our heavenly Father loves us so much that he calls us his.

Directions: Follow the instructions below. Then read the remaining words, going across the rows from left to right, to complete 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV.

- Cross out the opposite of blessings.
- Cross out the disciple who betrayed Jesus.
- Cross out the opposite of love.
- Cross out a word for jail.
- Cross out what happened to Jesus.
- Cross out the opposite of friends.

- Cross out the opposite of found.
- Cross out a word for disobeying God.
- Cross out an animal.
- Cross out a place.
- Cross out a book of the Bible.

I	enemies	will	be	Judas
hate	a	Father	to	serpent
you	and	you	will	crucified
cursings	be	my	sons	and
sin	Golgotha	daughters	says	the
Lamentations	prison	Lord	Almighty	lost

Answer: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV

Bible Quiz

What word can be placed in all four blanks to complete this Bible passage?

"But just as he who called you is _____, so be _____ in all you do; for it is written: 'Be _____, because I am _____.'"

- A. righteous
- B. holy
- C. loving
- D. merciful

(Answer on Page 12)



DADS are a BLESSING

Surprise your dad or another special man with this Father's Day gift.



What you need:

- Photos of you and your loved one (together, if possible)
- Scissors
- 8.5" x 11" paper
- Glue stick
- Marker
- 8.5" x 11" photo frame



What you do:

1. Cut photos into shapes (hearts, circles, etc.).
2. Arrange photos on the paper, leaving room for a message, and glue them down.
3. Write: "I'm blessed as can be. My heavenly Father has given me the best _____ [dad, uncle, friend] in the world, and he belongs to me!"
4. Place your picture message in the frame.
5. Give your gift to show love and appreciation.

Scholarships!

Beginning May 1, 2018, scholarship applications will be accepted. Applications are located on the bulletin board next to the church office. Deadline for submitting applications is June 15, 2018.



The United Methodist Men are selling their homemade apple butter. Prices are \$9.00 per quart and \$5.00 per pint.

**BILLBOARDS FOR JESUS**

An online search for “advertising fails” reveals some hilarious and cringe-worthy signs. Often the “fail” is due to an ad’s placement. For example, a billboard about childhood obesity appears next to one for a fast-food restaurant, and a promotion for *The Walking Dead* is posted near a mortuary.

As Christ’s ambassadors on earth (see 2 Corinthians 5:20), we serve as walking, talking billboards for Jesus and our faith. Despite our sinfulness – and often “cringe-worthiness” – Jesus lives in us, whom he created to do good works (see Ephesians 2:10).

Even though we will never be perfect billboards for Jesus, let’s not cover up our message. Instead, let’s embrace the privilege of being salt and light (see Matthew 5:13-16), proclaiming the gospel in a dark world.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 6:30 PM SOTM Children's Worship & Dance Group
3 8:30 AM The River 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM-2 PM SOTM 11 AM Worship 7 PM Mayberry Church 7 PM AA	4 10 AM Food Pantry 10:30 AM Golden Girls Circle 6 PM Strategic Planning 6 PM SOTM Youth Heritage 7 PM Church Council 7 PM HRM Band	5 Bulletin Articles Due 6:30 PM Circle of Joy 7 PM NA 7 PM SOTM Men's Ministry 7 PM SOTM Women's Ministry	6 9 AM TOPS 1 PM Bible Study Barnes & Noble 7 PM Choir Practice	7 10 AM Food Pantry 10 AM Thursday w/Tim 2 PM Circle of Love 7 PM SOTM Bible Study	8 9 AM Breakfast at Denny's	9 2-3:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM SOTM Children's Worship & Dance Group 7 PM Family Movie
10 8:30 AM The River 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM-2 PM SOTM 11 AM Worship & Royal Kids 7 PM Mayberry Church 7 PM AA	11 10 AM Food Pantry 6 PM SOTM Youth Heritage 7 PM HRM Band	12 Bulletin Articles Due 7 PM NA	13 9 AM TOPS 1 PM Bible Study at Barnes & Noble 7 PM Choir Practice	14 10 AM Food Pantry 10 AM Thursdays w/Tim 7 PM SOTM Bible Study 7 PM Model "A" Club	15	16 6:30 PM SOTM Children's Worship & Dance Group
17 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM-2 PM SOTM 11 AM Worship & Royal Kids 7 PM Mayberry Church 7 PM AA	18 10 AM Food Pantry 6 PM SOTM Youth Heritage 6:30 PM Administrative Team 7 PM HRM Band	19 Bulletin Articles Due Newsletter Articles Due 7 PM NA 7 PM SOTM Men's Ministry 7 PM SOTM Women's Ministry	20 9 AM TOPS 1 PM Bible Study at Barnes & Noble 7 PM Choir Practice	21 10 AM Food Pantry 10 AM Thursday w/Tim 7 PM SOTM Bible Study 7 PM Friends of Indian River	22	23 2-3:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 pm SOTM Children's Praise Worship & Dance Group 7 PM Family Movie
24 8:30 AM The River 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM-2 PM SOTM 11 AM Worship & Royal Kids 5:30-8:30 PM Vacation Bible School 7 PM AA	25 10 AM Food Pantry 6 PM SOTM Youth Heritage 5:30-8:30 PM Vacation Bible School 7 PM HRM Band	26 Bulletin Articles Due 8:30 AM Newsletter Assembly 5:30-8:30 PM Vacation Bible School 7 PM NA	27 9 AM TOPS 1 PM Bible Study at Barnes & Noble 6 PM UMM 5:30-8:30 PM Vacation Bible School 7 PM Choir Practice	28 10 AM Food Pantry 10 AM Thursday w/Tim 5:30-8:30 PM Vacation Bible School 7 PM SOTM Bible Study	29	30 6:30 PM SOTM Children's Worship & Dance Group

Oaklette United Methodist Church
520 Oaklette Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23325

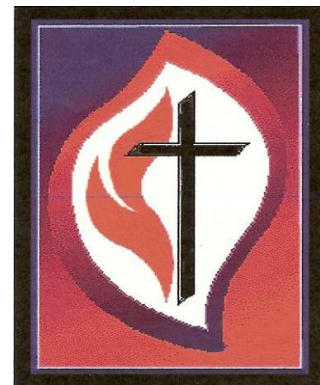
NON-PROFIT
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
NORFOLK, VA
PERMIT NO. 543

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Oaklette's Mission Statement:
"God's Body in this Community"

"Oaklette United Methodist Church through worship, education, and outreach, seeks to make the Gospel of Jesus Christ real, as we minister to all people.



Oaklette Staff

Pastor: Dr. Timothy D. Hazlett
Director of Music: Dana Moody
Financial Secretary: Edna Bess
Admin. Asst.: Eileen Ballance
Phone: (757) 545-7434
Fax #: (757) 543-2222
Parsonage: (757) 494-9369
Editor: Eileen Ballance