

TIM TALK
“Lilies and Sparrows”



In January Nancy Helsel, Amy Weber, Helene Haluska and I had the privilege to receive, on behalf of Oaklette Church, the Elizabeth River Project’s River Star Business (Achievement Level) Award! The church received this distinguished award for the following reason: *“Confronted with standing water in front of the church after rain, Oaklette used memorial gifts and partnered with the Elizabeth River Project and Friends of the Indian River to develop a new rain garden. That means less runoff to the nearby Indian River off the Eastern Branch of the Elizabeth. They are caring for God’s Creation on the land entrusted to them as a worship place and making their grounds more inviting to guests and visitors.”* (This was written by Rev. Ellen Comstock as a “Glory Sighting” to be published with both the District and Conference News Services).

As Oaklette’s name was being read and as I was walking up to receive the award at the Elizabeth River Project’s River Star Business Banquet I was overcome with an awesome sense of humility. It was humbling to know that the church I serve was truly being a blessing to God’s creation by being a good steward of the environment.

Jesus, in telling us not to be anxious about tomorrow tells us to look at the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. He says of the birds; *“they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.”* He then says of the lilies; *“look how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.”* I believe Jesus often looked to the creation to set the example for how we as his disciples are to live out our faith. Without the lilies and the sparrows we would have no clue about how to live less anxious lives.

Shane Claiborne in his book *Red Letter Revolution* says that *“when we lose touch with creation, we can lose touch with God.”* As co-creators with God it is imperative that we do everything we can possibly do to protect the environment, not only to save the lilies and the sparrows, but more importantly to honor the creation that we are a part of. If our polluting of the environment causes the sparrows and lilies to die then we ourselves lose touch with God and die as well.

It is with this passion for the creation that the leadership of Oaklette Church will continue to become more environmentally friendly. We are already busy planning ways that we can become better stewards at reducing our carbon footprint so that the lilies

and sparrows, along with the crabs and oysters of the Elizabeth River (Indian River too) can thrive! Remember their ability to thrive assures our ability to thrive.

In Christ's Service,

Tim

Dr. Timothy D. Hazlett



disciple.

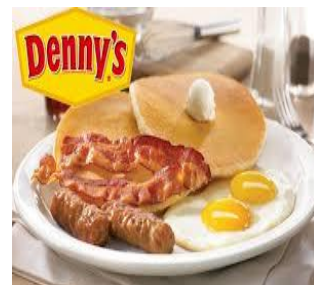
FOLLOW, KNOW & BECOME LIKE JESUS

**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**



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 February that's Friday, the 9th! 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!



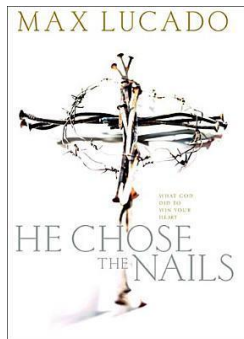


FREE MOVIE NIGHT
SATURDAY, MARCH 10
7:00 – 9:00 pm – FELLOWSHIP HALL
“Fireproof”

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.



LENT SERMON SERIES CONTINUES



Using Max Lucado's book He Chose the Nails Dr. Tim is exploring the gifts that Christ gave at his crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the thorns that pierced his brow, nails that tore his flesh, seamless robe that he removed for us, and empty tomb where he defeated death. The cross is rich with God's gifts of grace, and as we unwrap them, we will hear him whisper, "I did it just for you." Join Dr. Tim on Sunday mornings at The River and our Traditional Service as we give thanks that "He

chose the nails."

SERMONS FOR MARCH 2018

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: HE CHOSE THE NAILS

"He Chose to Invite Us into His Presence"

Galatians 3:1-29 (NEB)

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: HE CHOSE THE NAILS

"He Chose to Love Us Forever"

John 3:1-16 (CEV)

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: HE CHOSE THE NAILS

“What Will We Leave at the Cross?”

Galatians 2:15–21 (MSG)

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY/EASTER CANTATA

Presented by Oaklette’s Chancel Choir

Please join us for a reception honoring the Chancel Choir
in the John Teter Classroom following the Cantata.



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 on Sunday, March 25th.



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” Oaklette is offering this unique and award-winning opportunity for south Hampton Roads.

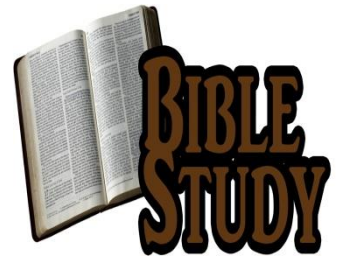
Our worship themes and episodes are as follows:

- **March 4 – Episode: “Sam for Town Council”** – There’s a showdown brewing on the streets of Mayberry when a town council seat comes up for grabs and the two candidates are Emmett and a local farmer whom Andy has chosen to back. Theme: The Politics of Favoritisms. Scripture: Psalm 58:1–2 (MSG): *“Is this any way to run a country? Is there an honest politician in the house? Behind the scenes you brew cauldrons of evil, behind closed doors you make deals with demons.”*

- **March 11 – Episode: “Opie and Mike”** – When Sam’s son Mike is targeted by a bully, Opie decides to step in and act as Mike’s protector – until he’s sidetracked by the new girl next door. Theme: Our Protector. Scripture: Psalm 36:7 (MSG) – *“How exquisite your love, O God! How eager we are to run under your wings”*
- **March 18 – Episode: “A Girl for Goober”** – Goober’s responses on a dating service’s application result in a perfect mismatch between he and an intellectual woman with a Ph.D. degree. Theme: Compatibility. Scripture: Deuteronomy 22:10 (NIV) – *“Do not plow with an ox and a donkey yoked together.”*
- **February 25 – Episode: “Mayberry R.F.D.”** – Sam hires a friend from Italy to work his farm...the only challenge his friend brings his entire family with him and all of Mayberry must make adjustments. Theme: Welcoming Strangers into Our Midst. Scripture: Hebrews 12:13 (NIV) – *“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”*

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 the Book of Judges. You are invited to join Dr. Tim during the month of March as we continue our journey through Judges.



MARCH FELLOWSHIP EVENT

PALM SUNDAY RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE CANTATA



The March Fellowship Event will be held on Sunday, March 25th following the 11 AM Worship Celebration. The Worship Team will be hosting this event with finger foods and sandwiches in the John Teter Classroom. This will also be a time for the congregation to offer up their thanks to the members of the Chancel Choir for the weekly ministry they bring to Oaklette!

TENEBRAE

On Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday) Oaklette will be celebrating Tenebrae. The word "tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." Tenebrae is an ancient Christian service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday



entry through Jesus' burial. This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and of hopelessness in the world without God. The service concludes in darkness, sometimes with a final candle, the Christ candle, carried out of the sanctuary, symbolizing the death of Jesus. A loud noise may also sound symbolizing the closing of Jesus' tomb. The worshipers then leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the coming Resurrection. Join Oaklette for this worship experience at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary on Thursday, March 29th.



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

This year we will be gathering in the backyard of John and Linda Tandy's home for Easter Sunrise. The Tandys reside at 513 Oaklette Drive and overlook the Indian River. You are more than welcome to park in the church parking lot or even on the parsonage lawn and walk across the street to the Tandys. Worship begins at 7:00 AM. In case of inclement weather we will be gathering in Oaklette's sanctuary.

THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER OFFERING

Please remember to turn in your Thirty Pieces of Silver bags by Easter Sunday! Our goal this year is to raise enough funds to provide 14,000 meals to Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now). Packaging of these meals will be done by us in late September.



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



If you would like to place a lily on the altar Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of a loved one, please complete one of the slips on the bulletin board across from the office, or call the office no later than the morning of March 26, 2018. Cost is \$9.50.

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)
- Jason Evans** - (Son of Linda & Dean Evans)
- Troy Hudgins** - (Nephew of Jenny & Tommy Obenchain)
- Brian Miller** - (Grandson-in-law of Adel Denson)
- Ian R Scarborough** - (Grandson of Bertie Scarborough)
- 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
304 Kemp Ln.
Chesapeake, VA 23325

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

Pat Grover
1726 Harvest Bend Ct.
Virginia Beach, VA 23464



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Jerome Dickinson
- 11-
Judy Litten
- 18-
- 25-
Lillian Everett



Food Basket

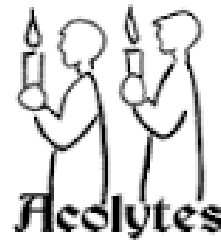
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Nancy Helsel
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Shirley Dickinson

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

March Food Pantry Workers

- 1-
Nancy Helsel
&
Mildred Walling
- 5-
Peggy Johnson
&
Kim Garton
- 8-
Jenny Obenchain
&
Joyce Gaston
- 12-
Stella Price
&
Judy Carter
- 15-
Paige Weifert
&
Truman Weekley
- 19-
Atha Wimmer
&
Kim Garton
- 22-
Linda Gallop
&
Shelley Castellow
- 26-
Paige Weifert
&
Truman Weekley

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.



March

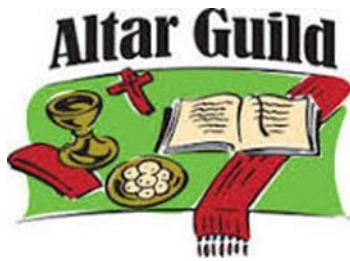
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Jessica Weifert
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Barbara Bennett
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Jerome Dickinson
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Arte Jones



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



MARCH
-11-
Ethel & Robert Hickman



March

Barbara Bennett
&
Linda Tandy



Acolytes of all ages are needed to serve during worship services. Only one Sunday a month is required. Please see Arte Jones or call the church office to sign up.

March Birthdays

- 1-
Kady Grace Bailey
- 2-
Debra Kinn
- 3-
Perry Harris, Jr.
Bob Bailey
Judy Litten
Linda Gallop
- 4-
Charlotte Walton
Jessica Dawn Weifert
- 5-
John Buchanan
Donna Bradley
- 6-
Jacob Butler
- 7-
Albert Greenfield
- 8-
Russell Poyner II
- 9-
Cassie Weifert
Adam Blakely
- 11-
Peggy Johnson
- 14-
Brian McDonald
- 15-
Janice LoBello
- 16-
Susan Hamlin
- 19-
Julian Baker
Joe Kasmark
- 21-
Cathy Grubb

- 23-
Jeannie Simpson
Jonathan Wilson
- 24-
Herbert Larkin
Tim LoBello
Betty Williams
- 29-
Clint Driskill
- 31-
Colin Carroll
Jackie Munden



Thank you for the cards, calls and prayers during the time of the passing of my brother, Edward Cullop. Your love and concern is most appreciated.
Carole Carter



To the congregation of Oaklette United Methodist Church:
Thank you for caring so much through cards, visits and prayers during my current illness. It means a lot. I appreciate your love and care.
Many thanks,
BettyRicks



Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

A = E = I = O = U =

"L _ RD, _ _ r L _ rd, h _ w
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 n _ m _ _ n _ ll th _
 _ _ rth!"
 Ps _ lm 8:1, N _ V

Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"
 Psalm 8:1, NIV

Bible Quiz

According to Matthew's account, what was torn when Jesus died?

- A. Mary's headdress — she tore it as a traditional Jewish sign of grief
- B. A Roman guard's sash — Peter grabbed and ripped it in anger
- C. Jesus' robe — the soldiers divided it among themselves
- D. The temple curtain — torn in two from top to bottom

Answer on Page 13

FRUIT LADYBUGS

Get creative in the kitchen with this sweet springtime snack.

What you need:

- Strawberries (washed)
- Knife
- Plate or wax paper
- ½ cup melted chocolate chips
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Blueberries (washed)
- Adult help



What you do:

1. De-stem the strawberries. Cut in half and then cut a small V atop each half to make the ladybug body. Set them on a plate or wax paper.
2. Place the melted chocolate in a baggie and cut off the tip of a bottom corner.
3. Pipe a dividing line and "spots" on each strawberry. Also use the chocolate to attach a blueberry "head" by the V shape.
4. Pipe chocolate antennae and legs onto ladybugs.
5. Let harden. Enjoy!



Comuunity Outreach

On March 17, 2018 Oaklette UMC and the City of Chesapeake will hold an Easter Egg Hunt at the Clarence V. Cuffee Community Center from 9:00-11:00 am. We need your help! I spoke with folks at the community center and they said to expect about 200 children and we estimate that each child will collect approximately 20 eggs each. So please pray about how you can be a part of this exciting new outreach – by donating plastic eggs, donating candy, volunteering to stuff the eggs and/or working the event itself. You may respond to any or all of the requests. I will place a bin outside of the youth room for collecting donated items. I will have a sign-up sheet at the different services available for you to sign up for a volunteer position or four. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 724-880-3206. Thanks in advance for your support in this exciting new outreach.

Ree Enlow

Chesapeake Recycles

The next recycle date is March 24 from 9:00 am -12:00 pm at Tidewater Community College, 1428 Cedar Road, Chesapeake

Accepted items: Electronics, clothing, household items, household hazardous waste, and sensitive documents.

Not accepted: Tires, tube TVs

For more information, please check the city website.



New Recycling Rules Coming March 1 for What's Allowed in Recycling Bins

A recent article in the Virginian Pilot referenced a previous report that China is clamping down on contamination in imported scrap commodities and recyclables effective March 1st. The Pilot has promised to give readers information about potential recyclable items and whether, according to the president and owner of Chesapeake-based TFC Recycling, which handles recycling for most of Hampton Roads, they are acceptable or not.

Some allowed items – Cartons that contained broth, soup, orange/tomato juice, kids juice containers, water bottles, ketchup and mustard bottles (okay to leave cap on, but don't leave liquid in the bottle).

Not allowed: Beer caps (too small), pizza boxes (too messy), plastic bags (don't even think about it! Plastic bags are the biggest no-no for TFC Recycling containers!), flat screens and electronics are not acceptable in your bin.

Bottom Line: Stick with paper, bottles and cans. For questions email recycling@pilotonline.com.



Daylight Saving Time begins March 11! Be sure to move your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 10th.



Coming May 5th!
United Methodist Women's Yard Sale!
 Please start looking around attics, closets and garages for items to donate. However, please hold them at home until the week before the sale.

Let every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life, and every setting sun be to you as its close. Then let every one of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing done for others, some goodly strength or knowledge gained for yourself.

- John Ruskin



Rewoven

After Jen Hatmaker's dog shredded an heirloom baby blanket, she piled up the dirty yarn and asked her mother-in-law to somehow reassemble the original. In *Of Mess and Moxie* (Nelson Books), Hatmaker explains how this is a picture of God's sovereign work.

When our lives are tattered by sin and suffering, God doesn't start from scratch or create a replica. Instead, he uses the original threads to reweave a stronger version and to restore beauty. (Interestingly, when Joseph tells his brothers in Genesis 50:2 (ESV), "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good," the word meant is Hebrew for wove.)

"Nothing bears a better witness than watching God resurrect someone's life," write Hatmaker. "That is a God who folks want to know, a God worth his glory."

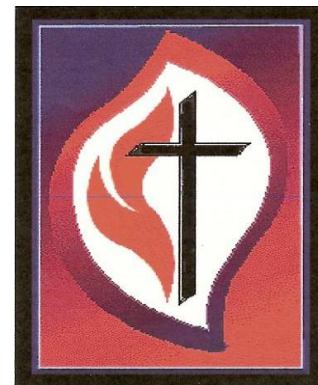
Answer to Bible Quiz:
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