

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

October 6 2024



Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook Live at 11:00 am on Sunday, October 6, 2024. Rev. Ned Alderman will bring the message entitled "A Life Lived in Thanksgiving." The Scripture is Mark 10:2-16 [NIV]

October 6th is World Communion Sunday and a special offering will be collected for United Methodist students.



Sarah Sharpley – October 6
Carole Carter – October 7
Chris Carroll – October 11



Sharon & Wayne Springer – October 6
Linda & Calvin Gallop IV – October 9
Barbara & John Buchanan – October 9
Rachel & Stephen Friedel – October 10



The family of Barbara and John Buchanan want to recognize their 70th anniversary and the years of dedication to each other. Praise the Lord for the wonderful role models that they are!

PRAYER CONCERNS

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| <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 & 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 & Sebastian</i> | <i>Terry Martin</i> |
| <i>Curtis & Renee Buchanan</i> | <i>Kristie Masters (friend of Ethel Hickman)</i> |
| <i>Chesapeake Police Dept. CNRMA ROC</i> | <i>Pat Newbern</i> |
| <i>Coastal VA District & DS Givens</i> | <i>AJ. Panis Ethel's friend's son</i> |
| <i>Sandy Carraway</i> | <i>Dana Quinn</i> |
| <i>Kent Carter</i> | <i>Hosea Smith (friend of Monica)</i> |
| <i>Len Carter</i> | <i>Loretta Smith (Amy's son's girlfriend's mother)</i> |
| <i>Alex Denton</i> | <i>The League of Advocates</i> |
| <i>Jay Eckert (Ethel's nephew)</i> | <i>Edward Thomas</i> |
| <i>ForKids</i> | <i>Virginia Conference & Bishop Sue</i> |
| <i>Freekind Virginia</i> | <i>Mildred Walling</i> |
| <i>Girl Scout Troop 550</i> | <i>Truman Weekly (Paige's Father)</i> |
| <i>Patricia Guthrie (Mildred Walling's sister-in-law)</i> | <i>WesleyODU</i> |
| <i>Karon Hardy (Monica's Neighbor)</i> | <i>Betty Whitehurst</i> |
| <i>Doris Wolfe Harlan (Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in-law)</i> | <i>Monica Whitehurst</i> |
| <i>Hope Hodges &Debbie</i> | <i>Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe</i> |
| <i>Home School Out of Box</i> | |

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

Billy East

Our Homebound

Virginia Hair, Mamie Whitehurst

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, October 6

(Children's Class Kindergarten & Older)

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in Person & Facebook
(Nursery: Joanne Rooks & Barbara Bennett)

Monday, October 7

10:00-12:00 pm Food Pantry
(Duane Johnstone & Emma Beggs)

7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting

7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, October 8

Wednesday October 9

Thursday, October 10

9:00 am-3:30 pm HSOTB

10:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Model "A" Club

Friday, October 11

Saturday, October 12

Sunday, October 13

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook

12:00 pm Trunk or Treat Planning Meeting



True Christian religion does not begin at the highest as all other religions do, but at the lowest. Therefore whenever you are concerned to think and act about your salvation, you must put away all speculations about the Majesty, all thoughts of works, traditions and philosophy — indeed, of the Law of God itself.

And you must run directly to the manger and the mother's womb, embrace this Infant and Virgin's Child in your arms, and look at Him — born, being nursed, growing up, going about in human society, teaching, dying, rising again, ascending above all the heavens, and having authority over all things.

—Martin Luther, *Commentary on Galatians*



“All is ready. Will you come?” I’ve often heard these words at the end of communion liturgy: “All is ready. Will you come?”

All is ready for the *Disciple Like Jesus* class, which we’ve talked about for some time. Eileen emailed PDF copies of the book to everyone on Sept. 14. As you read this, she has also emailed Zoom invitations for Sunday’s first class, a lesson plan for you to follow, and links to two YouTube videos you’re invited to watch in advance.

The content here is exceptional. I’m thrilled that we’re looking at John 6:60-72 as part of the first class, since that’s one of my favorite scriptures. I’m also impressed with the YouTube videos, and especially with what Rob Bell says about the calling of the first disciples in the longer of the two.

I know that this class will be different for us as neither of our Sunday school classes asks us to read anything ahead of time, but I hope we’ll put the effort into this class so we can get much out of it.

I’m grateful that Jason Stanley noted in the Possibilities Report prepared for Oaklette in 2022 that the reason for recommending this class was for us to regain missional muscle by spending time together and with God. I hope that you’ll join in these eight classes in person or online Sundays in October and November at 9:30 a.m.

Thanks,
Ned



UMC Hurricane Helene Response

The church's response to Hurricane Helene will be long-term. According to Bob Philcrantz of the Conference Disaster Response team, one month of relief work is needed for each day of recovery work, and, as of Oct. 2, recovery work is still ongoing in places like Asheville, N.C. hit by Hurricane Helene on Sept. 27.

To prepare for that relief work, the Conference has called for emergency donations of flood buckets by Oct. 13. The Conference explained earlier this week that all flood buckets collected through Annual Conference last June are already in the process of being deployed into the areas of most need, which explains why more flood buckets are needed. Instructions for building flood buckets can be found at the Conference website.

The Coastal Virginia District has also provided a link for donations to cover the cost of flood buckets: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/NoVaUMC2/FloodBucketSupport>. General donations are welcome in any amount. To cover the cost of a flood bucket, the suggested donation is \$75. To cover the cost for sponges and shipping of flood buckets, the suggested donation is \$3. Churches or members who would prefer to give via check can make checks payable to "Virginia Conference UMC" with "Flood Buckets/Kits (Advance #5041)" in the memo line.

Financial donations to UMCOR can be made at <https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx>. You can also give through Oaklette, designating your gift for UMCOR US Disaster Response Advance # 901670.

Look for details on Oct. 26 district training for emergency response teams, and please let the church office or the pastor know if you are interested in attending.