

# Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

September 1 2024



*Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook  
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,  
September 1, 2024. Rev. Ned Alderman will bring  
the message entitled "Lighting Up the Room." The  
Scripture is James 1:17-27.*



**Jenifer Chamberlain – September 4**  
**Michael Blanchard – September 6**



**The rose on the altar today is in honor of  
Matthew and Bobbie on the birth of  
Elosie Quinn Swoope.  
Proud grandmother is Brenda Swoope.**

**Happy  
Anniversary**

**Debbie & David Rippard – September 4**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

*Tyrone Armstrong  
Hannah Bailey  
Barlow Family  
Tanya & Steve Benton  
Don Branstetter (friend  
of Dr. Etheridge)  
Kendall Brodie (8-yr old  
friend of Mrs. Hickman's  
grandson with cancer)  
Cherry & Sebastian  
Curtis & Renee  
Buchanan  
Chesapeake Police Dept.  
CNRMA ROC  
Coastal VA District &  
DS Givens  
Sandy Carraway  
Kent Carter  
Len Carter  
Alex Denton  
Jay Eckert (Ethel's nephew)  
ForKids  
Freekind Virginia  
Girl Scout Troop 550  
Patricia Guthrie (Mildred  
Walling's sister-in-law)  
Karon Hardy (Monica's  
Neighbor)  
Doris Wolfe Harlan  
(Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in-  
law)*

*Hope Hodges & Debbie  
Amber Jenkins  
Earl Jenkins (Ericka's dad)  
Pat Johnson  
Brian Lincoln (friend of  
Ethel Hickman)  
Loving Neighbors  
Mission Camp  
Wayne Magner  
Terry Martin  
Kristie Masters (friend of  
Ethel Hickman)  
Pat Newbern  
A.J. Panis Ethel's  
friend's son)  
Dana Quinn  
Hosea Smith (friend of  
Monica)  
Loretta Smith (Amy's  
son's girlfriend's  
mother)  
The League of Advocates  
Virginia Conference &  
Bishop Sue  
WesleyODU  
Betty Whitehurst  
Monica Whitehurst  
Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe  
Tommy Womack  
Our Pastor*

### Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

*Billy East*

### Our Homebound

*Virginia Hair, Mamie Whitehurst*



United  
Women  
in Faith

**The United Women in Faith will meet Saturday,  
September 14, 2024 at 11:00 am. The speaker  
will be Karen Sekulski from ForKids. Lunch will  
follow the meeting, place to be determined.**

### Calendar

#### Sunday, September 1

- 9:30 am Sunday School  
(Children's Class Kindergarten & Older)  
9:30 am SOTM  
11:00 am Worship in Person & Facebook  
(Nursery: Barbara Bennett & Joanne Rooks)

#### Monday, September 2

- 10:00-12:00 pm Food Pantry & Office Closed  
Labor Day  
7:00 pm HRM Band

#### Tuesday, September 3

#### Wednesday September 4

- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal  
Thursday, September 5

- 9:00 am-3:30 pm HSOTB  
10:00 am Bible Study- Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22B

#### Friday, September 6

#### Saturday, September 7

- 8:30 am-3:00 pm Tidewater Quilt Guild  
Next Sunday, September 8

- 9:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am SOTM  
11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook  
12:00 pm Trunk or Treat Planning Meeting



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.



Do you know what to do if you're working on the flight deck of an aircraft carrier and a plane crashes? I only know this second-hand, but I was told that you go to the edge of the deck and wait until the smoke clears. Then you look to see the direction in which everyone is running and follow them.

I know this second-hand because I've talked with sailors who were working on a flight deck when a plane crashed. I think I shared this story in a sermon once, and the good news is that everyone survived, largely because everyone – from the pilot to those on the flight deck and the helicopter crew including the rescue swimmers – had trained. They knew what to do.

I mention this because it's good to follow those who know what to do when it comes to ministry. I'll talk about this some in worship Sunday, but, in ministry, we cannot go it alone – not even as a congregation. That's why I want us to learn what's going on with other ministries and other congregations so we can partner with them to further the kingdom of God.

I've made a couple of trips to downtown Norfolk on Saturday mornings to aid with a Catholic Worker project that feeds people in need. Mary Lovell Sweetnam of St. Brides Episcopal Church introduced me to this ministry and I am grateful. Mary Lovell comes to Bible study Thursdays at Oaklette and invited me to a lunch at St. Brides a few weeks ago to meet their visiting priest.

Knowing who's doing what for the kingdom of God is especially important as churches face declining attendance and aging congregations. No, we may not be as physically strong or as young as we once were, but that just means that we're all in the same boat. Let's learn from those who know what to do. Together, let's identify and partner with them.

Thanks,  
Ned