

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist

September 10 2023



Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook Live at 11:00 am on Sunday, September 3, 2023. Rev. Ned Alderman will bring the sermon entitled "The Rule of Christ." The Scripture is Matthew 18:15-20 CEB.



Cynthia Earley – September 11
Barbara Bennett – September 13

PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain, either for daytime calls or evening calls, please notify Barbara Bennett. There is also an email notification if you would like to be on the email list.

SAFE AND SOUND

I am one in whom Christ dwells and delights. I live in the strong and unshakable kingdom of God. The kingdom is not in trouble, and neither am I.

- James Bryan Smith

PRAYER CONCERNS

<i>Tyrone Armstrong</i>	<i>Earl Jenkins (Ericka's dad)</i>
<i>Hannah Bailey</i>	<i>Pat Johnson</i>
<i>Don Branstetter (friend of Dr. Etheridge)</i>	<i>Connie Jones</i>
<i>Kendall Brodie (8-yr old friend of Mrs. Hickman's grandson with cancer)</i>	<i>Dennis Krupp (friend of Randy Story)</i>
<i>Cherry & Sebastian (born @ 25 wks)</i>	<i>Kristie Masters (friend of Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>Curtis & Renee' Buchanan</i>	<i>Walter Nebrotskie</i>
<i>Sandy Carraway</i>	<i>Pat Newbern</i>
<i>Kent Carter</i>	<i>A. J. Panis (Ethel's friend's son)</i>
<i>Len Carter</i>	<i>Roman Roughton (Stella Price's great grandson)</i>
<i>Paula Case</i>	<i>Loretta Smith (Amy's son's girlfriend's mother)</i>
<i>Pat Cruz</i>	<i>John Tandy</i>
<i>Madeline Day</i>	<i>Tim & Sandy White</i>
<i>Patricia Guthrie (Mildred Walling's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>Betty Whitehurst</i>
<i>Doris Wolfe Harlan (Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in-law)</i>	<i>Monica Whitehurst</i>
<i>Hope Hodges' family</i>	<i>Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe</i>
	<i>Our Pastor</i>
	<i>Nation, World</i>

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

Billy East, Joyce Richwine

Our Homebound

JB McCrickard,

Jackie Munden, Mamie Whitehurst



Please start collecting candy for the Trunk or Treat Celebration on October 31st. Trunks will be placed in the narthex and hallway around September 17th to collect your treats.

Many hands will be needed for this event. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the bulletin board and a sign-up sheet will be passed on Sunday mornings.

Calendar

Sunday, September 10

- 9:30 am Sunday School
(Children's Class Kindergarten & Older)
9:30 am SOTM
11:00 am Worship in Person & Facebook Live
(Nursery:)
3:00 pm Double Dutch

Monday, September 11

- 10:00 am-12:00 pm Food Pantry
(Nancy Helsel & Mildred Walling)
7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, September 12

- 6:30 pm Living Faithfully Study Group

Wednesday, September 13

- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 14

- 10:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Model "A" Club

Friday, September 15

Saturday, September 16

Sunday, September 17

- 9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am SOTM
11:00 am Worship in Person & Facebook Live
3:00 pm Double Dutch Club



Be a blessing today.
**DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THE
BLESSING BOX! PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
VISITING THE BLESSING BOX!**

*The Blessing Box is a project of the United
Women of Faith and is a SEPARATE
Project from the Food Pantry. Items needed are
individual size foods in pop-top cans, packages of
Nabs, peanut butter and jelly, and items that do
not require a can opener.
Please bring your donations and place in the box
in the narthex near the
coffee area.*

HAPPY
Grandparents
DAY



PRAYER AS A PLACE FOR PLAY

Writer Elizabeth Jarrett Andrew tells of attending a retreat focused on a type of meditation called centering prayer. She found it challenging to “set down [her] frantic internal voices” and “lean back into stillness.” But one day, during a stretch of sleep, she had a dream: “My dear camel, who feels a sweet attachment to me, is ready to retire. I release him into a green-enclosed pasture. He cavorts; he frolics; he races in circles. He’s gleeful and free. Poor beast of burden! I’ve been asking far too much of him!”

Andrew’s dream was a revelation: “Turns out silent prayer is a fence within which both [my camel] and I can lay down our baggage,” she writes. “We can pause our trudge across the desert long enough to play.”

Have you ever thought of prayer – especially silent prayer – as a fenced-in space where it’s safe to lay down your burdens, pause your trudge through life, play, cavort and frolic? In God’s secure love, we can relax, rejuvenate and experience freedom, even glee. Sometimes this, too, is prayer.

- Based on “Happy Camel,” Elizabeth Jarrett Andrew