

# Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

September 15 2024



Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook  
Live at 11:00 am on Sunday,  
September 8, 2024. Rev. Joshua McCauley will  
bring the message entitled "Wisdom." The  
Scripture is  
Mark 8:27-38 [CEB]



Leonard Long – September 18  
Tom Hunsberger – September 21  
David Rippard – September 21



Ann & Jimmy Lee – September 21

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.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

<i>Tyrone Armstrong</i>	<i>Hope Hodges &amp; Debbie</i>
<i>Hannah Bailey</i>	<i>Home School Out Of Box</i>
<i>Barlow Family</i>	<i>Amber Jenkins</i>
<i>Tanya &amp; Steve Benton</i>	<i>Earl Jenkins (Ericka's dad)</i>
<i>Don Branstetter (friend</i>	<i>Pat Johnson</i>
<i>of Dr. Etheridge)</i>	<i>Brian Lincoln (friend of</i>
<i>Kendall Brodie (8-yr old</i>	<i>Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>friend of Mrs. Hickman's</i>	<i>Loving Neighbors</i>
<i>grandson with cancer)</i>	<i>Mission Camp</i>
<i>Megan Carroll</i>	<i>Wayne Magner</i>
<i>Judy Carter</i>	<i>Terry Martin</i>
<i>Cherry &amp; Sebastian</i>	<i>Kristie Masters (friend of</i>
<i>Curtis &amp; Renee</i>	<i>Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>Buchanan</i>	<i>Pat Newbern</i>
<i>Chesapeake Police Dept.</i>	<i>AJ. Panis Ethel's</i>
<i>CNRMA ROC</i>	<i>friend's son)</i>
<i>Coastal VA District &amp;</i>	<i>Dana Quinn</i>
<i>DS Givens</i>	<i>Hosea Smith (friend of</i>
<i>Sandy Carraway</i>	<i>Monica)</i>
<i>Kent Carter</i>	<i>Loretta Smith (Amy's</i>
<i>Len Carter</i>	<i>son's girlfriend's</i>
<i>Alex Denton</i>	<i>mother)</i>
<i>Jay Eckert (Ethel's nephew)</i>	<i>The League of Advocates</i>
<i>ForKids</i>	<i>Edward Thomas</i>
<i>Freekind Virginia</i>	<i>Virginia Conference &amp;</i>
<i>Girl Scout Troop 550</i>	<i>Bishop Sue</i>
<i>Patricia Guthrie (Mildred</i>	<i>WesleyODU</i>
<i>Walling's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>Betty Whitehurst</i>
<i>Karon Hardy (Monica's</i>	<i>Monica Whitehurst</i>
<i>Neighbor)</i>	<i>Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe</i>
<i>Doris Wolfe Harlan</i>	<i>Tommy Womack</i>
<i>(Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in-</i>	<i>Our Pastor</i>

### Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

*Billy East*

### Our Homebound

*Virginia Hair, Mamie Whitehurst*

Lord, the psalmist says your law revives the  
soul and rejoices the heart (Psalm 19:7-8).  
Feed and water my heart with your good law  
today, that I may flourish with love for you  
and all people. Amen.

**Calendar**

**Sunday, September 15**

9:30 am Sunday School  
(Children's Class Kindergarten & Older)

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in Person & Facebook  
(Nursery: Lisa & Brooks Ryno)

**Monday, September 16**

10:00-12:00 pm Food Pantry  
(Helen Haluska & Kay Hill)

7:00 pm HRM Band

**Tuesday, September 17**

**Wednesday September 18**

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, September 19**

9:00 am-3:30 pm HSOTB

10:00 am Bible Study

**Friday, September 20**

**Saturday, September 21**

**Next Sunday, September 22**

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook



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*



Oaklette has 100 e-Books for the *Disciple Like Jesus* study that we're ready to share. Eileen will be sending them out to recipients of the Oakletter, so please watch for an additional message from her this week. The study will be offered during Sunday school starting at 9:30 a.m. in October and November. Since the lessons include both powerpoint and videos, we'll have to meet in either the sanctuary or the John Teter classroom, based on the number of participants. I'm not sure if we can share lessons online but I'm working with Don Moody and Pat Newbern to see if that's possible.

Please let us know if you plan to participate in the class, presumably in person. As I said in a Facebook video last week, this class requires homework, so please do the readings and the lessons in advance each week.

Although I wasn't at Oaklette when the Possibilities Report that recommended this study was delivered two years ago, I think that the study's findings explain the recommendation. The report has a graphic that shows that Oaklette's average weekly worship attendance decreased from 135 in 2013 to 85 in 2019, before COVID. After COVID, weekly attendance decreased to 48 in 2022. That's an overall decrease of almost 65 percent in less than 10 years. Weekly attendance rebounded slightly to 51 in 2023, but I still think that these numbers indicate that it's time to try something new at Oaklette and *Disciple Like Jesus* is something new.

Please plan to join the study and please join me in prayer about this and about all of our ministries. A final note:

Thanks,  
Ned