

Weekly Oakletter

Oaklette United Methodist Church

September 22 2024



Oaklette UMC will meet in person and on Facebook Live at 11:00 am on Sunday, September 22, 2024. Rev. Ned Alderman will bring the message entitled "Talk to Rather Than of Jesus." The Scripture is Mark 9:30-37 [NRSV].



Pat Everton – September 23
"Rudy" Garcia – September 26
Elle Hincks – September 26
Phyllis Nebrotskie
J. D. Miles IV – September 27
Sydney McDonald – September 28



Prayer is thinking deeply about something in the presence of God."
—Wayne Cordeiro

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>Home School Out Of Box</i>
<i>Hannah Bailey</i>	<i>Amber Jenkins</i>
<i>Barlow Family</i>	<i>Earl Jenkins (Ericka's dad)</i>
<i>Tanya & Steve Benton</i>	<i>Pat Johnson</i>
<i>Don Branstetter (friend of Dr. Etheridge)</i>	<i>Brian Lincoln (friend of Ethel Hickman)</i>
<i>Kendall Brodie (8-yr old friend of Mrs. Hickman's grandson with cancer)</i>	<i>Loving Neighbors Mission Camp</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>WesleyODU</i>
<i>Patricia Guthrie (Mildred Walling's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>Betty Whitehurst</i>
<i>Karon Hardy (Monica's Neighbor)</i>	<i>Monica Whitehurst</i>
<i>Doris Wolfe Harlan (Phyllis B. Wolf, mother-in-law)</i>	<i>Phyllis Buchanan Wolfe</i>
<i>Hope Hodges &Debbie</i>	<i>Tommy Womack</i>
	<i>Our Pastor</i>

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

Billy East

Our Homebound

Virginia Hair, Mamie Whitehurst

Safe & 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

Calendar

Sunday, September 22

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 23

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

7:00 pm HRM Band

Tuesday, September 24

Wednesday September 25

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 26

9:00 am-3:30 pm HSOTB

10:00 am Bible Study

Friday, September 27

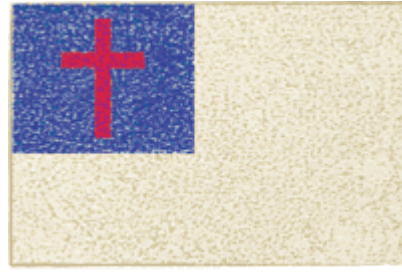
Saturday, September 28

Next Sunday, September 29

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am SOTM

11:00 am Worship in person & Facebook



CHRISTIAN FLAG — Dating to the early 20th century, the Christian flag represents all of Christianity, though it’s been used primarily in the Americas and Africa. The red Latin cross symbolizes Jesus’ blood shed on Calvary to grant us eternal life. The blue background represents Christ’s faithfulness even unto death, as well as our baptism into Christ. The white field signifies Jesus’ purity, nonviolence and surrender to God’s will, plus the peace we gain by surrendering ourselves to Christ.



I’m going for a walk Oct. 5, a good walk. I’m taking part in the I AM NAMI Walk at the Oceanfront. NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental illness, and I learned about the I AM NAMI Walk at Coffee with a Counselor and a Cop Sept. 18. The walk starts at 14th Street and goes up to 24th Street on the Boardwalk and then returns to 14th street via the beach. Organizers chose this route to show how coping with mental health can be as easy as walking on a boardwalk or as hard as walking on sand.

The I AM NAMI Walk flyer, which I’ve shared on Facebook and posted outside my office, says that the goal of the walk is to raise awareness and funds for free support groups, free adult and youth educational classes, and free programs and presentations in Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, and the Eastern Shore. Please let me know if you’d like to walk, too, or to come out and cheer participants. I’ve been hoping to connect with NAMI since attending the “Who is My Neighbor?” lunch lab at Annual Conference. NAMI works with churches through the FaithNet program, and I look forward to learning and sharing more.

Considering the use of “I AM” in the Bible, the name of the walk is intriguing. Exodus 3:13-14 reads, “But Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,” and they ask me, “What is his name?” what shall I say to them?’ God said to Moses, ‘I am who I am.’ He said further, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “I am has sent me to you.”’ Think, too, of John 6:35, where Jesus says, “I am the bread of life”; and of John 14: 6, where he says, “I am the way, the truth, and the life”; and of John 18:3-9, which reads,

“So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, ‘For whom are you looking?’ They answered, ‘Jesus of Nazareth.’ Jesus replied, ‘I am he.’ Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, ‘I am he’, they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, ‘For whom are you looking?’ And they said, ‘Jesus of Nazareth.’ Jesus answered, ‘I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.’”

The name of the walk could be a coincidence, and if so, it’s a good one.

Grace and peace,
Ned