# **Weekly Oakletter**

#### **Oaklette United Methodist Church**

### September 6, 2020



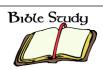
Dr. Tim's sermon will be broadcast on Facebook Live every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. You can access his sermon through the Oaklette Church Group on Facebook. You must be a member of that group page to see it however. Please send Dr. Tim a Facebook request to join the group if you are not already a member of the group. You can also access the sermon through Dr. Tim's personal Facebook page as well as the Oaklette UMC Facebook page. The sermon title for September 6th is "Kairos Living, Not Chronos Thinking." The Scripture is Exodus 12:1-14 (CEV). If you are unable to use Facebook Live a link can be sent to you by email after the Facebook Live Worship has been recorded, but we will need your email address to do this. The Facebook Live service is also being downloaded to our website on Monday morning. To find it there, click on the worship tab and scroll down until you find it.



Tim Talk on Tuesdays Dr. Tim will be providing a devotional every Tuesday morning on Facebook Live. If you are a part of the Oaklette Church Group you will receive a notification when Dr. Tim is live with that devotional.



Jasonlee Hamlin – September 6 Michael Blanchard – September 6 Nell Cucinotta - September 7 Richard Stevens – September 7 Jesse Phillips – September 9 Cynthia Earley – September 11



Zoom Bible Study Thursdays at 10:00 AM If you would like to join us on Zoom please contact the church office and provide us with your email address.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Paula Aymer (Theresa's friend) Hannah & Bob Bailey Al Bean Trudy Bennett (Pat's sisterin-law) Bryan (Theresa Magner's grandson) Curtis & Renee Buchanan Sandy Carraway's son Steve Judy Carter's sister **Bob & Judy Carter** Charles' sister Sandy Cockrell Colleen (Kyle Bailey's fiancee') Tommy Crueay Shirley Dickinson Lillian Everet Fifteen-year-old w/cancer Pete Gale Virginia Hair Derek Hemry (Debbie Repko's son-in-law) Hope Hodges Shirley Hoefle **Billy** Irvin Earl Jenkins Valerie Konert Lynne, Judy & David

Eric Magner John Machuzak **Breahna Mariee** Dan McCarthy JB McCrickard Don Moody's mother Jerome Perrv Lou Anne & Russell Poyner Stella Price's sister-in-law & nephew's wife Albert Reel Beth Ann Rvan **Gladys Smith** Stella's son Ricky **Dick Stiller** Judy Story (Chesapeake Rehab) David Todd (David Rippard's nephew) Todd (Pat's son) **Betty Whitehurst** Monica Whitehurst Jan Whitzel Atha Wimmer Wolfe family Nathaniel Wooddard (Lucy Armstrong's brother) **Our Pastor Our** Nation **Our World** Those affected by coronavirus

Nursing Home & Long-Term Care Residents

Howard Combs, Billy East, Mary Guynn Marjorie Harrison, Fleda Humphries <u>Our Homebound</u> Nell Cucinotta, Pat Grover, Jackie Munden, Lucille Payette, Kathryn Paynter, Joyce Richwine, Mamie Whitehurst, Evelyn Yount



Thank you for the cards, phone calls and prayers after the passing of Bob's sister. Judy & Bob Carter

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WEEDING HELP NEEDED!

A fractured rib has prevented me from keeping up with the weeds along the front beds this summer. I'm on the mend and want to work on it next week. I could use some help to get them under control and to be ready for our church re-opening on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you have some time to help. I plan to be there around 9:00 am both Tuesday and Wednesday. If you can help at a different time, please feel free to email me at a.webercmg@gmail.com so that we can coordinate a time.

### ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL



Starting Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> Dr. Tim will be offering a Zoom Sunday School Class for the entire congregation from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. We will be studying together the book Hope for Hard Times: Lessons on Faith from Elijah and Elisha by Madgrey R. DeVega. Dr. Tim will also be preaching a Fall Sermon Series based on the same book. If you would like a copy of the book it may be ordered through Amazon or Cokesbury. Please join Dr. Tim using the Zoom invite below:

> Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/93217564336 Meeting ID: 932 1756 4336 Passcode: 746022

You may also join by using your phone by calling 855 880 1246 US Toll-free and entering the information below:

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## **Always Within Reach**

As I grow older, I appreciate help getting up from the couch. Often, my husband extends his arm to boost me up. This act of kindness reminds me how the Lord reaches out to me each morning. He is the strength to lift me up so I needn't depend on myself.

Looking back through the years, I can see how the Lord endlessly extended his arm to me. Isaiah 33:2 says, "O LORD, be gracious to us; we wait for you. Be our arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble." Too often I haven't waited for the Lord, and my impatience resulted in no-good results. Waiting for – and accepting – God's guidance isn't always easy, but he always comes through, and we're never out of his reach.

I'm so thankful my heavenly Father graciously extends his arm to help me up, get me "unstuck" and keep me from trouble.

Mary Ann Sundby



# **Together Again!** In-Person and On-Line Worship Service

Oaklette is tentatively scheduled for reopening for In-Person Worship on Sunday, September 13 at 11AM. Both Dr. Tim and Pastor Armstrong will be leading our congregations in worship together on this first Sunday back. Subsequent Sundays our two congregations will be worshipping separately.

Please note the following procedures for In-Person Worship during a pandemic for Oaklette:

- Social distance of 6-feet from the time you get out of your car to the time you get back into your car.
- Wearing of a face mask at all times by everybody. There are no exceptions.
- Self-temperature yourself before leaving home. If you have a fever of over 100.4 stay home. If you are exhibiting any symptoms stay home. If you are not feeling well stay home.
- The only entrance available for entry into the building will be the door leading to the church office. This will also be the only door used for exiting the building as well.
- You will be greeted at the entry door by an usher who will take your contact information (name and phone number).
- Seating in the sanctuary will be from back to front with social distancing.
- There will be no singing.
- No child-care will be provided. If you have a child who cannot/or will not wear a mask stay home.
- There will be no bulletins or other hand-outs. You are more than welcome to bring your bulletin with you that you received from the church office earlier in the week.
- An Offering Box will be placed next to the entrance door of the sanctuary for you to place your offerings in.
- Limited use of the bathrooms will be encouraged.
- Exiting the sanctuary will be from front to back.
- Worship will continue to be broadcast on Facebook Live.

### All Workers Are Essential

The concept of vocation, Latin for "to call," previously referred only to a calling to church work. But then Martin Luther emphasized the importance – and even sanctity – of all types of labors. The reformer pointed out that "God doesn't need our good work, but our neighbor does."

RJ Grunewald, in a blog post titled "God Makes Pizza," describes how this looks today: "God is busy about his work in the midst of your work whether you realize it or not. The laundry, the spreadsheets, the phone calls and the cups of coffee are all deeply spiritual because God is at work in the world. He is serving your family, your coworkers and your community through the work you do. God is at work providing 'daily bread' through the work that you do, no matter what that work is.

