



The Grapevine

Clarksbury United Methodist Church

15924 General Puller Highway, Hardyville, Virginia April 2018

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Our Mission:

To receive and share God's love through worship, education, service and outreach.

Pastor Ken's Corner

Luke 24:36-49 (NRSV)

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Thank you to all those who assisted with and served our Lenten luncheons!!! Ladies and Gentlemen, you were superb. Congratulations to the Nurture Committee for getting a number of our shut-ins out to a couple of the luncheons. It was so good to see and talk with them...they were a great success. Heartfelt thanks to all our visiting pastors for the wonderful messages they brought. Thank you to Dr. John Snow, Rev. Grant Ambrose, Rev. Ileana Rosario, and Rev. John Choi!!!

What great servant hearts we are blessed with here at CLARKSBURY UMC!

Wow!!! Wonder of Wonders....Wasn't that Palm Sunday service just awesome, or what?

To God be the Glory! We are truly greatly blessed by gifted servants...the musicians, the readers, the singers, the children, the support people...too many to count, and I would not want to miss praising anyone who had any part in this awesome production. Such a blessing the entire service was for me; I pray you were able to attend and feel the same way as I do.

If you were unable to get to the service there were a couple of video cameras rolling, and I'm hoping to get the video and audio copies loaded on the church webpage...more info on that when it is available. ☺

Christ the Lord Is Risen today! Hallelujah, **Lent** is complete and **Easter** is here.

The weather is improving; trees and flowers are budding and blooming; and out of the dormancy of winter the earth itself and all creation sings for JOY at the reminder of the Savior's triumph over the grave.

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O how his disciples, shaking in fear and fright, must have also been overcome by what they were seeing. The Lord, there with them physically, bearing the marks of the nails in his flesh, and not just a spirit or a ghost as he is able to eat the fish that they give him, he does much to reveal the mystery to them of His resurrection.

He is alive, and we're forgiven!

He had told them what is was that the Father wanted him to do. Yet they did not understand until AFTER his resurrection. He had told them how Redemption would be paid for by His Body and Blood.

He paid the SIN debt IN FULL with His Body and Blood.

Our SIN debt is marked for eternity with Christ's emphatic stamp PAID IN FULL!!

He gave them the commandment to love one another as He had loved them....

He is the **Way**, the **Truth** and the **Life**!

As we walk out of the Lenten Season and into and through the **EASTER** Season...keep praying, fasting, and meditating on His word as we near the time of **Pentecost!!!**

Keep our Soup Ministry, those who serve and are served, in your prayers for April.

April 7 is the first Saturday of the month and the Cryer Center Mobile food Pantry will be here and **CLARKSBURY UMC** is lead. Come and enjoy and help!!!

We, together, have pledged OUR prayers, OUR presence, OUR gifts, OUR service and OUR witness for Christ and His Church.

Peace & Grace
Pastor Ken

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| Annual Budget for 2018 Operating Funds: | \$112,331.00 |
| Total Received for Operating Funds as of March 31, 2018: | 26,493.00 |
| Total Income Needed to Meet Budget: | 28,083.00 |

COFFEE HOUR FOR April



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| April | 1 | Polly Van Benschoten |
| April | 8 | Fran Miller |
| April | 15 | Diane Faulkner |
| April | 22 | Anne Tompkins |
| April | 29 | Terry Cleveland |

*If you would like to be a part of this church ministry,
please contact Polly Van Benschoten, 776-0569*

United Methodist Men News

Warren Wright-UMM President

The UMM will hold their next regular monthly business meeting on Monday, April 23rd at 6 PM. On Monday, April 16TH at 7 PM, the men will begin their 6 week Bible Study by John Ortberg, "All the Places to Go- How Will You Know?"

A UMM/UMW eat in/take out barbeque dinner is planned for Friday May 11th from 4-6:30 PM at a cost of \$10.00. Tickets will be on sale starting April 10th. Our resident Pitmaster, Bryan Motes, will be cooking on premises. The proceeds from this dinner will go to the general operating fund of the church.



Remember that there are no membership or dues requirements to be a part of the United Methodist Men of Clarksbury, just a willingness to serve Jesus Christ within your church and community.

Mission-To Help Men Grow In Christ, So Others May Know Christ.

DID YOU KNOW?

Easter tide is the period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. Easter Sunday and Pentecost correspond to pre-existing Jewish feasts- the first day of Pesach (פסח) and the holiday of [Shavu'ot](#) (שבועות). In the Jewish tradition, the 49 days between these holidays are known as Counting of the Omer (העומר ספירת).

A Message from Your Lay Leader So What Happens After Easter? By Warren Wright



The chocolate Easter bunnies have been consumed along with much of the Easter candy. Easter outfits have been cleaned and hung back up in closets. If the Easter decorations haven't been taken down and stored, then they soon will be. Life is getting back to normal after Easter. Now, we face the same dilemma that the disciples did. "What do we do after Easter?" We know that the tomb is empty. The angels have announced that Jesus has been raised from the dead. The disciple's thoughts that Jesus would lead a revolt against the Roman occupiers wasn't materializing, they weren't sure if there was a "Plan B" and if there was what it entailed. During the days following his resurrection, Jesus not only appeared to this disciples several times, but he also spent time teaching them about the kingdom of God and what part the disciples were going to play in further establishing the kingdom of God on Earth. The disciples had much to learn—and so do we. The disciples used their waiting constructively. Luke records that they devoted themselves to prayer. We could learn a lesson from the disciples and the women, because we aren't good at waiting. We pass the time by playing games or reading the latest updates on social media. We waste time by staring blankly at a television program we don't want to watch, but there's nothing else on TV. We pace back and forth. We argue with God and attempt to convince God that God has to move more quickly. A better use of our time may be to be still and know that God is God. We could also worship singing songs of praise and offering prayers of thanks. We have an awesome task before us. Though Christians have taken the gospel to the farthest corners of the earth and to a majority of realms of human existence there are still many who do not believe. Many young people who have grown up in the church have left it and now list themselves as "none's," people who have no religious preference. The number of people outside the church is increasing. Some of these people are skeptics of the claims of Christianity, others are offended by some Christians' judgmental attitudes and hate filled words, while still others believe that there is no room for faith in a modern, scientific, technological world. So what do we do as Christians after Easter? St. Francis Assisi put it so well when he wrote, "Lord make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon. So as modern day disciples of Jesus we can live in fellowship with God and serve in partnership with God.

Acts 1:7-8

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

What Now, After The Resurrection?

The Eleven went to Galilee, then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20 NIV)

Worship Committee

By David Dobson Chairperson

The worship committee met in March to discuss progress made on goals from last year.

We are happy to report that services have been special thanks to Becky's extra efforts and the help of the many talented people who attend Clarksbury. The Saturday contemporary services seem to be picking up attendees who especially like the live music events. Sunday school is active once again as Mary Banker has a small flock of lambs that are intently listening and practicing the Word.



A **praise** to all who helped Becky to put on another moving and special Cantata, Whispers of the Passion. It very much hit the heart and prepared everyone for Holy week.

One thing we hope to do in the months ahead is show how Clarksbury is practicing their faith to a wider audience. We are asking everyone to make a call or ask a friend to visit during either a Saturday or Sunday service, or any special event to see how great our church is. Who knows, the only reason someone isn't with us is because they were never asked!

There will be more surprises ahead. As always, if you have any comment, concern, grievance, or praise, you can send me a note and I will bring it to the committee confidentially [ddobson67@gmail.com].

Be the light in the world and watch the reflection beam back to you! Peace

Scholarship Applications

By Fran Miller



If you are a high school senior or college student, applications are being accepted for our scholarship. Your latest transcript must be included. The deadline is May 10. Applications are available on our website.

Community Outreach Box Tops for Education



Just another way Clarksbury

community. Simply cut out those little logos from cereal & snack boxes, cans & jars of food, paper goods, food & trash bags, a wide variety of things -- and bring them to church. A Big Jar in the social hall is awaiting them. With your donations St Clare Walker Middle School will gain the financial benefits schools can earn in this program.

UMC can reach out to our

***Only through routine, regular exposure to God's Word can you and I
draw out the nutrition needed to grow a heart of faith.***

Nurture and Outreach Committee

By Jerry Dant, Chairperson

Well, the first three months of 2018 we featured 3 ladies in the newsletter. Now it is time to feature a "born here" member, Reggie Jackson. Up to this point the members featured were "come here's".

In 1950, James and Lilly May Jackson were blessed with a son Reggie. Reggie, was an only child, who knows, he might have seemed like two at the time. He lived with his parents and was educated in Middlesex County. Reggie's family had 14 acres of oyster fields as well as farming acres. Reggie helped his parents with the farm and in 1973 he went to work for the Va. Department of Agriculture and part time with the Capital Police. Reggie worked under five governors in Virginia.

In 1983 he retired and took over the vegetable stand for his father as health problems stopped him from working the stand on Rt 33 in Deltaville and I am sure some of you may have bought veggies from his father or Reggie.

When Reggie closed the stand and moved to an apartment behind Little Sue in Deltaville you may have seen him at Little Sue or waving to you on Fishing Bay Road as you rode by. Later, as his health declined, he moved to Riverside Rehabilitation Center in Saluda. Reggie is happy and says the activities and food there are great. He enjoys visitors and especially when the men's group bring lunch and visit with other men.

Just look at his picture and you will know who Reggie thinks is the best NFL team in football and he is wearing his favorite cap. Reggie we are proud of you and you are certainly a "born here".



Outreach

Outreach is still active at Dockside and if you would like to visit please see Fred, David or Terry and they will answer your questions and help you plan a visit.

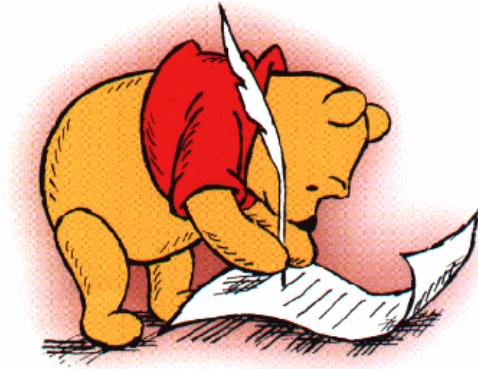
Again Clarksbury has provided the birthday cake for the month of February. If you know someone the OUTREACH COMMITTEE can REACH OUT TO, please speak to someone on the committee.

Mail a letter or card of happiness to our home bound members!

If your last name starts with the letter listed below, please send a card or note to the shut-ins listed.

Birthdays are in bold type. Why not make a home bound member smile by sending them a card often as well as on their birthday.

If we all participate, our home bound members will get a card frequently from church members, and will have more great memories of Clarksbury.



A-C

Roegean Speight **09/10**
#208
Commonwealth Sen Living
460 South Main Street
Kilmarnock, VA 22482

Ivey Huff **10/12**
233 Mae Lane
Wake, VA 23176

Jane Crittenden **8/22**
P.O. 30
Hardyville, VA 23070

D-G

Sue Myers **09/30**
Westminster Canterbury
132 Lancaster Drive
Irvington, VA 22480

Reggie Jackson **7/12**
Riverside Convalescent
Ctr.
P.O. Box 303
Saluda, VA 23149

Melvin Hawley **11/25**
17504 General Puller Hwy
Deltaville, VA 23043

H-L

Betty Morris **9/27**
221 Sturgeon Point Loop
Deltaville, VA 23043

Myrtle Clark **10/2**
P.O. Box 302
Deltaville, VA 23043

Pastor Jim Salmon **5/24**
26306 Mattaponi Trail
Milford, VA 22524

M-Z

Jean Cree
Georgia Manor #62
651 Riverwalk Place
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Joyce Mathews **8/27**
451 Fishing Bay Estates
Box 11
Deltaville, VA 23043

Jerusalem OBITUARIES 33 AD



Calvary-Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the Apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the House of David. He was the son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother, Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that He healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.



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APRIL POP!

(POWER OF PRAYER!)

A child's bedtime prayer.

**Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep
I pray the Lord my soul to keep
If I should die before I wake
I pray the Lord my soul to take.**

Kneeling by my bed, saying my prayers, usually with Mom, or Dad listening, is such a wonderful memory from my childhood. Of course, as I got older my prayer changed to those I learned from family and Sunday school. And I raised my own children with the same prayers.

Perhaps the earliest version was written by Joseph Addison on March 8th, in the year 1711 in an essay appearing in The Spectator.

When I lay me down to Sleep,
I recommend my self to His care;
when I awake, I give my self up to His direction Amen

A later version printed in The New England Primer is what has been a staple for years.

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep,
If I should die before I 'wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take.

Amen.

My little bit of research has showed at least nine versions of the prayer. Some of which are really very interesting, One of the more interesting ones is:

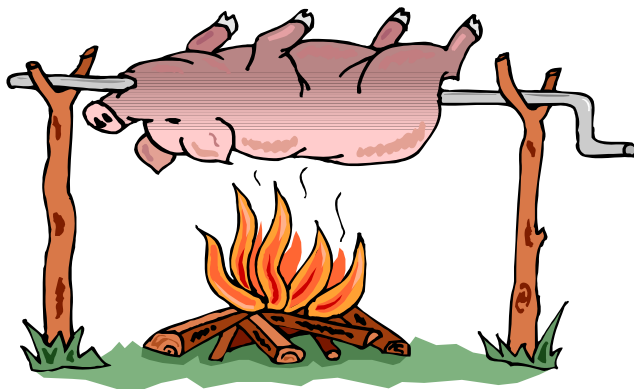
Matthew, Mark, Luke and John,
Bless the bed that I lie on.
Four corners to my bed,
Four angels round my head;
One to watch and one to pray
And two to bear my soul away.

This one probably relates to a school child.

Now I lay me down to sleep.
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
For if I die before I wake,
that's one less test I have to take.

There are too many to list, but the prayer or at least parts of it were used in many songs and movies. I think tonight I will pray it and rejoice in the memories.

In Christ Fred Dant



*Clarksbury United Methodist
Men and Women
Barbecue Dinner*

Friday May 11th 4:00-6:30 P M

Tickets \$10.00

Eat In or Take Out

*Menu: Barbecue Carolina style
chopped, baked beans, cole slaw,
homemade rolls, beverage and dessert
Proceeds to Benefit Church Ministries*

Tickets available from the men of the church



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|---|---|---------------------------------|--|
| 1 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Communion | 2 11 a.m. Soup Ministry | 3 Trustees 7 p.m. | 4 Al Miller Elizabeth Sibley | 5 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m. | 6 Paulette Topping | 7 Mobile Food Pantry 9- 11(Clarksbury) 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship |
| 8 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Communion | 9 | 10 EYCircle 7p.m. | 11 | 12 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m. | 13 . | 14 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship |
| 15 Emily Farmer 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship | 16 11 a.m. Soup Ministry UMM Bible Study 7 p.m. | 17 Finance & Church Council 7 p.m | 18 Richard Sisson | 19 Richard Purcell Mary Nell Ivey Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m. | 20 | 21 Jerry Crittenden 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship |
| 22 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship | 23 UMM Meeting 6 p.m. | 24 | 25 | 26 Betty Johnson Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m. | 27 | 28 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship |
| 29 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship | 30 | | | | | |
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The deadline for the May 2018 Grapevine will be Monday, April 23.

Send items to pwalian@yahoo.com.

April Birthdays (If you know of any additions, deletions or corrections that should be made to the birthday calendar, please let the newsletter editor know.)

Scripture reader for **April** is Warren Wright

Counters for **April** are Fran Miller and Terry Cleveland

Anne Tompkins and Diane Faulkner will serve as **ushers** for **April**