



The Grapevine

Clarksbury United Methodist Church
15924 General Puller Highway, Hardyville, Virginia May 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)

Luke 24:44-53 (NRSV)

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." ⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Spring is upon us...or at least that is what the calendar says. We have had roller coaster weather for so long now. If spring is in the air, so is the pollen. How many times can you wash your vehicle before the pollen won't stick anymore?? 😊😊

We are full into the Easter season...almost through, actually. We have the Cryer Center Mobile food Pantry on Saturday, May 5, and Zoar is the lead church in our rotation this time. Come by and see if there is anything you can do to help or just visit.

Ascension Day is May 10, and the UMM will be serving the Lady Bug luncheon at Saluda Rehabilitation Center...volunteers appreciated. Call or see Warren for information or to volunteer to help. It is a great joy to do this.

The UMM and UMW will have a church fundraiser BBQ dinner Friday, May 11, prepared oh so deliciously by "Pitmaster" Bryan Motes and his "Crew" and served by our ladies who will also be providing wonderful desserts as well. The morning starts with the Pit Crew showing up about 7:30 a.m. We will be serving from 4–6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10; you can purchase your

ticket at the door or ahead of time from a UMM member. This is a dine-in or take-out dinner, so get your tickets from any UMM member you run into or ask Warren Wright or me.

The UMM will be serving a Mother's Day breakfast to the ladies of the church on Saturday, May 12, at 9 a.m. All ladies are invited to attend.

What great servant hearts we are blessed with here at CLARKSBURY UMC. To God be the Glory!

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Easter season is drawing to a close and we need to remember **Why** Jesus came, suffered and died, and was raised back to life. It was for the repentance of our sin and the forgiveness of the same, and to PROCLAIM Jesus' name to all nations. We are commanded and encouraged to share the good news of Jesus Christ to ALL we meet and encounter, through word and deed.

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We may not have been there with the disciples witnessing to the miracles of Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection and ascension but out of our FAITH we believe.

Each and every day of our lives can be a resurrection day and an ascension day. Christ conquered the grave and death in resurrection and He promised to return again.

He is alive, and we're forgiven!

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

As we walk 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 May.

Talk to Jerry Dant about cards or letters or contacting one or several of our shut-ins. Volunteer for work at Dockside; see Jerry or Fred or David for more information. We are blessed **TO BE** a blessing.

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

Peace & Grace
Pastor Ken

Annual Budget for 2018 Operating Funds:	\$112,331.00
Total Received for Operating Funds as of April 30, 2018:	37,006.00
Total Income Needed to Meet Budget:	37,444.00

COFFEE HOUR FOR May



May	6	Delores Decker
May	13	Lucy Blevins
May	20	Suzanne Ramsburg
May	27	Linda Dobbins

*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, May 28th at 7 PM. We will also be concluding our 6 week Bible Study "All the Places to Go-How Will You Know?" by John Ortberg from 6-7 PM on the same night.

On Thursday, May 10th, the UMM will be serving lunch to the ladies at the Riverside Saluda Convalescent Center beginning at 11:30 AM.

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.

On Saturday, May 12th, the UMM will be serving the ladies of the church a Mother's Day breakfast starting at 9:00 AM.

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.



A Message from Your Lay Leader

Do you give God the first fruits of your day?

By Warren Wright



Back in 2010 we had a Sunday afternoon Bible Study “Christianity’s Family Tree” by Adam Hamilton. We studied what other Christian religions believed and why. One of the common themes that we read about throughout all of these religions is the “Power of Prayer”. So this month I want to focus on what prayer should mean to us, and particularly Morning Prayer.

The morning is an excellent time for devotions. If you schedule to do it during your day or in the evening, what happens when your day or evening become so hectic that your devotion time gets pushed out of the line up?

By having communion with God the Father in the morning, we are saying, “God, you are most important in my priorities and I will give you the first fruit of my day.” If we allow time for God first thing in the morning, He will bring together the rest of your day. You will be full spiritually and will not be hungry for this world. If you wait until later to have devotions with your Father, it most likely gets pushed out of the line-up and never gets done, sometimes going days without talking with God or reading His Word. You will fill yourself up with the world and be too stuffed to eat spiritually when you get home.

Jesus followed the Word of God in giving the Father first place in His thoughts, prayers and activities. David writes, “Let me hear your loving kindness in the morning for I trust in You. Make me to know the way in which I should walk for to You I lift my soul” (Psalm 143:8-11). By having our devotion time in the morning, we can ask God to lead us in the direction in which we should go for the day. Ask for God’s provision, guidance, and protection. I would recommend that you spend at least 15 minutes in devotion with God every morning, if not more.

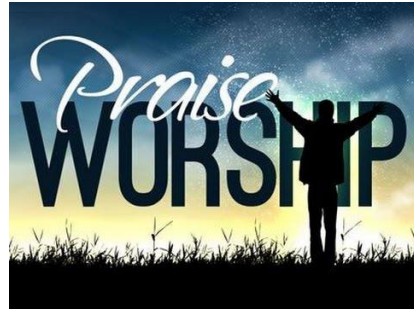
Mark 1:35-In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.

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.



Worship Committee

By Dave Dobson

Nothing special to report or say, except:

Those of the committee are always eager to hear of ideas, comments, or concerns you may have with the "service" we provide. Some exciting things are in the works. Committee members include:

Becky W
Polly V
Diane F

Janis S
Betty T
Susanne R

Warren W
Mary B

Pastor Ken
Lucy B

We feel the Spirit is with at us each and every Sunday and are glad you can attend when possible.

- Remember to tell a friend of what Clarksbury is all about and means to you,
- How Christ is part of your life, and
- Live like *Glory to God* means something to you!

Community Outreach

Box Tops for Education



Just another way Clarksbury UMC can reach out to our 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.

**PRAYER IS THE ULTIMATE LOVE LANGUAGE. IT COMMUNICATES
IN WAYS WE CAN'T.**

Nurture and Outreach Committee

By Jerry Dant, Chairperson

We have now featured 3 "come here" ladies and 1 "born here" man. This month we are featuring Myrtle Clark, who was born across the river in Mathews. Myrtle was the oldest daughter of Lee and Margaret Lewis. She was one of 5 daughters.

After she graduated from high school she worked in the school office until she married Charlie Clark. After living with his parents for six months they built their own home in 1963, which is where she lives now. They had 7 children and Myrtle was a "stay at home Mom" until Cheryl, the youngest turned 13 and then she started to work at Little Sue in Deltaville until she retired. When you would go into Little Sue it was a treat to see Mrs. Clark, as she was a sweet lady. She attended Clarksbury regularly and shared her knowledge of the Bible with her family by telling them her favorite parables and Bible stories. She set a good example by telling her family to always tell the truth and followed the Golden Rule. She has several children who attend Clarksbury now and her daughter, Virginia is in the choir and shares her musical ability with residents at several nursing homes in the area and across the river. As Virginia said, their mother honestly had the patience of Job, they have always been close, and they feel blessed to have her for their mother



Outreach Jerry Dant

Outreach is still active at Dockside and Virginia Clark goes there each month to visit and sing Christian songs with residents. David and Fred go once a month on Sunday to bring a message to the residents. Some of our ladies go to visit when Virginia is there and the time is well spent for all during the music. When you have a few minutes you would enjoy the residents as well as they enjoy your visit.

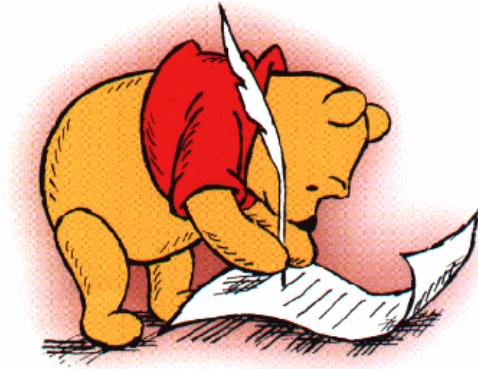
Please think about **OUTREACHING** out to the residents with a visit

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

MAY POP! (POWER OF PRAYER!)

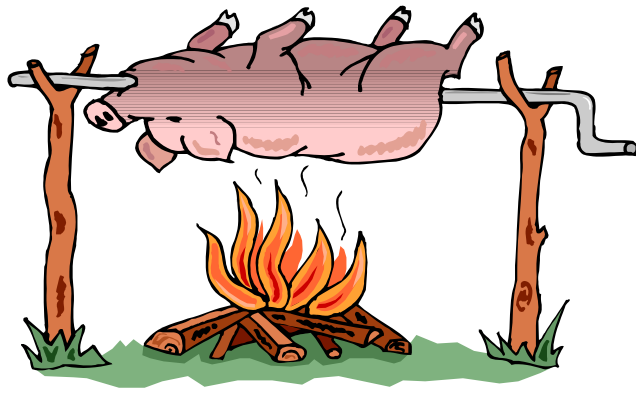
I asked God for strength, that I might achieve. I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey, I asked for health, that I might do greater things. . I was given infirmity, that I might do better things I asked for riches, that I might be happy.. I was given poverty, that I might be wise, I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men . . I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life. . . I was given life, that I might enjoy all things. I got nothing that I asked for-but everything I had- hoped for. Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

-author Unknown A Creed for Those Who Have Suffered

“It is my favorite poem about prayer. It helps me remember that even though I may not get everything that I want, God always provides everything I need.” Diane Faulkner



Mother's Day Breakfast Saturday May 12th
The United Methodist Men will host a Mother's Day breakfast for ALL the ladies of the church on Saturday May 12th at 9 AM. Please let Warren know if you are coming.



*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	2 UMM Bible Study 7 p.m.	3 Melanie Glenn Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	4	5 Mobile Food Pantry 9-11(Zoar) 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
6 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Communion	7 11 a.m. Soup Ministry	8 Paul Bisogno EYCircle 7p.m.	9	10 Ascension Day Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	11 .	12 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
13 Mother's Day 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	14 Jaime Mears	15 Finance & Church Council 7 p.m	16 Charles Decker	17 Christopher Glenn Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	18	19 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
20 Morgan Duke Kim South Pentecost 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	21 11 a.m. Soup Ministry	22 Betty Chenowith	23	24 Jim Salmon Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	25	26 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
27 Trinity Sunday 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	28 UMM Meeting 6 p.m.	29	30	31 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.		

The deadline for the June 2018 Grapevine will be Friday, May 25.

Send items to pwalian2@gmail.com

May 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 May is Becky Foster

Counters for May are Val Bradley and Becky Foster

Bob and Betty Ann Keiter-Tabler will serve as **ushers** for May