



# The Grapevine

**Clarksbury United Methodist Church**  
15924 General Puller Highway, Hardyville, Virginia      September 2018  
[www.clarksburyumc.com](http://www.clarksburyumc.com)

**Our Mission:**

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

## Pastor Ken's Corner

*James 2:13-17 (NRSV)*

<sup>13</sup> *For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.* <sup>14</sup> *What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?*

<sup>15</sup> *If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food,* <sup>16</sup> *and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?*

<sup>17</sup> *So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.*

<sup>18</sup> *But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.*

Back from a wonderful visit with family in OKC; we love to visit and spend time with our grandchildren and with Amanda and Kevin. Then off to a family reunion in Ohio, squeezing so much fun into such a short period of time.

Fast trip, fun and exciting, we are both "somewhat" recovered after two weeks being back at 96 Parsons Lane. ☺ ☺

September 1 is another Cryer Center first Saturday Mobile Food Pantry and Philippi has the lead this month. As always there is plenty of work to go around, so stop by and check things out and lend a hand if/where needed, or just visit.

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Wow...how appropriate is God's Word for us??? Where is your faith? How do we demonstrate who we have faith in and how do we put our faith in Jesus' teachings into something tangible and visible? Our good works MUST be evidence of the driving and motivating faith we have in our Creator, our Savior and the Holy Spirit, which is the source of our desire to do good works.

If we have faith in Jesus' direction to love our neighbor as ourselves then how better to demonstrate that premise than to work to provide food to meet the bodily needs of people in our local community? Being actively engaged in feeding people in need and partnering with other churches in our community to be an outstretched hand lifting them up and helping them feed their family is living into the above mentioned faith.

Not only does our partnership with the Cryer Center feed the needy in our community, it also **validates** those in need in our community as people deserving of **our interest, our efforts, our care and our prayers**. Even IF you can't physically help with a Food Pantry YOU can PRAY!!! Imagine that...😊😊

On another high note...if you haven't heard about the Potluck Dinner/Gospel Jam on last Saturday, August 25, after our casual service, ask someone who was there. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the musicians who contributed to an awesome, praise lifting get-together.

Thank you!!!!...to Randy, Eileen, Alex, Jim and Susan and all who joined in the hymns and the gospel songs and music. We will do this again...absolutely, and we will advertise it better so more of us can be there.

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So, do you have faith? The faith in Jesus Christ that is empowered by the Holy Spirit... then show it by loving your neighbor through compassionate acts of mercy.

Faith and works go hand in hand. James tells us that by "good works" he demonstrates his faith...and our faith without concrete acts of mercy is not alive and vibrant.

We must remain alert and keep on persevering as we pray for ALL of God's children.

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

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 info. We are blessed **TO BE** a blessing.

**Jesus is alive, and we're forgiven!**

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

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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| <b>Annual Budget</b> for 2018 Operating Funds:                   | <b>\$112,331.00</b> |
| <b>Total Received</b> for Operating Funds as of August 31, 2018: |                     |
|  | <b>77,046.00 *</b>  |
| <b>Total Income Needed to Meet Budget:</b>                       | <b>74,888.00</b>    |
| *includes proceeds from BBQ dinner                               |                     |

## COFFEE HOUR FOR September

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|-----------|----|-----------------|
| September | 2  | Anne Tompkins   |
| September | 9  | Fran Miller     |
| September | 16 | Jerry Dant      |
| September | 23 | Kathy Wright    |
| September | 30 | 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 return to action on Monday September 24<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 6 PM for our John Ortberg Bible Study "All The Places To Go," session 5, "The Jonah Complex" and then convene at 7 PM for our monthly business meeting. The UMM, along with the UMW and the Social Committee, will host a BBQ fundraising dinner on Friday October 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-6:30 PM. More details will be coming in the October newsletter.

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

By Warren Wright



This month while thinking about what to write for the newsletter, I came across an article that I had previously written in 2008. The words were so powerful that I decided to bring them to you again this month. Back in July of 2008, I was walking on the beach in Nags Head and listening to a little Neil Diamond music when a song really caught my attention. The title of that song was "Leave A Little Room For God." Through those words I felt like God and I were in a personal conversation. I want to share those words with you and I hope they will move you as they did me.

Leave a little room for GOD as you're going through the day. Leave a little room for GOD you know he won't get in your way.

Save a little place inside somewhere you can call your own. Then leave a little room for GOD and you won't ever be alone.

Every day is so mysterious you wonder how things came to be. And when you start to get real curious well, He's the man you want to see.

So leave a little room for GOD just in case you need a friend. Every one's got rainy days, it isn't so much if, but when.

Life is like a gift we're given every single day is new. We're thankful for the time we're living, but thankful exactly to whom.

C'mon now, put your money in the bank and drive around in a big old car. Just have a little room for GOD or it won't take you very far.

Yeah, leave a little room for GOD as you're going down the road. He'll not only point the way, he's gonna help you with the load.

Yeah, leave a little room for GOD and thank your lucky stars above that he'll be leaving room for you. He's always got some room for love, leave a little room for GOD, my friend. And he'll have some room for you, just need to have a little room for him too.

*When we leave the boat and the fishing every day to make room for God, to build up his kingdom in whatever way we do it, then those who live in darkness see a great light, and light dawns on us.*  
**CAN I HEAR AN AMEN!**



## 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.

***NO MATTER HOW DARK IT GETS, WE ALL HAVE TO BE  
LIGHT FOR EACH OTHER.***

## Nurture and Outreach Committee By Jerry Dant, Chairperson



How many of you remember Pastor Jim Salmon? In late 2008 the District Superintendent asked him to serve for a couple of Sundays at CUMC. Below you may read his biography and you will find out when we might get to meet him at CUMC. Enjoy and we will all look forward to meeting Pastor and Mrs. Jim Salmon in **September**.

Biography – James Salmon 26306 Mattaponi Trail, Milford, VA 22514 (804) 633-5511 oldjim@oldjim.net  
Born: May 24th, 1940 Died: Not quite yet, but getting closer

Created August 2018 (Let the reader be advised that the creator of this document has reverted to the "Hunt, Peck, and Curse" method of typing due to shaking hands and a feeble mind. I used to type over sixty words per minute, but those days are long gone. The contents of this biography are based on a few facts, some un-asked-for reminders, the confusion of dates and times, and a declining memory. The writer should not be held accountable for mis-information and incorrect facts due to senility, attention deficit disorder, and very old age.)

May 24th, 1940, was a painful day for my mother, an anxious day for my father, and a happy day for my aunt. Mother was giving birth to me, Dad was en-route from Washington, DC, by train, and Aunt Louise was happy to have a child to baby.

My first years were spent in Richmond's Church Hill, and at six months, I became a member of the Cradle Roll of Leigh Street Baptist Church, the "Big Church on the Hill, with a Gospel Message and a Friendly Spirit." I grew up there, singing in the choir, becoming involved in administrative responsibilities, and serving as the Treasurer of the Sunday school. In my teens, I was offered a

scholarship if I would go into ministry, but that was not on my agenda at that time – I was more interested in playing in dance bands and chasing pretty girls, although not necessarily in that order. From the time I was eight years old, I worked outside the home: delivering groceries at the local grocery store, carrying newspapers, and as a grocery clerk after school and all day Saturday. With these financial rewards, I bought my own clothing, purchased my first car, and paid my way to college. After completing two years of higher education, I ran out of money, and decided to go into the sales field.

Perhaps I should mention that I met the true love of my life in 1975, and asked her out to dinner. Maybe I should have mentioned it earlier. Sue Ann turned me down, flat. She was the most beautiful woman I had ever met. For years, I continued to patronize the drug store where she worked as a Pharmacist. At least I was persistent! We finally started dating in 1980, and married in 1981. On August 19th, we celebrated our 37th wedding anniversary.

I would be remiss if I did not mention my Aunt Louise, my Mother's twin sister, who lived on the old home place in Caroline County, where I live now. I stayed with her whenever possible. I even raised my own tobacco, getting \$32.00 per hundred pounds, an astonishing amount for a young boy. I purchased the farm from her in 1983. Sue Ann and I lived in a small trailer until we had tried rural living for a while, and then built our home there in the mid- eighties. I love sitting in our sunroom and looking out over the fields of corn or soybeans, and appreciating all the animals around us.

After trying several sales and marketing jobs, I settled on the lawn and garden industry, working as a marketing representative for three different corporations over a decade and a half. When Sue Ann and I married, I realized that I would prefer staying at home every night instead of traveling around the Eastern seaboard. With my contacts, and the knowledge gained over the years from my service in the industry, I started my own landscape company: Hickory Hill Landscaping. I was rewarded in this endeavor but another calling came to me.

When we moved to the farm, Sue Ann insisted that we start going to church. I suggested the Baptist church several miles away. She replied that she was born a Methodist, baptized a Methodist, raised as a Methodist, and that we would attend the Methodist Church up the road. I soon became a member of Shiloh UMC, on the Bowling Green Charge of the Ashland District. Sue Ann insisted that we take part in a bible study at another church, called The Disciple Bible Study. I highly recommend it to anyone wishing to explore the Bible and your own call to ministry. At that time, I was not too thrilled with a Monday night event because it interfered with my Monday night football. At that time, I really liked football. About the same time frame, I also became involved with Lay Speaking Ministries, speaking in a number of churches around the district and serving as the Lay Leader for a three point charge, attending all three churches with the pastor, and assisting him in all the services. When he became ill, I served the churches for almost six months. Between this commitment and the Disciple Bible Study, I made the decision to become a licensed minister in the United Methodist Church, also known as a Local Pastor.

In May of 1995 I attended Local Pastor's Licensing School, and in July was appointed to my first church. They are listed chronologically: Grace Church Hartwood, Lancaster Charge (White Marsh & Irvington) Lancaster County, Central Mathews, Montross Charge (Grant, Providence & Lebanon) Westmoreland County

I also attended Wesley Theological Seminary and Duke Divinity School to fulfill the licensing requirement of the church.



My retirement was at the end of the church year in June, 2007. A month prior to that date, on May 31st, I had by-pass surgery. I got my last month off with pay. Don't let anybody fool you, a six way by-pass takes a long, long time to get over.

In December of that same year, I was asked by the district superintendent to preach for a couple of Sundays at a church in Middlesex County: Clarksbury. I accepted the call, and thoroughly enjoyed both the congregation and the choir. Later, in 2008, the superintendent called me back, asking if I would assume the responsibilities of serving as pastor of Clarksbury until the end of the church year – the last Sunday of June. My affirmative answer put me back in the pulpit – a decision that I never regretted. To this day, the good people of Clarksbury continue to remember me and bless me with cards and letters and phone-calls on my birthday and holidays, plus weekly bulletins, and a monthly newsletter. I have never been treated so wonderfully.

In July of 2008, I accepted an appointment to Rehoboth UMC in Lancaster County. I served there for two years as sacrament minister, preaching on the first Sunday, and serving Holy Communion. Sue Ann and I were then transferred to the Staunton district, where Sue Ann served Parish Court UMC. After a year, I accepted another part-time appointment to Allegheny UMC, just a few steps from West Virginia. After two more years, we asked for a transfer, and Sue Ann was appointed to the Gordonsville charge in the Charlottesville District. With declining health, I did not seek another appointment. After two more years, Sue Ann finally retired, and we moved back to our home at Hickory Hill Farm in Caroline County.

During my entire ministry, I regularly supported Henderson Settlement, an Outreach Ministry of The United Methodist Church in Frakes, Kentucky. I served on the Board of Directors for six years, commuting to Eastern Kentucky four to six times a year. That organization reaches out to the poor and homeless, plus it offers support to every age group, from newborns to seniors needing daycare.

I also bought a church. Three years after White Marsh UMC in Lancaster County was closed by the Virginia Conference, I called a group of like-minded people together and I negotiated the sale of the church for a dollar, and formed Historic White Marsh Church, Inc., which I served as pastor and founding director for five years. Again, declining health and old age forced my retirement. White Marsh is still serving the community as a place of worship and a meeting center.

That completes my bio – golly, it is more than I thought it would be. I pray the readers are not too bored with my senile ramblings. If someone wishes to add or subtract something, have at it.

God bless, Pastor Jim



In looking at the word OUTREACH you see REACH OUT. Right, well that is a good description of our church. No matter what the occasion is or where it is we are ready to REACH OUT. The residents at Dockside look forward to the members of our church coming to visit, preach, sing or go on a shopping spree with them. When people of our community need a helping hand we are always willing to lend a helping hand. Clarksbury is known for our OUTREACH and those we help remember our church. Thanks everyone for REACHING OUT.

## 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.

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

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| Roegean Speight <b>09/10</b><br>#208<br>Commonwealth Sen Living<br>460 South Main Street<br>Kilmarnock, VA 22482 | Ivey Huff <b>10/12</b><br>233 Mae Lane<br>Wake, VA 23176 | Jane Crittenden <b>8/22</b><br>P.O. 30<br>Hardyville, VA 23070 |
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### D-G

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| Sue Myers <b>09/30</b><br>Westminster Canterbury<br>132 Lancaster Drive<br>Irvington, VA 22480 | Reggie Jackson <b>7/12</b><br>Riverside Convalescent<br>Ctr.<br>P.O. Box 303<br>Saluda, VA 23149 | Melvin Hawley <b>11/25</b><br>17504 General Puller Hwy<br>Deltaville, VA 23043 |
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### H-L

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| Betty Morris <b>9/27</b><br>221 Sturgeon Point Loop<br>Deltaville, VA 23043 | Myrtle Clark <b>10/2</b><br>P.O. Box 302<br>Deltaville, VA 23043 | Pastor Jim Salmon <b>5/24</b><br>26306 Mattaponi Trail<br>Milford, VA 22524 |
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### M-Z

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| Annette Johnston <b>3/17</b><br>Dockside Rehab Center<br>74 Mizpah Road<br>Locust Hill, VA 23092 | Jean Cree<br>Georgia Manor #62<br>651 Riverwalk Place<br>Chesapeake, VA 23320 | Joyce Mathews <b>8/27</b><br>451 Fishing Bay Estates<br>Box 11<br>Deltaville, VA 23043 |
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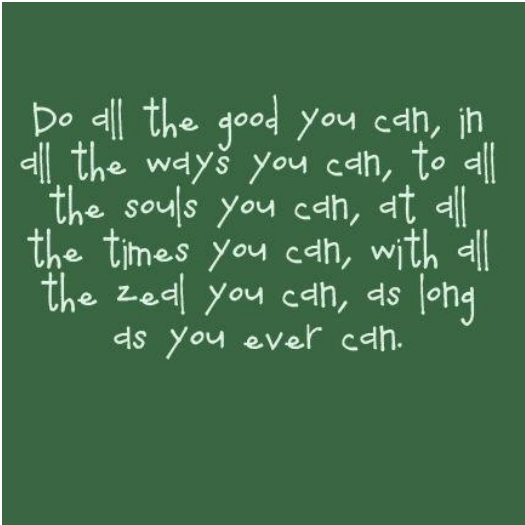


# SEPTEMBER POP! (POWER OF PRAYER!)

## The Miracle of Prayer

God gave us sunshine, birds and trees  
the star-filled sky above,  
He gave us beauty, flowers and friends  
and special ones t love. . .  
But life still brings some sadness  
and some cares from day to day --  
So God gave us all a special gift  
to help us on our way --  
With the wonderful assurance  
that His love is always there  
To comfort and guide us. . .  
through the miracle of prayer!

Author Unknown



Do all the good you can, in  
all the ways you can, to all  
the souls you can, at all  
the times you can, with all  
the zeal you can, as long  
as you ever can.



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## September 2018



| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday                                     | Saturday  |
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|   |  |  |  |  |  | <b>1</b><br><b>Mobile Food</b><br><b>Pantry</b><br><b>9-11</b><br><b>5-5:45 p.m.</b><br><b>Contemporary</b><br><b>Worship</b> |
| <b>2</b><br><b>10-10:40 a.m.</b><br><b>Sunday School</b><br><b>11 a.m.</b><br><b>Worship</b><br><b>Communion</b>                    | <b>3</b><br><i>Sydney &amp;</i><br><i>Sierra Funk</i><br><b>Soup</b><br><b>Ministry</b><br><b>11 a.m</b> | <b>4</b><br><b>Trustees</b><br><b>7 p.m.</b>   | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b><br><b>Choir</b><br><b>Rehearsal</b><br><b>7 p.m.</b>  | <b>7</b>                                   | <b>8</b><br><i>Dawn Crittenden</i><br><b>5-5:45 p.m.</b><br><b>Contemporary</b><br><b>Worship</b>                             |
| <b>9</b><br><b>10-10:40 a.m.</b><br><b>Sunday School</b><br><b>11 a.m.</b><br><b>Worship</b>  | <b>10</b><br><i>Rogean</i><br><i>Speight</i>   | <b>11</b><br><b>EY circle</b>  | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b><br><b>Choir</b><br><b>Rehearsal</b><br><b>7 p.m.</b> | <b>14</b><br><i>Ashley</i><br><i>Moore</i> | <b>15</b><br><i>Petra Walian</i><br><b>5-5:45 p.m.</b><br><b>Contemporary</b><br><b>Worship</b>                               |
| <b>16</b><br><i>Conner</i><br><i>Crittenden</i><br><b>10-10:40 a.m.</b><br><b>Sunday School</b><br><b>11 a.m.</b><br><b>Worship</b> | <b>17</b><br><i>Linda Bartz</i><br><b>Soup</b><br><b>Ministry</b><br><b>11 a.m</b>                       | <b>18</b><br><b>Finance &amp;</b><br><b>Church</b><br><b>Council</b><br><b>7 p.m</b> | <b>19</b><br><i>Amber Mauney</i><br><i>Norman Sibley</i> | <b>20</b><br><b>Choir</b><br><b>Rehearsal</b><br><b>7 p.m.</b> | <b>21</b>                                  | <b>22</b><br><b>5-5:45 p.m.</b><br><b>Contemporary</b><br><b>Worship</b>  |
| <b>23</b><br><i>Bobby Weis</i><br><b>10-10:40 a.m.</b><br><b>Sunday School</b><br><b>11 a.m.</b><br><b>Worship</b>                  | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b><br><i>Betty Morris</i><br><i>Jerry Dant</i>          | <b>28</b>                                  | <b>29</b><br><b>5-5:45 p.m.</b><br><b>Contemporary</b><br><b>Worship</b>  |
| <b>30</b><br><i>Sue Myers</i><br><b>10-10:40 a.m.</b><br><b>Sunday School</b><br><b>11 a.m.</b><br><b>Worship</b>                   |  |  |  |  |  |   |

The deadline for the October 2018 Grapevine will be **Tue, September 25**. Send items to  
 pwalian2@gmail.com

*September 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 **September** is David Dobson

**Counters** for **September** are Mary Banker and Petra Walian  
 Becky Foster and Abigail will serve as **ushers** for **September**