



The Grapevine

Clarksbury United Methodist Church
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Our Mission:

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

Pastor Ken's Corner

Hebrews 4:12-16 (NRSV)

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Wow!!! What a great servant month September was: mobile food pantry; soup deliveries; the free brisket and BBQ ham & pork dinners with super desserts. Thank you friends and members for all the prayers and the labors too...and Did You SEE the NEW roof??? Thanks be to God!!!

September was a busy month for our Prayer Warriors as well...we can't rest on our laurels though as we have many procedures, visits and ongoing treatments continuing this month. I will update the Prayer Warrior E-mails as we get more info and updates.

Please continue to be faithful in letting me know if you hear or find out about one of "Ours" who is headed to the hospital or having an issue and at the hospital or has been to the ER... I most certainly would love to hear twice about that rather than it be assumed that I must already know.

October 6 is another Cryer Center first Saturday Mobile Food Pantry and Clarksbury 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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Imagine that! How powerful and wonderfully active is the Word of God. Living and active...not old and tired or ancient and outmoded. And nothing escapes His knowledge...we have zero secrets, not just our actions but even our motives, thoughts and intentions. We can fool the entire world but the Lord KNOWS where our hearts and thoughts are headed or directed... no fooling the Holy Spirit with shows of piety. Our hearts are laid bare to His sight and knowledge.

Our faith is well invested if we place all our FAITH in Christ Jesus. He is our Great High Priest.

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Christ is able to understand all of our struggles/trials/failures/injuries etc....AND He understands all that we have been through and has compassion for our weaknesses. He is our High Priest, able to be the expiation, the full and complete payment for our SIN and shortcomings.

We are called to be disciples of Jesus and through our faith and our activities to be witness to and examples of God's grace and mercy to our congregation and the community and the world.

Wherever or however the "Way Forward" plays out next year for the United Methodist connection, we Christians, yes **US**, will still have the same commandment from Jesus to love one another as He has loved us; to go into all the world and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Our prime directive, as it were, is still the same. Access the Conference web page for more detailed info on the "Way Forward" at the site below.

<https://vaumc.org/WayForward>

My thoughts and prayers are that we, together, continue to grow in our love of Christ; that we continue to be in ministries serving our community; that we faithfully and fervently pray for those who will be voting and making the leadership decisions for our denomination; and above all we keep the faith in our triumphant Savior and Lord, the King of Kings and Prince of Peace.

Our Charge Conference is Tuesday, October 16, at Lower UMC in Hartfield from 7-8 p.m. One of the questions our DS is asking us to consider is **"How can we be in ministry in a time like this?"** My take on that is we continue to be ***in every one of the ministries*** we currently support and continue to seek out more opportunities to be Jesus to our community. We do that through outreach and service efforts coordinated with our local churches; our soup ministries; our food ministries; our prayer ministries; our visitation ministries; our outreach and nurture ministries through serving the residents of Dockside Health and Rehab Center and a myriad of connections we support and participate in throughout Middlesex County and our Conference.

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So, do you have faith? We can boldly approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and grace through our faith in Jesus Christ that is empowered by the Holy Spirit. Then show it by loving your neighbor through compassionate acts of mercy and continued acts of piety.

Never tire nor become discouraged by the worldly twist and turns...we are called to be IN the world, not OF the world. Remember that and ACT like you are forgiven and Jesus died for your sin.

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

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

Annual Budget for 2018 Operating Funds:	\$112,331.00
Total Received for Operating Funds as of August 31, 2018:	
	87,736.92*
Total Income Needed to Meet Budget:	84,248.25
*includes proceeds from BBQ dinner	

COFFEE HOUR FOR October

October	7	Val Bradley
October	14	Phyllis Motley
October	21	Linda Dobbins
October	28	Diane Faulkner



*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 meeting on Monday, October 22nd. We will meet at 6 PM for our John Ortberg Bible Study "All The Places To Go," session 6, "Thank God For Closed Doors" 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 fund raising dinner on Friday November 9th from 4:30-6:30 PM (this is a change in date). More details will follow in the Sunday bulletins.

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 Stewardship, God's economic plan. By Warren Wright

I want to tell you about God's economic plan. In **1 Timothy 6:17-19**, is a passage that may explain God's economic plan better than any other.

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."

One of the greatest mistakes, I think, that we make when we talk about money in the church is that we often do it in the context of a special appeal or in a crisis situation.

If we are told that there are thousands of starving people who need our help and a special offering is taken, if that strikes your fancy, you'll probably give and maybe even give sacrificially to help meet that need. Or if you are reminded that the church needs your gift for the building fund, and you feel that that's a legitimate need, then you will give generously in response to that need, too.

And the result is that too often Christian people have been conditioned to think that the only time they really need to get serious about giving is when there is a need that appeals to their particular emotion. And some needs are just more appealing than others, aren't they?

But the problem actually starts with us, with people who don't recognize that **the teaching of Scripture is not to give to needs but to give to the glory of God**. We are stewards of God's wealth. God provides it to us, and He says, "Here you are, you are all stewards." We don't have a choice in that. Our God is a giving God. He has given all to us, and He wants His people to learn how to be generous, too, and willing to share.

We are like the people in the parable of the talents. God gives us something to use for a while, and then finally He comes back, like the master in the parable, and He says, "Now give me an accounting. What have you done with what I have given you to use during your time on the face of the earth?" The Day of Judgment will be the day of accounting.

Food Pantry

Fran Miller



The next Food Pantry Day will be Saturday, October 20 from 9-11 a.m. Thanks to the generous donations of our church family, the community and grant money we received through the hard work of Warren Wright, Clarksbury is able to purchase the food we need for this upcoming food pantry. However, we still need your help! We need volunteers to pack the bags on Thursday, October 18 and for that Saturday to meet, greet, serve coffee, distribute the groceries, and help people to their cars with their bags. There is plenty of work to go around so please sign up to volunteer. The sign-up sheet is by the organ in the sanctuary. Thanks for your help in advance!

Worship Committee

David Dobson

I hope everyone has been enjoying the wonderful worship services at Clarksbury as much as I have. If you are not lifted up after one, we need to have you checked by a doctor! Joking aside, I would like to schedule a committee meeting for 29 October, 7pm if a quorum can be made. The key topic will be VBS 2019 (yes, it has returned). Anyone interested in being a member of a special committee for this endeavor can send me an email [ddobson67@gmail.com]. You do not have to be a worship committee member to serve!



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 beauty shines brighter than that of a good heart.



Nurture and Outreach Committee Jerry Dant

Several months ago Kim South brought a friend, Marguerite Shelton, to church, and Pastor Ken introduced her to the congregation. Mrs. Shelton is 95 years old and Kim sits with her during the day. We are going to feature this young lady to refresh our memory when she visits again.

Marquerite T Shelton was born June 5 1923 in Richmond Va born 1 of 5 children raised by her grandparents until age 16 she went on to work for the government and state of Va and retired from both. After retirement she and her husband would create wooden arts and crafts he would make them and she would paint them. After his passing she worked with other wood crafters. They would travel to art and craft shows and flea markets. She loved meeting new people. M attended Southside Baptist church in Richmond until she moved to Middlesex county. M loves to sit outside and enjoy the sunshine. She also loves when Kimberly takes her out on outing to get her toes and nails done along with eating lunch out in different restaurants. M will be back soon to worship again. Thank you for making her feel welcome



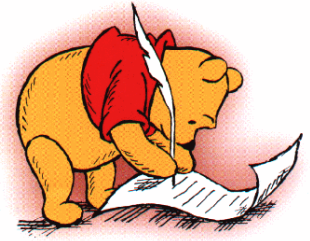
Boy did CUMC reach out to the community on Sept. 22nd with the community brisket dinner. If you missed the dinner you certainly missed a great evening of outreach at CUMC. The fellowship hall was packed with church members, community neighbors and other church members. The biggest remark I heard from the ladies was "Oh boy, I don't have to cook this evening". I saw one lady Saturday evening and again in church Sunday and this is OUTREACH. Let's keep 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

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

Annette Johnston **3/17**
Dockside Rehab Center
74 Mizpah Road
Locust Hill, VA 23092

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

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

OCTOBER 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



THE LORD WILL
**FIGHT
FOR YOU;**
YOU NEED ONLY TO
BE STILL.
-EXODUS 14:14



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Soup Ministry 11 a.m	2 Trustees 7 p.m.	3	4 Tommy Crittenden Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	5	6 Mobile Food Pantry 9-11 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
7 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Communion	8	9 EYcircle 7p.m.	10 Cacky Guill	11 Janis Slaughter Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	12 Ivey Huff	13 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
14 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	15 Eric Vaudt Soup Ministry 11 a.m	16 Finance & Church Council 7 p.m	17	18 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	19	20 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
21 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	22	23	24	25 Jerry Duke Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	26	27 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
28 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	29 Phyllis Motley	30	31 Kathy Wright			

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

October 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 **October** is Mary Banker

Counters for **October** are Kathy Wright and Linda Dobbins
 Cacky Guill and Val Bradley will serve as **ushers** for **October**