



The Grapevine

Clarksbury United Methodist Church
15924 General Puller Highway, Hardyville, Virginia November 2018
www.clarksburyumc.com

Our Mission:

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

Pastor Ken's Corner

Hebrews 9:11-14 (NRSV)

¹¹ But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), ¹² he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Hallelujah!!! Praise be to the Lord!!! We have completed another Charge Conference. Our leadership teams and committees have been approved, and we will have a **leadership meeting** in the next few weeks to cover each aspect of our Charge Conference as well as the other topics covered during the Charge Conference.

One topic foremost on most minds is the Called General Conference Session on Feb 23-26, 2019, in St. Louis. We have been praying for the Commission and how the decisions will impact our Church. 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 and 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>

October was another full and very blessed month for our Prayer Warriors. We can't rest on our laurels though as we have more procedures, visits and ongoing treatments continuing in November. Follow the Prayer Warrior e-mails as we get more info and updates. If you have an e-mail address and would like to receive the Prayer Warrior updates, please let me know and provide your e-mail address.

I will restate my feelings concerning getting info about our congregation. 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 is having an issue and is at the hospital or has been to the ER. I most certainly would love to hear twice about those in need rather than it is assumed that I already know.

November is another Cryer Center first Saturday Mobile Food Pantry and **Zoar** 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 where needed or just visit.

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

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Our Savior paid our sin debt with His own blood. As our High Priest He has obtained our redemption from an eternity separated from the presence of God, and that came at a very high price to Him. Thank the Lord for His perfect submission to the Father's will.

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Just as Jesus offered himself as that perfect and unblemished offering to God for the WORLD and EACH ONE OF US so we should endeavor to purify our efforts and our attitudes and remove empty and dead works from our thoughts and deeds. What are dead works? Dead works are those that injure others and come from selfish desires for our own wants and any works that don't glorify God.

When we meditate on God's Word and when we earnestly and devoutly pray for guidance, God will answer. We need to be attentive enough and in the right attitude to understand and receive what the Holy Spirit reveals to us. ALL of our efforts should be works of WORSHIP to the living God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thanks to all who worked to prepare the food for distribution for our Fall Food Pantry. Thanks, too, for all the willing hearts and the loving words of encouragement that greeted the individuals and the families who came to our Fall Food Pantry.

Keep in your thoughts and prayers our Soup Ministry and the people who are receiving a blessing from lovingly prepared soup, basic crackers and other simple foods. Loving care is never just simple...so long as Jesus is in that ministry the soup will be GREAT.

This year's Advent study will be James W. Moore's five-session study "***Christmas Gifts That Won't Break***. Tentatively, the plan for the five weeks is as follows:

Wednesday, November 14

Wednesday, November 28

Wednesday, December 5

Wednesday, December 12

Wednesday, December 19

Books will be available in a few weeks. We seem to have had the best response on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. A sign up list will be in the social hall, or just see or call me.

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 October, 2018:	95,040.00
Total Income Needed to Meet Budget:	94,609.00

COFFEE HOUR FOR November

November	4	Delores Decker
November	11	Joyce Smith
November	18	Gayle Gilliland
November	25	Janis Slaughter



*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 meet on Monday November 26th at 7 PM. 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. 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

State of Clarksbury United Methodist Church 2018

Warren Wright



Since many of you, that read the monthly Grapevine, do not attend the church's annual Charge Conference or read the reports, this month I decided to include my State of the Church report in this month's Grapevine.

After 4 plus years of Pastoral leadership, it is very evident that God has truly blessed Clarksbury with two great servants of our Lord. We look forward to a continuing and long relationship with Ken and Terry Cleveland. Both of them are involved in every facet of activity of the church. The year 2018 has been another great year of worship, service, ministries, and missions at Clarksbury. Pastor Ken shows his passion for delivering the word of God with his inspiring messages from the pulpit. His messages are timely; incorporate the scriptures, relevant, well researched, and delivered with great enthusiasm. Pastor Ken continues to provide Bible studies to Clarksbury members and the community as well, giving everyone the opportunity to study various Bible based topics. Clarksbury's Saturday afternoon contemporary service continues to be a very successful alternative for local worshippers with a growing attendance. Pastor Ken's attention and quickness to respond to the needs of his congregation are outstanding.

Clarksbury United Methodist Church has demonstrated that its membership is truly dedicated to the discipline and mission of the United Methodist Church. During the 2018 Charge Conference year, the membership of Clarksbury has consistently provided Christian leadership in the local community, state, and the world. The church has given support for the military, assistance to the elderly, outreach and nurture ministry, service in community programs, missions, and support for the teachings of the United Methodist Church.

In 2018 under the leadership of Food Pantry Chairperson Fran Miller, Clarksbury once again gave back to the community with the "Winter, Spring, and Fall Food Pantry Missions". This program allows all members of the church the opportunity to be a part of a vital community mission. The church is currently providing food and household items for over 50 families at each distribution. This ministry keeps an ample supply of food items on hand to assist those in need between Food Pantry dates.

In 2018, under the leadership of Chairperson Kathy Wright, the year around Soup Ministry continued to do outstanding mission work. Committee members distribute homemade soup and crackers to the community on the first and third Mondays of each month. Soup is also provided at each of the Food Pantry Distribution dates. They have 20 volunteers who make soup that is distributed to over 20 families within the Deltaville/Hardyville Community. In 2017/2018 a "Warming Tree Ministry" was added to the efforts of the Soup Ministry. In 2018 a "Coat Closet" was added for the community.

Because of Clarksbury's recognized leadership in the Food Pantry and Soup Ministry, the church continues to partner with Hands Across Middlesex (Cryer Center) for a first Saturday of the month mobile food distribution in the church parking lot. This ministry is currently serving over 40 families each month.

In 2018 the Nurture and Outreach Committee continues their outstanding work. Under the leadership of Jerry Dant, this committee developed a nursing home and homebound visitation ministry. During the course of this ministry, 795 "Home Touch" and church bulletins, 180 church monthly newsletters, and 211 greeting cards have been distributed.

For the third year Clarksbury's membership participated in the Rise Against Hunger food packaging event. The 2017 event was held at Lower UMC on Saturday October 28th. Over 70 volunteers from 5 United Methodist Churches packaged over 17,000 meals in 2 hours. Once again Clarksbury pledged \$1,000.00 and volunteers for this mission. The 2018 event will be held on October 27th.

The Worship Committee, under the leadership of David Dobson continues to work with Pastor Ken and Music Director Becky Wilhite to plan worship services for the entire church calendar.

Clarksbury had another successful community Lenten Lunch Services program this year. These programs provide an outreach program that gives financial support to the ministries of St. Andrew Potato Project and Hands across Middlesex. Most importantly, these services give the Middlesex County community an opportunity to attend Lenten Services without regard to religious affiliation. The UMW and UMM provided the meals and Pastor Ken arranged for the speakers.

On Saturday September 22, 2018, Clarksbury UMC hosted a free "Community Appreciation" dinner, preparing over 140 plates. Once again Bryan Motes was at the grill with the men and women of the church assisting with the cooking and serving.

The United Methodist Women and Men have been very active in the affairs of the church this year. The memberships of these two groups have provided strong leadership for the church as well as substantial monetary support for the goals, missions, and ministries of the church.

The Methodist Men's Bible Study sessions and other Bible studies have provided opportunities for church members as well as the community to study the Bible. We now have one Adult Sunday School Class that is conducting a comprehensive study of the Bible.

The church's outstanding music program, consisting of dedicated and talented musicians, under the leadership of Music Director Becky Wilhite and assisted by organist Janis Slaughter, is an important and meaningful part of each Sunday's service and special occasions. This superb music program at Clarksbury is truly a ministry in itself.

The Trustees, under the leadership of Chairman Lee White, continue to do an excellent job protecting the physical assets of the church and the parsonage. Projects are well planned and

always have a good financial result. Many upgrades were done at the parsonage and the church building. In 2018, the Trustees completed the final phase of the metal roof project that now covers the entire church roof.

Our church membership remains strong and we can attribute that to many factors such as our excellent pulpit ministry, the willingness of our membership to reach out to the community through missions and ministries, and dedication of the membership to serving God. Year to date, we are averaging over 60 worshippers at our services. Like all churches, we continue to look for ways to increase our membership, focusing on making Disciples for Jesus Christ.

Under the leadership of Membership Secretary Diane Faulkner, Clarksbury continues to correct and update the records of our membership. At the same time we are reaching out to those members that have not attending church on a regular basis.

The Finance Committee, under the leadership of Financial Secretary Fran Miller continues to provide sound financial leadership for our church. In difficult times, the Finance Committee has made the right decisions and guided the church to a sound financial standing. This committee has once again provided a realistic budget for 2019 to keep in line with the stewardship program.

The Pastor Parish Relations Committee, under the leadership of Betty Tate has been very busy this year. They have met regularly to conduct the duties and responsibilities of their committee. Comprehensive reviews have been held with the results properly recorded.

Leadership is strong at Clarksbury and members are willing to accept positions of responsibility. Those that choose to accept leadership roles provide a dedicated work ethic to the missions and goals of the church. In 2019 the leadership and membership of Clarksbury will be tasked with living up to our mission statement "To receive and share God's love through worship, education, service and outreach".

Acts 20:28-"Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood".

Worship Committee

David Dobson

Hello All! Our scheduled meeting in October was postponed as there were no immediately pressing issues to deal with. Becky and Janis have been keeping us in the Spirit each week with beautiful music and a fine worship service program.

I am hoping to hold a meeting on 3 January 2019, 7pm to discuss Easter Week, selecting a VBS theme, and seating a VBS committee to make it happen. This meeting will be open to all who are interested in assisting in the 2019 VBS hosted by Clarksbury UMC.

In the meantime, let us all remain focused on what is most important on our own lists, and be Thankful we have a Loving God.

Fall Food Pantry A Success!

Fran Miller

We would like to thank all the people who made the Fall Food Pantry a success – those that helped pick up items from the Cryer Center, purchase food, pack our grocery bags, and give up their day to help distribute the food. On our distribution day, we were able to help 32 families comprising 100 people. We distributed 58 bags of groceries, 32 bags of toiletries, and 30 pounds of bacon. Thanks to the Soup Ministry, we were also able to distribute 32 quarts of soup. But that is not all this day was about. We think the families felt the caring and welcoming attitudes of our volunteers that day. We, as a group, felt that we were doing what God meant us to do – reach out and help our neighbor. We truly felt the Spirit! Now don't think your job is done. We will be seeking volunteers to help with our Winter Food Pantry. So keep your eyes open for articles appearing in upcoming newsletters. Again, thank you for all you have done.

The Food Pantry Committee



The Warming Tree

Chairperson-Kathy Wright; Lucy Blevins, Diane Faulkner, Val Bradley

With much success last year with our warming tree ministry, at Clarksbury U.M.C., the warming tree will be in the church fellowship hall beginning Saturday, December 1 through the first week in January. You will remove an angel from the warming tree with the needed item printed on the angel, purchase or make the item, and then return the needed item. You will place the item under the tree and replace the angel with an ornament for the tree. We will be focusing on this ministry through the winter season, at our winter food pantry, and the first Saturday of each month when we have the Cryer Center Mobile Food Pantry at Clarksbury. We would like to THANK EVERYONE who will be contributing to the warming tree by purchasing items, making items, or contributing financially for this very successful mission. If you would like to help in any way, just contact one of the committee members listed above, or myself, Kathy Wright (757-373-9166) or email kdwright@va.metrocast.net. God Bless.

Coat Ministry

Chairperson-Kathy Wright; Lucy Blevins, Diane Faulkner, Val Bradley



Clarksbury U.M.C. will be in its second year with our coat ministry. We are collecting new and **SLIGHTLY used** winter coats **ONLY** (PLEASE no sweaters or sweatshirts). These coats will be available to those in need during the cold months beginning November through March 2019. They will be on a rack in the church fellowship hall the first Saturday of each month at the Cryer Center Mobile Food Pantry held at our church and at the winter food distribution. THANK YOU for contributing to this very important ministry of Clarksbury U.M.C. If you have any questions or would like to contribute in any way, please call Kathy Wright, chairperson, 757-373-9166 or email kdwright@va.metrocast.net or one of the members listed above. God Bless.

Soup Ministry

Chairperson-Kathy Wright; Lucy Blevins, Diane Faulkner, Val Bradley



The soup ministry was very involved in the distribution of homemade soup (and a sleeve of crackers) at the Fall Food Pantry Distribution on Saturday, October 20, serving thirty-two families. The soup ministry distributes homemade soup twice a month (the first and third Monday), year round, to families in the Deltaville community. If you know of someone that may benefit from this mission of Clarksbury U.M.C., **please** contact one of the members of the committee, listed above, or myself, Kathy Wright (757-373-9166) or email kdwright@va.metrocast.net. God Bless!



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.

THE BEST FORM OF EXERCISE IS TO TOUCH THE FLOOR REGULARLY WITH YOUR KNEES.

Nurture and Outreach Committee **Jerry Dant**



September is when vacations end, children return to school and then comes October when leaves start to fall and need raking. So now is the time when our home bound members, family and friends might enjoy a visit or a call just to chat about "OLE" times. Mrs. Jean Cree, one of our members, has moved and her new address is 651 River Walk Parkway, Apt. #37, Chesapeake, Va., 23320-6819. Why not surprise her at the new address with a card letting her know we wish her well with her new friends. Then we have Ivey Huff, Melvin Hawley, Betty Morris and Jane Crittenden who live alone. They do get to come to church some weather permitting. Now that fall and winter are approaching we need to keep in touch with them and let them know we miss them when they can't be in church. They do have family in the area, but I am sure they would love a visit, call or cards. The day can get long when you are alone and a surprise will make them smile and THINK how good it will make you feel. Why not make a "LIST" with the names and call each one once a week to keep in touch with them and keep them in your daily PRAYERS.

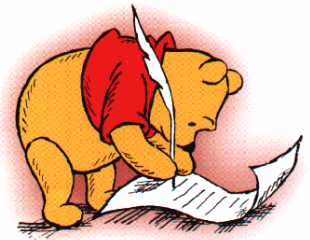
Outreach in our church is great and we meet great families from our community who need a little extra help. Not only does it help them, but is a BLESSING to those meeting, helping and Praying with those who come for food. Fran and her helpers did a great job in October and let's keep the spring food pantry in our Prayers. Kathy and those who deliver soup and crackers twice a month from our church are a BLESSING to those that receive the soup and a visit from a church member. Thanks to all 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

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
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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
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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
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M-Z

Annette Johnston 3/17 Dockside Rehab Center 74 Mizpah Road Locust Hill, VA 23092	Jean Cree 651 Riverwalk Parkway Apt # 37 Chesapeake, VA 23320-6819	Joyce Mathews 8/27 451 Fishing Bay Estates Box 11 Deltaville, VA 23043
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NOVEMBER POP!

(POWER OF PRAYER!)

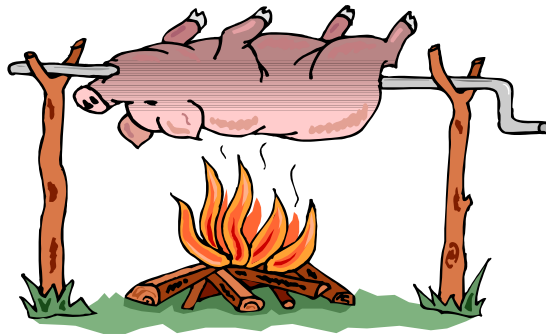
*You crown the year with your bounty. . .
The pastures of the wilderness overflow. . .
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.*

Psalm 65:11-13

We gather around this feasting table,
humbled by our bounty, Lord of abundant life;
we have so much more than we need. We confess
that we are poised, fork in hand, ready to overdo.
Help us to learn better how to live as grateful,
if overstuffed, children -- delighted, surprised,
and generous with the sharing of our good fortune.
Bless us now as we enjoy it amidst food, friends,
and family.

We give the **heartiest thanks** for Your diligent,
steadfast care.
Amen and Amen

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Clarksbury United Methodist Church

Eat In or Take Out

Chopped Pork Barbeque Dinner-

Carolina Style-Cooked on Site

Baked Beans-Cole Slaw- Roll

Dessert & Beverage Included

Friday November 9th-4:30-6:30 P M

All Tickets \$10.00-at the door or call the

Church office at 776-6060

Proceeds to Benefit church missions



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November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	2 Pat Taylor	3 Mobile Food Pantry 9-11 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
4 Fran Miller 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Communion	5 David Moore Soup Ministry 11 a.m.	6 Carol Jones	7	8 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	9 BBQ Dinner 4:30- 6:30pm	10 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
11 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	12	13 EYcircle 7p.m.	14	15 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	16	17 Don Bartz 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
18 Ken Cleveland 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	19 Christian Foster Soup Ministry 11 a.m.	20 Finance & Church Council 7 p.m.	21	22 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	23	24 Dawn Wilt 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
25 Melvin Hawley 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	26	27 Jay Moore	28 Martha Crittenden	29 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	30 Matthew Duke	

The deadline for the December 2018 Grapevine will be Friday, November 23. Send items to:

pwalian2@gmail.com

November 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 November is Kathy Wright

Counters for November are Kathy Wright and Delores Decker
Ronnie and Cheryl Teagle will serve as **ushers** for November