



# The Grapevine

Clarksbury United Methodist Church

15924 General Puller Highway, Hardyville, Virginia February 2019

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Our Mission:

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

## Pastor Ken's Corner 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> *If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.*

<sup>3</sup> *If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant*

<sup>5</sup> *or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.*

<sup>9</sup> *For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.*

<sup>13</sup> *And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.*

What a wonderful way to begin a fresh new month with a gift of LOVE to our community!!! We will be distributing food on Saturday, February 2, in partnership with the Cryer Center through their Mobile Food Pantry.

Our Warming Tree Ministry and Coat Closet is still open on Saturday as well at the same time as the food pantry, so there will be plenty of work for all of those who show up on Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. These ministries will run through February, providing people with gloves, hats, mufflers and scarves as well as coats, jackets and sweaters. If you have any questions regarding the Warming Tree or the Coat Closet, contact Warren or Kathy Wright.

Zoar Baptist Church has lead in our three-church rotation. With the weather anticipated to be cold, we need to be mindful of layering clothing and limiting the amount of time our workers and those we serve will be outside. With that in mind, it will be a good thing to have more people come and share in the labor so we can rotate more people outside for less individual exposure to the elements.

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Having many spiritual and natural gifts is fine...we should all aspire to receive them and use them to the glory of God. But, we can have any or all of those spiritual gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 and if we don't have LOVE, the AGAPEO or God like /perfect LOVE, then we are like a noisy gong or cymbal. In other words, if we don't have LOVE from God in us and through us, then we're not productive in the way God desires us to be. It's pointless, AND we don't SOUND very good either...no joyful noise (Psalm 100), so to speak.

We want to strive for the greater gifts (1 Corinthians 12:31). We should evaluate our current conditions and our spiritual and natural gifts and talents to see where God wants us to be and to determine to do whatever NEEDS to be done to move us from where we are to where we NEED to BE in God's plan.

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Are we imitating God in our love for our brothers and sisters and allowing working of HIS INFINITE POWER? If we are, then LOVE will be pure and will be manifest in all that we do, whether it is in our soup ministry, children's Sunday school, food pantry or mobile food pantry. Are we patient enough to wait upon the Lord? Are we kind enough to allow the love of God to flow out of us into our community? Keep in mind that Jesus is the reason for all seasons and we need to keep Him foremost in our focus at all times!

A topic still on most minds is the Called General Conference Session on February 23-26, 2019, in St. Louis. Be in prayer for all those connected with this Session to be in the spirit throughout the conference. 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 information on the "Way Forward" at the site below.

<https://vaumc.org/WayForward>

Our Lenten Bible Study ***Who is this Man?***, a five-session study by John Ortberg, starts on Thursday, March 14, at 2 p.m. ***Who Is This Man?*** illustrates how Jesus' influence has swept over history, bringing his inspiration to the evolution of art, science, government, medicine, and education and how his vision for us to lead lives of dignity, compassion, forgiveness, and hope continues to inspire and challenge humanity today. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the social hall and the cost of a book is \$12.

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We can press on to the goal that Jesus has for each of us. Do we KNOW what he has for our GOAL? As Paul states above “we know only in part”, yet we can and should pray and seek His guidance and help in our discernment of WHAT He wants us to do and to BE. I look to that time when Christ fully reveals his plan and himself to us in THAT day!

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Speaking of faith, hope, and love, our Prayer Warriors will be “gainfully employed” covering all of the procedures, operations, travels and other prayer concerns and needs of our congregation, friends, families, and community.

I will try to keep the Prayer Warrior e-mails current and relevant as we get more information 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.

Please remember to be faithful in letting me know if you hear 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 would prefer to hear twice about those in need rather than it be assumed that I must already know.

We are the church, and through us God’s wisdom and mercy is made real and evident to our community and to the world. In the name of Jesus we are his hands and feet to serve, feed and assist. Through Jesus’ boldness and our confidence and faith in Him we move to accomplish the eternal purpose He has for us.

**Nurture and Outreach** to our community and our congregation are instrumental in faithfully serving our Lord, not just at Dockside, but throughout the community in various ways. Talk to Jerry Dant about cards or letters or contacting some 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.

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

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

May his GRACE, MERCY and LOVE be with you every day, and may every day your awareness of HIS presence through HIS unbreakable gifts to YOU grow.

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 2019 Operating Funds: **\$114,935.00**

**Total Received** for Operating Funds as of January 19, 2019: **8,833.00**

**Total Income Needed to Meet Budget:** **9,578.00**

### COFFEE HOUR FOR February

February	3	Betty Tate
February	10	Betty Ann Tabler
February	17	Fran Miller
February	24	Kathy Wright



*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, February 25, 2019 at 7 PM for our monthly business meeting. At this meeting we will continue planning our 2019 activities. The UMM will hold an eat in/take out Spaghetti Dinner on Friday February 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30 PM, the cost is \$10.00.

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 Love is Patient Warren Wright



A good illustration of Christ like patience is seen in the life of Abraham Lincoln. From his earliest days in politics, Lincoln had a critic, and enemy, who continually treated him with contempt, a man by the name of Edwin Stanton. Stanton would say to newspaper reporters that Lincoln was a “low cunning clown” and “the original gorilla.” He said, “it was ridiculous for explorers to go to Africa to capture a gorilla when they could find one easily in Springfield Illinois.” Lincoln never responded to such slander; he never retaliated in the least. And when as President, he needed a Secretary of War, he selected Edwin Stanton. When his friends asked why, Lincoln replied, “Because he is the best man for the job.” Years later, that fateful night came when an assassin’s bullet murdered the president in a theater. Lincoln’s body was carried off to another room. Stanton came, and looking down upon the silent, rugged, face of his dead President, he said through his tears, “There lays the greatest ruler of men the world has ever seen.” Stanton’s animosity had finally been broken. How? By Lincoln’s patient, long suffering, non-retaliatory love.

No matter how much love is ill-treated or scorned, love is kind.

**In Romans, Chapter 8, verses 35 &37 &38, we hear these words. “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else is all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**



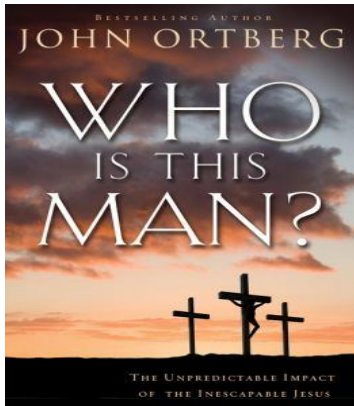
## Worship Committee

### David Dobson

The worship committee held their first meeting of the year on January 3. Looking ahead, the enthusiastic group discussed and prepared for the following:

Lenten lunches will be on March 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 17. Pastor Ken is taking the lead in arranging speakers. As in years past, UMM and UMW will split “lunches”. The UMW will take the first ones because April is Easter month and the egg factory will be in full operation.

Pastor Ken is leading a new bible study: “**Who is this Man**” by John Ortberg. This will begin Thursday afternoons at 2pm starting March 14. The five sessions will conclude April 11, which comes just before our preparations for Holy Week. More details concerning special events will be presented in the coming months.



**Matthew 28:19:** *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.*

Vacation bible school 2019, is taking shape with the theme of discipleship. It will center on Peter, Luke, John, and Paul and how their lives were transformed when they became disciples of the Lord. Each of these four will be featured one night, telling the story of being ordinary to extraordinary.

Dates (tentatively) are 21-26 July. It is anticipated a Sunday start will take place as “introduction” and registration (not a full program), with the main event program Monday to Thursday. Friday will culminate the VBS with a “performance” of the youth. I will thank all of you in advance for your continued prayers, and certainly know we will all give something to make everything a Praise to the Lord.

If you have any comments (good and bad) concerning our Clarksbury church services, please reach out to me. I am always willing to listen and can bring concerns and comments to the committee for resolution. We should all be smiling every day because this is the day the Lord has made!

## Cookie Project

### Fran Miller, EY Circle Chairperson

The Edna Yankovich Circle is having their annual cookie project for servicemen (and women) again. We will be bringing cookies to the church for packing on Sunday, February 24th. If you would like to help with this project, please bring your cookies that day packed in plastic containers. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with postage instead, please give the money to Fran Miller by that Sunday.

## Food Pantry Committee

### Fran Miller

On behalf of the Food Pantry Committee, I want to thank you for your generous contributions during the January food drive. Your work is not over, however! As I told you in last month's newsletter, we will be collecting food during the month of February as well. Our hope is to have enough to feed at least the number of families we had helped in October. We would need at least 100 bags of groceries to do this. So at the bottom of this article is the list of items we would like for the weeks in February. Of course, if you prefer to give a monetary donation that is always welcome!

Besides donations of food, the food committee needs your help on the day we open our doors to distribute this food. It will be on Saturday, February 23 from 9-11 a.m. We need people to greet, serve refreshments, and help carry bags to cars. There will be a sign up sheet in the sanctuary. Please volunteer! Also, if you know a family who needs help, please tell them to come on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you again for your help and support.

Yours in Christ, the Food Pantry Committee

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February 3	<b>Ready Meals, canned fruit, large soups, dried beans</b>
February 10	large soups, dried beans, pork & beans
February 17	large soups, dried beans, Ready Meals

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## 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](mailto:kdwright@va.metrocast.net) or one of the members listed above. 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 quarrels of lovers are like summer storms.  
Everything is more beautiful when they have passed.*



## Nurture and Outreach Committee Jerry Dant

January has been a very cold and wet month. Let's not forget Valentine's Day is soon and it would be really nice to surprise our home bound members with a pretty red valentine card. It will surely brighten their day and make you feel good too. Maybe a phone call, visit or even a little gift would be nice. In addition to finding the names and addresses here in the Grapevine you can find them posted on a valentine hanging on the bulletin board in the hall outside of the sanctuary.

February may be another cold and wet month. Please check on your neighbors and those in the community to see if there is any way we can help during this time. Don't forget we are having a "Food Pantry" at the end of the month. If you know of someone who might need a little extra help, please tell them about our "Food Pantry on the 23rd of February. We are a giving church doing what God would want us to do in his name.

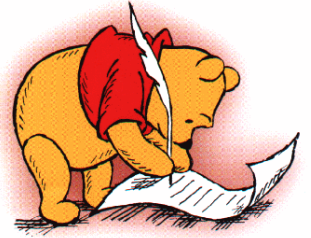


## Mail a letter or card of happiness to our home bound members!

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.



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### 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**  
Riverside Convalescent  
Center  
P.O. Box 303  
Saluda, VA 23149

Jean Cree  
651 Riverwalk Parkway  
Apt # 37  
Chesapeake, VA 23320-  
6819

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

# FEBRUARY POP!

## THIS IS THE POWER OF PRAYER!

We have a wonderful group of enthusiastic children from age's seven to twelve who regularly attend Sunday school. Many thanks to Fred and Jerry Dant who pick the children up and deliver them back home after church. They also take over the class if I'm unavailable for it.

The children arrive enthusiastic about the lesson and eager to learn.

I begin each Sunday in prayer with the children thanking God for our time together and the children, in turn, thank Him for family and whatever they feel led to say. After the Lord's Prayer, we move on to our Bible study. This past week we focused on the baptism of Jesus and spent time discussing the relationship of Jesus and his cousin, John the Baptist. My desire for our children is to follow the life and miracles of Jesus through the winter. We move on in the spring to the death and resurrection of Jesus and follow Him until His ascent into Heaven. From spring to fall, we will focus on the Old Testament stories. The children seemed to really enjoy the craft last summer about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednigo walking in the fiery furnace. We also enjoy birthday celebrations, Fourth of July crafts and watching the Old Testament characters come to life. Many thanks to go to Warren, who set us up with video Bible stories.

Please feel free to visit our classroom and enjoy these enthusiastic children who love to hear Bible stories, make crafts, and enjoy the cookies that I just happen to have.

I love the unexpected visits from Pastor Ken when he drops by. The children have watched him set- up communion and explain why and how we participate. During the church service, he can be found helping the kids find the hymn we are singing. I am so blessed to be with these children and get so much joy telling them all about Jesus.





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## February 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Mobile Food Pantry 9-11 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
3 Percy Hattorf 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Communion	4	5 Al Johnston	6	7 George Lee Clark Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	8	9 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
10 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	11 Soup Ministry 11 a.m	12 EYcircle 7p.m.	13	14 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	15 Anne Tompkins	16 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
17 Danny Mauney 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	18 John Robertson	19 Finance & Church Council 7 p.m	20	21 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	22	23 Virginia Clark Food Pantry Distribution 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
24 Hannah Clark 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	25 Soup Ministry 11 a.m	26	27 Diane Faulker	28 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m		

The deadline for the March 2019 Grapevine will be **Friday, February 22**. Send items to:  
pwalian2@gmail.com

**February 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 **February** is Lucy Blevins

**Counters** for **February** are Lucy Blevins and Linda Bartz

Allan Miller and Warren Wright will serve as **ushers** for **February**