



# *The Grapevine*

**Clarksbury United Methodist Church**

**15924 General Puller Highway, Hardyville, Virginia April 2019**

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**Our Mission:**

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

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## Pastor Ken's Corner

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NRSV)**

<sup>23</sup> *For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread,*

<sup>24</sup> *and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

<sup>25</sup> *In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

<sup>26</sup> *For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

We continue in a time in the life of our Christian Church year where we consider meditatively and prayerfully our relationship with our Creator and our brothers and sisters.

We will be distributing food on Saturday, April 6, in partnership with the Cryer Center through their Mobile Food Pantry; Clarksbury UMC has the lead this Saturday.

**LENT** continues until Holy Week begins on Monday, April 15.

**LENT IS** a time when we look to where we are in our lives today and **ONLY IMAGINE** what our lives will be like when we are in the presence of our Creator, our Savior and the Holy Spirit.

**LENT IS** a time when we look at our lives and take stock of what our priorities are and focus on the life we are living.

The **final Lenten Luncheon** will be on **Wednesday, April 17.**

The fourth session of our Bible study, *Who is this Man* by John Ortberg, is on Thursday, April 5, at 2 p.m. The fifth and final session is on Thursday, April 11, at 2 p.m. The study 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.

Our Holy Week (April 14-20) services are as follows. They are open to the entire community.

April 18-Holy (Maundy) Thursday service at 7 p.m. with communion at Clarksbury

April 19 - Good Friday Service at 3 p.m. at Clarksbury

April 21 - Easter SONRISE service at 6:15 a.m. at Stingray Point

April 21 - Easter 11 a.m. service at Clarksbury

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**Jesus** comes to fulfill the promises of the creator. Jesus offers himself up, bodily later the next day, as He lifts up the broken loaf of bread as a sacrifice for our sin. Jesus calls us to remember this sacrifice, his body given for us, each time we receive communion. He calls us to do more than just mentally recollect or recall His sacrifice. Jesus wants us to know and understand the significance of this act and receive the precious gift of His body which is given for us and all of humanity on a spiritual level and experience this miracle through FAITH, by which **my sins, your sins, the sins of the entire world** are **PAID** for...**PAID IN FULL!!!**

God has already done all that needs to be done for our **RECONCILIATION to GOD**. We can then step out with confidence on the path that Christ lays out for us...the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE... His way!!!

***<sup>25</sup> In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."***

Jesus pours out His life blood for us on Calvary the next day just as he pours out this wine for His disciples that night. Jesus makes with us a NEW covenant "to love one another as He has loved us" and to remember the gifts of body and blood each time we receive communion. We are called to remember the suffering as well as the triumph of the resurrection over death itself. Jesus died and was buried...the third day He AROSE! He ascends to heaven but is coming back. REMEMBER THAT!!!

Regardless of the trials and tribulations we suffer and encounter we know our redeemer has already given us everything!!! Rejoice in everything! We can press on to the goal that Jesus has for each of us.

***<sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.***

We can and should continue to be in prayer for our community, and as we continue as Christians to love and serve we proclaim not only Jesus' death and sacrifice but also his **resurrection** and promise of **return!**

A topic **still** on most minds is the Called General Conference Session held February 23-26, 2019, in St. Louis. The reports of those decisions reached by the delegation and the impacts on our Connectional Church are still being discussed and processed. 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 this subject, and feel free to contact Warren Wright or myself if you have questions regarding the outcome and potential impacts.

As always we 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 rather hear twice about those in need than it be assumed that I must already know.

**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.**

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

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**

<b>Annual Budget</b> for 2019 Operating Funds:	<b>\$114,935.00</b>
<b>Total Received</b> for Operating Funds as of February 2019:	<b>16,301.00</b>
<b>Total Income Needed to Meet February Budget:</b>	<b>19,156.00</b>

## COFFEE HOUR FOR April

April	7	Cacky Guill
April	14	Delores Decker
April	21	Gayle Gilliland
April	28	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 April 22nd at 7 PM for our monthly business meeting. At this meeting we will continue planning our 2019 activities. The UMM will be hosting the Lenten Lunches on Wednesday April 3rd-10th-17th.

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**

### **Warren Wright**

This month I decided to give you something different in my message to you. Over the years I've collected some great quotations from many of the world's greatest writers, religious leaders, and other folks that just plain had something good to say. So here goes, and I hope that you enjoy them.

- **"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." -----Mother Teresa**
- **"There is nothing you can say in answer to a compliment. I have been complimented myself a great many times, and they always embarrass me-I always feel that they have not said enough"-----Mark Twain**
- **"Just as the soul fills the body, so God fills the world. Just as the soul bears the body, so God endures the world. Just as the soul sees but is not seen, so God sees but is not seen. Just as the soul feeds the body, so God gives food to the world." -----Marcus Tullius Cicero**
- **"If you don't design your own life plan, chances are you'll fall into someone else's plan. And guess what they have planned for you? Not much." -----Jim Robn**
- **"The duty of man is not a wilderness of turnpike gates, through which his is to pass by tickets from one to another. It is plain and simple, and consists but of two points-his duty to God, which every man must feel; and, with respect to his neighbor, to do as he would be done by." -----Thomas Paine**
- **"What you would not wish done to yourself do not to others." -----Confucius**
- **DID YOU KNOW?---The shortest chapter in the Bible is Psalms 117. The middle verse in the Bible is Psalms 118:8, "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in man." The shortest verse in the Bible is John 11:35, "Jesus wept."**

**Thought for the month---In whom do you put your trust?**

**Scripture for the Month----Luke 11:1-4**

Jesus' Teaching on Prayer

**11** One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "When you pray, say: "'Father, <sup>[a]</sup>hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. <sup>[b]</sup><sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup> Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. <sup>[c]</sup> And lead us not into temptation. <sup>[d]</sup>'"

## Scholarship Applications 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.

## 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.

**ALL PEOPLE SMILE IN THE SAME LANGUAGE.**

## Nurture and Outreach Committee Jerry Dant



Our sweet friend, Betty Morris, went to her heavenly home and she is rejoicing with friends and family who went before she was called by our Lord. Also, our dear friend, Melvin Hawley, has moved closer to family and is in Assisted Living in Hopewell. Let's all keep in touch with cards, notes and by cell phone.

Home bound members keep an eye out for your invitation to our Lenten Luncheon on April 17th. We will have good fellowship, food and hear the word of God. This will be a time for all of us to enjoy each other and see some you have not seen for a while. See you there...

## Outreach

### LIFT CHILDREN OF MIDDLESEX

LIFT Children of Middlesex will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at MES for ages 2-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Rain date will be April 14th. I am sure a lot of help is needed so why don't you volunteer to help with LIFT Children of Middlesex. See Pastor Ken or Jerry Dant and Fred Dant

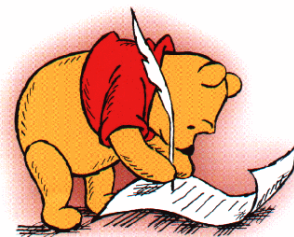
***Since April 7-13, 2019 is National Volunteer Week why not VOLUNTEER?***

### 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**  
River View on Appomattox  
201 Eppes Street  
Hopewell, VA 23860

#### H-L

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





# APRIL POP!

by **Bob Hostetler** Posted in **How to Pray**, Apr 1, 2019

There's nothing wrong with silent prayer. On the contrary, the Bible depicts Hannah being judged by others (a priest, no less) as she prayed silently—but her prayer was heard and answered by God (see 1 Samuel 1). Still, there are some good reasons to [pray aloud](#), even when no one but God is around to hear you.

## 1) Focus

Maybe, like me, you've nodded off while praying silently. Maybe (again like me) you even prefer to end your day by climbing into bed and praying until you fall asleep. But I don't believe I've ever succumbed to sleep while praying aloud. Like David, who wrote, "I cry aloud to the Lord; I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy" (Psalm 142:1, NIV), I find that praying aloud focuses my mind and heart on what I'm saying, and my voice reinforces my thoughts while also preventing distraction.

## 2) Emphasis

Asaph urged God's people to "Sing for joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob!" (Psalm 81:1, NIV). Some thoughts and emotions are almost antithetical to silent prayer; they must be spoken, even shouted. Joy, rage, confession and confusion are expressed and emphasized best, I think, when the vocal chords and tongue join with mind and heart in the act of prayer.

## 3) Memory

I remember some of the things I pray silently, but I recall far more of what I pray aloud. It's simple math: thought + word = more memorable. And writing a prayer as I'm speaking it often adds more action to the equation, particularly when I'm praying for the needs of others. It's easier to remember to pray for someone when I've already prayed aloud for that particular need.

## 4) Faith

I was once so overcome with disappointment and discouragement that I lay on the floor of my home office, face down, and prayed aloud for more than 30 minutes, "My help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth" (based on Psalm 124:8). I prayed those words aloud, over and over, sometimes softly and sometimes loudly, until I found myself believing them. Praying aloud—especially when combined with praying [Scripture](#)—can revive and increase the faith of the person who is praying.

## 5) Health

David sang, "When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long." He said God's hand was heavy on him, and "my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer" (Psalm 32:3, 4, NIV). It's not healthy to hold in our emotions, and sometimes silent prayer just doesn't give full expression to the things we're feeling. Praying aloud can relieve our burdens and release our emotions in healthy ways.

Why not try it? If you're accustomed to praying silently, it may take some effort—but praying aloud even when you're alone might also be just what your heart, mind and soul need.





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## April 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Soup Ministry 11 a.m	2	3 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	4 Al Miller Elizabeth Sibley	5	6 Paulette Topping 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 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	11	12	13 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
14 Holy Week 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	15 Emily Farmer Soup Ministry 11 a.m	16 Finance & Church Council 7 p.m	17 Homebound Members attend Lenten Lunch 11:30am Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	18 Dick Sisson Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.	19 Richard Purcell MaryNell Ivey Good Friday Service 3 p.m.	20 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
21 Jerry Crittenden Sonrise Service SR point 6:15a.m. 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Easter Worship	22	23	24 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	25	26 Betty Johnson	27 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
28 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	29	30				

The deadline for the May 2019 Grapevine will be **Tuesday, April 23**. Send items to:

pwalian2@gmail.com

*April 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 **April** is Warren Wright

**Counters** for **April** are Fran Miller and Terry Cleveland

Anne Tompkins and Diane Faulkner will serve as **ushers** for **April**