



The Grapevine

Clarksbury United Methodist Church

15924 General Puller Highway, Hardyville, Virginia June 2019

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Our Mission:

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

Pastor Ken's Corner

John 14:10-17 (NRSV)

¹⁰ *Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.*

¹¹ *Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.* ¹² *Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.* ¹³ *I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.* ¹⁴ *If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.* ¹⁵ *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.* ¹⁶ *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.* ¹⁷ *This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.*

Christ is risen, and Christ will come again!

We have an impressive list of events here at Clarksbury over the next few weeks as we close out spring and the school year and head into graduations and summer. **May** was busy, and **June** looks to be even busier.

We have **TWO Food Pantries** scheduled in June. This Saturday, **June 1**, the Cryer Center's Mobile Food Pantry will be at Clarksbury; Philippi Christian Church has lead. On Saturday, **June 29**, our Clarksbury Community Food Pantry is scheduled. There is plenty of work to go around for everyone. More details are available from Fran and the UMM and UMW.

On Friday, **June 14**, (Flag Day) the UMM and UMW will host a BBQ dinner with Chef Bryan Motes preparing a masterpiece of delicious "Carolina Style" BBQ with all the trimmings for \$10, eat in or to go, from 4-6:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from UMM members prior to Friday or at the door on Friday night.

Father's Day is **June 16**. Annual Conference is in Roanoke this year on **June 20-22**. Kits for Conference are being prepared by the UMM and UMW. Pray for the conference to be a good time of sharing and peace. Pray, too, for those churches and pastors who are moving this year; a change can be very hectic. This is also a time of year when many of our pastors decide to retire, and we celebrate their service and the sharing of their gifts and graces.

As we push forward into June may the Lord richly bless us and HIS ministries.

On a personal note: Ken and Ashley MacDonald celebrate the new addition to their family. Alethea Grace has been welcomed into this world and we are so happy for all of them and pray God's rich blessings on the whole family. O Happy Day!

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With all the activities we have planned for the summer before us, along with all of the things that generally are a part of this time of the year (like graduations, vacations, and other exciting events), we **MUST** continue to remember that our Lord is with us, **doing the Father's works**. We can see the wonders of the seasons, the weather, the sunsets, the beaches, the storms and the smiling faces of family and friends who we will be with at this time of the year...just be sure to give God the glory for the rich beauty you enjoy.

As this summer unfolds and we are involved in these summer activities, our faith and belief in Christ give us the assurance that our ministries and activities are blessed by and through the Father and the Son, and the works we do are part and parcel with both the Father and the Son's purpose and plan.

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Remember the blessing we have to always be able to call upon the Lord "in my name" for any circumstance or trial or tribulation. We have this promise of our perfect relationship with Christ...this "Spirit of truth" to comfort and guide us as we walk the paths life puts before us. Remember that **he abides with you and will be in you** throughout whatever you encounter.

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 this information, please let me know and provide your e-mail address.

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.

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

Annual Budget for 2019 Operating Funds:	\$114,935.00
Total Received for Operating Funds as of May 2019:	44,910.00
Total Income Needed to Meet May Budget:	47,890.00

COFFEE HOUR FOR June



June	2	Anne Tompkins
June	9	Kathy Wright
June	16	Polly Van Benschoten
June	23	Becky Foster
June	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 meet on Monday June 24th at 7 PM for our monthly business meeting. At this meeting we will continue planning our 2019 activities. The UMM and UMW will be hosting our Building Fund BarBque fund raiser dinner on Friday June 14th from 4-6:30 PM. The UMM will be off for the summer in July and August.

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.

An early look at July 4th Heritage in America

A Message from Your Lay Leader

Warren Wright

The 4th of July is a special day in our country but not just for the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Many special things have happened on this day. Three American presidents died on the Fourth of July, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe. And if you want to get down to it, Monroe was ready to die several days before but doctors kept him alive with drugs just long enough so that he could die on the fourth of July. Why did they do that?

Because the fourth of July meant something. Calvin Coolidge was born on that day in 1872.

West Point opened, July 4th 1802. Stephen Foster was born on July 4th.

The song "America" was sung for the first time on July 4th, 1832 in Boston. Alaska and Hawaii both became states on the fourth of July. Slavery was abolished in the state of New York on July the fourth 1845. And in that great document delivered on July the 4th, 1776, we read of a belief that all people have rights given by the creator of Mankind. The document only has 1321 words, it takes just eight minutes to read, and **God** is mentioned four times, twice at the beginning and twice at the end. And the purpose of the declaration was to separate us officially from the repression and authority of England. And the very act of signing the declaration said to the world that I am a traitor to my native country of England. I am a criminal, a fugitive from London's Justice.

Who were the men who were willing to sign? Of the 56 men who signed it two were twenty years of age, sixteen were in their thirties, twenty in their forties, eleven in their fifties, six in their sixties, and one, Benjamin Franklin, over 70.

All but two were married. Each had an average of 6 children. 24 were lawyers, 9 were merchants, 14 were farmers, 4 were doctors, and one was a preacher.

Were not talking about low life, drifters, and rebels, we're talking about educated, civilized men who were willing to sacrifice everything for a cause that they believed in. And history shows us that they paid the price for that bravery.

John Adams said, "The general principles on which the Fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity". Adams went on to say that in observing the 4th of July,

"It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty."

And the trouble with America today, is that we stopped listening to our fathers, listening to what they told us **God** did in their lives long ago.

Psalms 44:1, says "We have heard with our ears Oh God, Our fathers have told us what you did in their day long ago."

Summer Food Pantry

Fran Miller

The next Food Pantry Day will be Saturday, June 29 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, June 27 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



Can you believe summer is just around the corner? How about the fact the VBS is at Clarksbury 9 weeks from Sunday (5/19/19)? Working schedules and vacation times into account, the dates for VBS this year will be 21-26 July 2019. The Sunday will be registration and orientation, and the Friday will be a closing. Monday through Thursday, a regular type of VBS program.

Please email me directly with any specific wants, wishes, hopes, etc. and it will be taken into account. I am hoping things to be a little different than expected, but appreciated in a good way. New thoughts are producing a program in-house to tailor to our community and a few crafts that will be "keepers" for years to come. The theme of "Follow the Way" is what is in store, based on the early followers of Christ following "The Way". We will feature four prominent people from the first century and highlight how they came to follow the way, that is, become disciples of Christ.

We will be looking for volunteers, of course, but also persons to play "characters", including a Jesus if there is anyone who thinks they are up for the challenge. At the moment, I would appreciate your prayers as the program is coming together.

Please update your Church Directory

New phone numbers for Chuck and Mary Banker
Chuck: 804-3842006
Mary: 804-384-2016
Please update your directories.



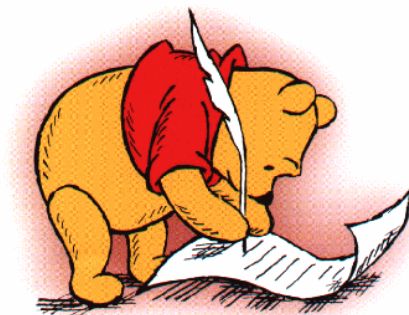
My patriotic heart beats red, white, and blue. Display your flag on June 14.

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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JUNE POP!

Thinking of Prayer as Jesus Taught

By Oswald Chambers

Pray without ceasing... —1 Thessalonians 5:17

Our thinking about prayer, whether right or wrong, is based on our own mental conception of it. The correct concept is to think of prayer as the breath in our lungs and the blood from our hearts. Our blood flows and our breathing continues “without ceasing”; we are not even conscious of it, but it never stops. And we are not always conscious of Jesus keeping us in perfect oneness with God, but if we are obeying Him, He always is. Prayer is not an exercise, it is the life of the saint. Beware of anything that stops the offering up of prayer. “Pray without ceasing...” — maintain the childlike habit of offering up prayer in your heart to God all the time.

Jesus never mentioned unanswered prayer. He had the unlimited certainty of knowing that prayer is always answered. Do we have through the Spirit of God that inexpressible certainty that Jesus had about prayer, or do we think of the times when it seemed that God did not answer our prayer? Jesus said, “...everyone who asks receives...” ([Matthew 7:8](#)). Yet we say, “But..., but....” God answers prayer in the best way— not just sometimes, but every time. However, the evidence of the answer in the area we want it may not always immediately follow. Do we expect God to answer prayer?

The danger we have is that we want to water down what Jesus said to make it mean something that aligns with our common sense. But if it were only common sense, what He said would not even be worthwhile. The things Jesus taught about prayer are supernatural truths He reveals to us.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Mobile Food Pantry 9-11 Jennifer Shults Tamara Ramirez 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
2 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Communion	3 Soup Ministry 11 a.m.	4 Becky Wilhite Summer Clark	5 Polly Van Benchoten Kyle Mears Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	6	7	8 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
9 Carl Tate 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	10	11 EYcircle 7p.m.	12 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	13	14	15 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
16 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Easter Worship	17 Soup Ministry 11 a.m.	18 Jackie Sibley Finance & Church Council 7 p.m.	19 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	20	21	22 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
23 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	24 Jeanne Duke	25	26 Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.	27	28	29 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
30 Mike Tullos						

The deadline for the July 2019 Grapevine will be **Monday, June 24** Send items to:

pwalian2@gmail.com

June 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 **June** is Suzanne Ramsburg

Counters for **June** are Don Bartz and Connie Robertson

Phil and Joyce Smith will serve as **ushers** for **June**