



# *The Grapevine*

**Clarksbury United Methodist Church**

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

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**Our Mission:**

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

## **Pastor Ken's Corner**

*Luke 10:38-42 (NRSV)*

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<sup>40</sup> *But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me."*

<sup>41</sup> *But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup> there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."*

We have an impressive list of events scheduled at Clarksbury for the month of July. June was busy, and July looks to be just as busy, if not more so, as people begin their vacations and our Vacation Bible School takes place.

We will have our **Monthly Mobile Food Pantry** on **Saturday, July 7**, with the Cryer Center (Clarksbury has lead). There is always plenty of work to go around for everyone.

Our community wide **VBS, *Follow the Way***, is scheduled for **July 22-26**. We all need to look at our schedules to see if there is anything we can do to support this effort. More information on this from our Worship Committee will follow.

As we push forward into July, I pray our precious Lord richly blesses us and His ministries with His presence and power. As we serve our community God will show us the way of daily compassion and involvement.

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We live in a world where, almost daily, we encounter opportunities to be **hospitable** to all of those we meet. In every instance we have not only an **opportunity**, but also an **obligation** to **SEE** the people around us and respond in a Christian and hospitable manner.

We welcome people in our community to receive food assistance with the Mobile Food Pantry; we invite and welcome children from our community to come to our VBS...just as Mary and Martha welcomed Jesus into their home.

Mary sits at Jesus' feet and listens to what He has to say. Martha, who is involved in doing the customary tasks of the household (possibly preparing a meal for their visitor), wants Mary to assist her and even asks Jesus to tell her to help her in the busy work of the household.

There seems to be nothing wrong with Martha's request and I think many would agree, given the same circumstances in our homes, we might make the same request.

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Yet Jesus responds in a manner that must have surprised Martha. The scriptures do not give any more detail on this visit nor do they give us any information on how Martha may have reacted to this mild reproof /rebuke from Jesus.

I can imagine that Martha might have wondered why her busyness, which social norms would call for, is not the **better part**. How is it that Mary's attentiveness or listening to what Jesus is saying is the **BETTER part**?

I think the lesson we can draw from these short passages is, as important as **doing** the right thing (like being hospitable) is, the **BETTER** part is listening to and reading the Word of God.

So for this coming month and for the rest of the year let us be mindful that while we continue to DO good works and practice hospitality we are constantly mindful of what the Lord is telling us each and every day through our daily readings and meditations.

We came through Lent this spring focused on meditating and reading, sharing and worshipping, and celebrating and enjoying the Easter SONrise and the glory of Jesus. Now we need to be reminded that we are to always and in ALL WAYS be at the Master's feet listening to what He tells us and DOING what he commands us to DO.

As always, I will make every effort keep the Prayer Warrior e-mails updated with more information and updates as the available information changes. That in large part is possible only if, as circumstances change, someone lets me know. If you have an e-mail address and would like to receive the Prayer Warrior updates, please let me know and provide me with that 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.

**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 contacting 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.

**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 June 2019:	<b>44,910.00</b>
<b>Total Income Needed to Meet June Budget:</b>	<b>47,890.00</b>

## COFFEE HOUR FOR July

July	7	Mickie Crittenden
July	14	Linda Dobbins
July	21	Val Bradley
July	28	Jerry Dant



*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 be off for the Summer in July and August. We will return on Monday September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM.

Remember that there are no membership or dues requirements to be a part of the United Methodist Men of Clarksburg, just a willingness to serve Jesus Christ within your church and community.

*Mission-To Help Men Grow In Christ, So Others May Know Christ.*

### Soup Ministry

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



The soup ministry distributed homemade soup (and a sleeve of crackers) at the Summer Food Pantry Distribution on Saturday, June 29, 2019, serving thirty-nine 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 Clarksburg 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](mailto:kdwright@va.metrocast.net). God Bless!

America is a tune. It must be sung together.

-Gerald Stanley Lee

LITANY FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD  
A Message from Your Lay Leader  
Warren Wright

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, almighty God,

that all who confess your name may be united in your truth,

live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations,

in the ways of justice and peace;

that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,

that we may use its resources rightly

in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours,

and grant that we may serve Christ in them,

and love one another as Christ loves us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;

give them courage and hope in their troubles,

and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died,

that your will for them may be fulfilled;

and we pray that we may share with all your saints

in your eternal kingdom

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer.*

We offer these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1 Peter 3:12 - "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

**Worship Committee**  
**David Dobson**  
**VBS 2019- Clarksbury UMC**



**DATES:** 22-26 July, 2019. M-F, 530-800

**THEME:** *Making Disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.*

**MOTTOs:** Follow the Way

**SUMMARY:** In conjunction with the UM mission, we will present a VBS that centers on going from “a person” to “Disciple of Christ”. First Four nights, an individual Disciple of Christ will be covered. We will learn about the person, places, and things that made them change from ordinary to extraordinary.

PETER      MATTHEW      JOHN      PAUL

**Key Volunteers Still Needed**

**Music** using 4 common hymns this year.

**Kitchen/Snacks**, assuming UMW but we will be responsible for all the nights.

**Games**

**Shepherds (age groups 3-5; 6-8; 9-10)**

In the way Christ worked, we will try to take the ordinary helper and make then an extraordinary part of VBS!

Please contact me directly with any questions, concerns, and comments.

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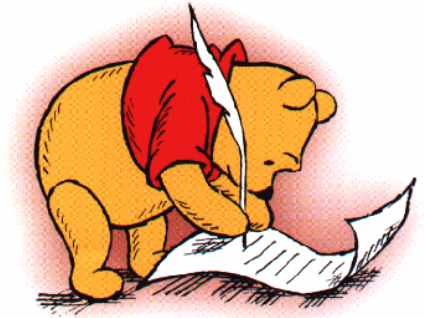


## Mail a letter or card of happiness to our home bound members!

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 Clarksburg.



### 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-  
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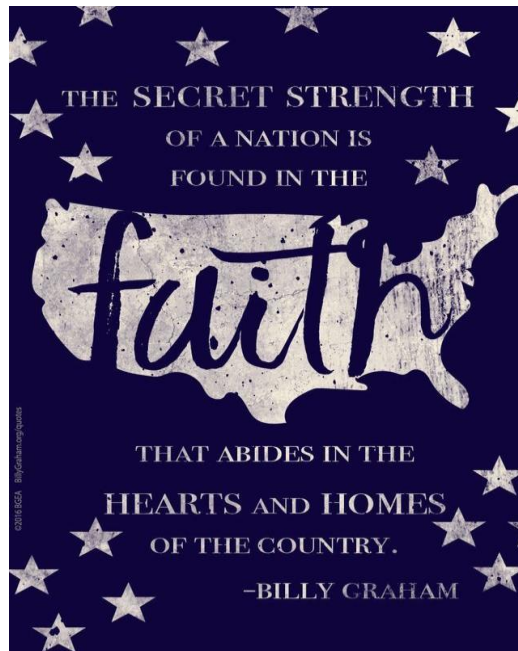
**Serving Overseas:**  
**Floyd Andrew Forrest 2/5**  
**BCO.1-52 TFApocalypse**  
**APO AE 09322**

# July PoP!

Submitted by Mickie Crittenden

About four years ago I was introduced to a book, "The Circle Maker" by Mark Batterson, and that was the most life-changing experience I have ever had. It showed me that, even though I had reached the ripe old age of 85, I was still in the "potter's hands", and He was continuously changing my life, and I am so grateful for that.

I would not have been called a "prayer warrior" up to that point in my life, but now I may even be called a zealot when it comes to praying, believing, and having the faith required if we expect our prayers to have a positive outcome. Oh, I said my bedtime prayer, and had blessing at each meal, but that was pretty much the extent of my prayer life, unless I had a very special request for God, and then I really didn't expect He would actually answer that prayer. And then the book came along, and now I know that He hears my every prayer, and I cannot tell you how those answers have come through every time. Maybe they are not always the answer I wanted, but it now know that is a good thing, for He is in control of my life, and He has brought me peace, joy and happiness that is boundless.







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## July 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Soup Ministry 11 a.m.	2	3 Betty Tate Fred Dant	4 Val Bradley Jamie Sibley	5	6 Mobile Food Pantry 9-11 TC Moore 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
7 Eric Miller 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Communion	8 Charlie Weis	9 Vaughn Crittenden	10 Lewis Musick Warren Wright	11	12 Raymond Jackson Reggie Jackson	13 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
14 Jean Hattorf Billy Jackson 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	15 Soup Ministry 11 a.m.	16 Dolores Decker	17	18 Mary Banker Alex Crittenden	19	20 Joyce Smith 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
21 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m.	22 VBS 6:00pm- 8:00pm	23 VBS 6:00pm- 8:00pm	24 VBS 6:00pm- 8:00pm	25 VBS 6:00pm- 8:00pm	26 Bob Tabler VBS 6:00pm- 8:00pm	27 Gleaning 8:00-2:00pm 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
28 Connie Robertson 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	29	30	31			

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

pwalian2@gmail.com

**July 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 **July** is Dawn Wilt

Counters for **July** are Dawn Wilt and Diane Faulkner

Mary Banker and Phyllis Motley will serve as **ushers** for **July**