



# *The Grapevine*

**Clarksbury United Methodist Church**

**15924 General Puller Highway, Hardyville, Virginia October 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**

***Luke 17:12-19 (NRSV)***

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***<sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.***

***<sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?"***

***<sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"***

***<sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."***

Summer is gone and we are firmly planted in fall, the leaves changing colors and blanketing the ground in our yards. Raking and cleanup chores increase this time of year and I enjoy the decrease in humidity and heat as much as I enjoy the cooler breezes.

Some of you, like Terry and I, have returned from our summer visits with family, especially Grandchildren, and other vacation locations.

Speaking of vacations, I want to thank Warren Wright, David Dobson and Fred Dant for filling our pulpit so capably for our Saturday and Sunday Worship services while I was away. We are so blessed with gifted Lay Servants. **THANK YOU**, Warren, David and Fred.

All the business of the last few months of the year for our church begin again as we prepare for our Charge Conference on Saturday November 2 at 2 PM as **Clarksbury** will host the multi-church Charge Conference with Lower UMC as well as other local Churches.

In Preparations for the **Charge Conference**, Warren Wright and I as well as others on the Nominations and Leadership committee will be asking you to consider serving your church and community in leadership and servant positions for the future. Most of the Leadership and Committee positions agree to serve for three year terms and there are always new opportunities each year as some serving rotate out of positions allowing new opportunities for the whole church to participate in leadership and service roles.

We thank the current Leadership for their faithful and continuing in their Council, Committee and Leadership positions. I encourage you all to faithfully consider accepting the Leadership positions for which you are asked to assume for your Church.

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Just as there are Leadership Opportunities so to, there are servant positions available in the service of our Lord. Just as these ten lepers called out to Jesus to heal them so to, we have needy people in our community who continually call out to the Churches in our Community and us at Clarksbury for help and assistance.

**Saturday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> is the Cryer Center Mobile Food Pantry** from 9 till 11:30 AM, Clarksbury has Lead and there will be plenty of opportunities for us to lend a hand in this servant effort. Even if you can't lift or carry bags of food you might be able to help organize or sort the items, or make coffee, and chat with our customers and pray for our efforts from home or here at church. Be a part of this wonderful ministry, if you have questions see me or Warren Wright. You too can be part of Jesus's ministries to our community.

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After Jesus healed the 10 lepers as they had called on Jesus to have mercy upon them and they were all healed, **only one** turned back praising God and giving thanks for the miracle of healing. Being a leper in that day was a terrible condition, no one wanted to encounter you, no one wanted to help you because there were few treatments to cure or heal this affliction. It could be a lonely and greatly diminished life. Interestingly, the one who came back was a foreigner, a Samaritan, who knew how great a miracle Jesus has given him and he gave thanks to God and Jesus tells him to go on his way as his **FAITH** had made him well.

As we serve those in our community through our food ministries: Food Pantry; Soup Ministry; and the Cryer Mobile food Pantry we are, through our Faith and actions, serving others in need. We give thanks for each opportunity we have to serve Our Lord and our community. When we do these acts of Mercy and through our bible studies, prayer Warrior prayers and other Acts of Piety we are actively doing the work of Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Sometimes we have to stop and take stock in where we are and what we are doing and where that puts us on the path to being an Intentional Disciple of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

To that end, The Ministry Excellence Team (MET) of the York River District and Our District Superintendent have invited all the churches in the District to take the *Real Discipleship Survey* to discover where we are on the journey of the spiritual maturity as disciples of Jesus Christ.

I believe the survey results would be very beneficial to individuals as well as congregations as a whole for their intentional discipleship journey. Here is the link for the survey: <https://www.vaumc.org/RealDiscipleship>. I as well as Warren Wright and others will assist you with instructions for survey taking and provide necessary assistance to you.

For those who are not familiar with online surveys, we will assist you and I will have a laptop set up here at church during the week for people to come in and take the Survey. I will have copies of written instructions available at the Church so see me or pick them up and if you have any questions, ask me.

I will be available to walk you through the survey if you would like, though the link above provides instructions and details. I have already set up our Church portion with two groups, Leadership and Disciples, choose Leadership if you are currently serving on Committees or Church Council, choose Disciples for all others. If you have any questions see me or Warren Wright.

So, I'm interested in the results as we endeavor to see where we are currently, individually as well as collectively, on our Path to Discipleship, and determine where our strengths are and where we can improve on our walk with Our Savior Jesus the Christ!

Let us continue daily to DO "good works" and practice **extravagant hospitality** to all we meet and seek to find what the Lord is telling us each and every day through our daily readings and constant meditations.

Prayer Warrior e-mails and updates will be sent out as circumstances warrant and are made known to me. You are all such great Prayer Warriors and I applaud you for your Faithfulness and compassion for those in need. 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.

**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.**

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**

**Annual Budget** for 2019 Operating Funds: **\$114,935.00**

**Total Received** for Operating Funds as of September 2019: **83,694.00**

**Total Income Needed to Meet September Budget:** **86,201.00**



*Find your confidence in Christ*



*COFFEE HOUR FOR October*



October	6	Polly Van Benschoten
October	13	Lucy Blevins
October	20	Kathy Wright
October	27	Dawn Wilt

*If you would like to be a part of this church ministry,  
please contact Polly Van Benschoten, 776-0569*

## **“Disciples Called to Action: Creating Unity in Ministry”**

**Laity Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>**

**A Message from Your Lay Leader**

**Warren Wright**

According to Section 264:2 of the “Book Of Discipline” of the United Methodist Church the third Sunday in October of each year shall be designated “Laity Sunday.” The discipline tells us that Laity Sunday calls the Church to celebrate the ministry of all lay Christians, as their lives are empowered for the ministry by the Holy Spirit. The observance of Laity Sunday shall be under the the general supervision of the General Board of Discipline. The Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders will recommend themes for an entire quadrennium to the General Board of Discipline two years before the beginning of a new quadrennium. As your lay Leader it is my responsibility to develop the entire service for Laity Sunday with assistance and guidance from Pastor Ken. As lay members of Clarksbury, many of you will be a part of this service. The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, realized early in his ministry that he would need a lot of help spreading the word of God. So he appointed folks, just like you and I, to take the word of God to the people.

**Matthew 16:24-25**

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

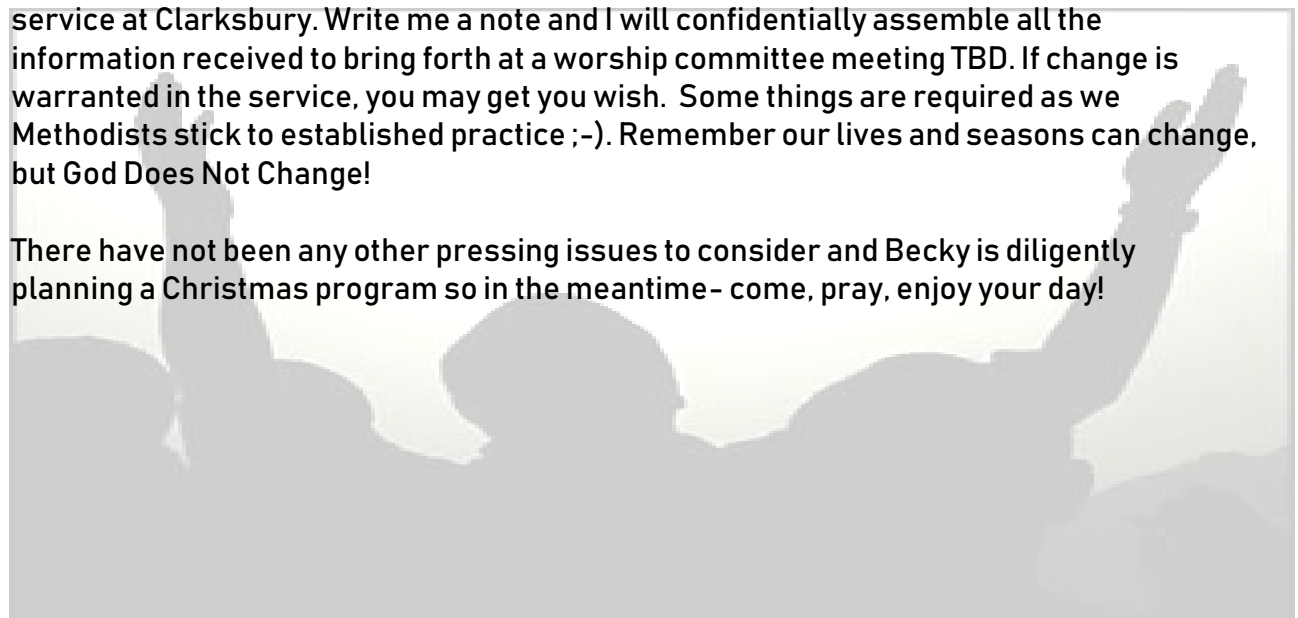
## **Worship Committee**

**David Dobson**

**How do you feel?**

I am asking for everyone in the coming weeks to please consider how they "like or dislike" service at Clarksbury. Write me a note and I will confidentially assemble all the information received to bring forth at a worship committee meeting TBD. If change is warranted in the service, you may get you wish. Some things are required as we Methodists stick to established practice ;-). Remember our lives and seasons can change, but God Does Not Change!

There have not been any other pressing issues to consider and Becky is diligently planning a Christmas program so in the meantime- come, pray, enjoy your day!



## Fall Food Pantry

Fran Miller



The next Food Pantry Day will be Saturday, October 19 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, October 17 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!

Yours In Christ, Food Pantry Committee

## United Methodist Men News

Warren Wright-UMM President



The UMM will hold their October business meeting on Monday October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. At this meeting we will be planning our Fall and Winter activities. 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.**





*Life isn't a matter of milestones but of moments.*

## Nurture & Outreach

### Jerry Dant

Well, September was a hot and dry month. Now we have cooler weather to look forward to in the coming months. I received a lot of B/D cards and wishes from friends and family and I know how great that was reading and thinking how wonderful to be remembered. So, let's remember our home bound church members with a card, visit or call. It is a great feeling to know others are thinking about you when the mail comes each day.

LIFT

LOVE, INTEGRITY, FAITH, TRUST.

We are a great church reaching out to others in our community in all ways.

Now, the county churches have formed a LIFT committee to reach unchurched children and families in the county. The next meeting will at our church on October 7th, at 5:30 P.M. Please consider coming to hear all of the great plans for the coming season and holidays. On October 3rd there was a Prayer Walk at the sports complex at St. Clare Walker with church members from the churches participating. Also, plans will be discussed at the October 7th meeting for the Trunk or Treat event and Urbanna Holiday Parade. Please consider joining us on the 7th to be a part of the wonderful ministry for unchurched children and families in our county. Hope to see you there.

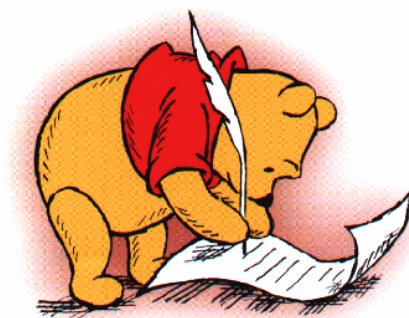


## Mail a letter or card of happiness to our home bound members!

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

### 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

#### Serving Overseas:

Floyd Andrew Forrest  
3980-3 Buckeye Lane  
Ft. Wainwright, AK 99703  
United States



# October PoP!

## How to Pray for People You Disagree With by Bob Hostetler

Jesus offers specific instructions on how to pray for those who make us angry. We live in disturbing times. Sometimes it seems as if division and discord surround us, affecting our nation, our cities, even our churches. Even our minds and hearts. It's hard to know [how to respond](#). We can try to shout it down. We can try to shut it out.

We can respond with prayer, of course, and often we do. We can pray against chaos. We can pray against those who spread it. But notice what Jesus told His followers:


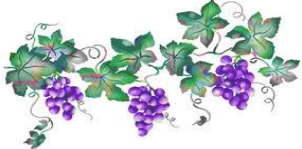
“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:44-48, NIV).

Jesus said to pray *for* our enemies. For some of us, that might be a neighbor or colleague who always seems to criticize or undercut us. For others, it might be a public figure we don't agree with.

God didn't say to pray for them to be silenced; He said to pray for [God's blessings](#) on them. He said that we should be like our Father in heaven, who sends the blessings of sunshine and the blessings of rain on everyone, even the evil and the unrighteous. He said that, when we lovingly pray for those who persecute us, we act like children of our perfectly loving God.

In times like this, we might wish Jesus hadn't said such things. But strange things begin to happen when we pray for those we think of as enemies. We might see a change in them, sure. But if we truly pray *for* them—for blessings to shine and rain down on them—we will see sooner and deeper changes happening in us. It's hard to stay offended when we pray for the offender's deepest wounds. It's hard to respond unkindly when we're sincerely praying for God's kindness to be showered on others. It's hard to repay hate with hate when we are trying to “love [our] enemies and pray for those who persecute [us].”

Whether God answers your prayers by changing the hearts of others—or only yours—your prayers will be answered. Try it. Pray lovingly for those who offend and persecute others. And watch what God does.

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1	2	3	4 <b>Tommy Crittenden</b>	5 <b>Mobile Food Pantry (Clarksbury) 9-11</b> 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
6 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Communion	7 <b>Soup Ministry 11 a.m</b>	8 <b>EYC 7pm</b>	9	10 <b>Cacky Guill</b>	11 <b>Janis Slaughter</b>	12 <b>Ivy Huff</b> 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
13  10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	14	15 <b>Eric Vaudt</b>	16	17 <b>Pack bags for pantry</b>	18	19 <b>Fall Food Pantry</b> 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
20 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m	21 <b>Soup Ministry 11 a.m</b>	22	23	24	25 <b>Jerry Duke</b>	26 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
27 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	28 <b>UMM 7p.m.</b>	29 <b>Phyllis Motley</b>	30	31 <b>Kathy Wright</b>		

The deadline for the November 2019 Grapevine will be Monday, November 28 Send items to:  
pwalian2@gmail.com

**October 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 **October** is Becky Foster

**Counters** for **October** are Bob and Betty-Ann Keiter Tabler  
Bob and Betty Ann Keiter-Tabler will serve as **ushers** for **October**