



The Grapevine

Clarksbury United Methodist Church

15924 General Puller Highway, Hardyville, Virginia November 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 20:34-38 (NRSV)

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³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.

³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Fall is here and the leaves are changing color; most of them are covering our yards and the fields around us. It's time for fireplaces and hot chocolate and for those who love the cooler weather...snow shoveling and ice removal☺.

There is weather coming that we can all enjoy or persevere through. I love the seasons; we need the renewal of nature to remind us again and again of the grace of God that surrounds us. As the trees shed their leaves in the fall so we wait for those buds and new leaves in the spring... the promise of continued blessings through God.

On the note of cooler temperatures and more perilous driving conditions, we do have a number of our Clarksbury family who are at greater risk from the cold temperatures and inclement weather. It would be a good thing to call or, better yet, stop by and visit some of our mature members to check up on them. Everyone needs to know they are cared for.

We welcome people in our community to receive food assistance with the Mobile Food Pantry and we invite and welcome children from our community to come and worship.

This Saturday, November 2, will be a full work day for Clarksbury. We start the morning with our Cryer Center Mobile food pantry at 9-11a.m. Zoar Church has lead but there will be plenty of work for all of us. Come, pray, talk, lend a hand or just come and have fun being servants of the Lord.

Then at 2 p.m. we have our Charge Conference. We are host for four other churches as our District Superintendent, Rev Kim, presides over our meeting and plans for next year and approval of our leadership and focus for the coming year. All leadership should plan to attend and all who worship with us are invited to attend.

Our Advent Season Bible Study commences on Tuesday, November 5, at 3 p.m. Our study will be *The Wonder of Christmas: Once You Believe, Anything Is Possible* by Ed Robb and Rob Renfro. I think it will be an exciting Advent experience. There will be four one-hour sessions at Clarksbury UMC starting at 3 p.m. Books (\$12) are available at sign up at Clarksbury UMC. Call (276)-224-4935.

Session 1 Tuesday, November 5
Session 2 Tuesday, November 12
Session 3 Tuesday November 19
Final Session 4 Tuesday November 26

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anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the
resurrection.*

This time of year, like Easter, is also a time to reflect on the everlasting promise of our Savior for the coming AGE, that not yet but soon to come age, and how we will be with Jesus and the Saints who have preceded us. We look to Advent and the promise of the Christ Child, as we remember those Saints who are no longer with us on All Saints Day, November 3.

We can have FAITH that God knows our needs and is ready to bless us. We need the confidence and faith to ASK for, SEEK out and KNOCK on the doors of opportunity. God the Father and the Holy Spirit will provide.

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Jesus tells us that the Lord is the God of the living and so we have that promise of resurrection and the promise of life after death. That AGE will come and we will be with Him forever more.

As always, I will make every effort to keep the Prayer Warrior e-mails updated as information and changes become available. Remember, I need your help in providing me with that information and with those changes. Please don't assume that someone else has come forward. If you have an e-mail address and would like to receive the Prayer Warrior updates, let me know and provide me with 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.**

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

Annual Budget for 2019 Operating Funds:	\$114,935.00
Total Received for Operating Funds as of October 2019:	92,182.00
Total Income Needed to Meet October Budget:	95,780.00



Find your confidence in Christ



COFFEE HOUR FOR November



November	3	Polly Van Benschoten
November	10	Linda Bartz
November	17	Linda Dobbins
November	24	Val Bradley

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



“A Proper Perspective On Thanksgiving” A Message from Your Lay Leader Warren Wright



The following proclamation was made by Governor Bradford in 1623, 3 years after the Pilgrims settled at Plymouth:

To all ye Pilgrims,

Inasmuch as the great father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, peas, squashes and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as he has protected us from the raids of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience; now I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and ye little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday November ye 29th of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty three, and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Plymouth rock, there to listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings.

So, can you see the parallels in today's world?

Thursday, November 28th is Thanksgiving Day. One day in which we, like those early Pilgrims set aside time in our busy schedules to give thanks to God. Now, there is nothing wrong with that but the word of God tells us that this should be a continual, daily, attitude.

You say thank you to God when you:

- 1) Spend time with Him (not just 1 hr a week)
- 2) When you forgive others
- 3) When you serve in His church
- 4) When you share His Plan of salvation
- 5) When you reach out to hurting people
- 6) When you give God the best of yourself
- 7) When you praise Him enthusiastically from the heart

Ephsians 5:19-20 tells Christians to "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, ALWAYS giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Thessa lonians 5:16-18 says, "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Fall Food Pantry

Fran Miller



We would like to thank all the people who made the Fall Food Pantry, which was held on October 19th, such a huge success. We couldn't have done it without the volunteers who helped pick up our purchased food, pack our grocery bags, and give up their day to help distribute the food. As always, our families received a bag of toiletries and grocery bags filled to the brim. Thanks to the Soup Ministry we were also able to distribute a quart of soup to each family. We helped 25 families and gave out 51 bags of groceries, 25 toiletry bags, and 25 quarts of soup. Thanks to the Cryer Center, we were also able to give out eggs, bags of apples, and pastries. We think the families felt the caring and welcoming attitudes of our volunteers that day. We, as a group, felt that we were doing what God meant us to do – reach out and help our neighbor. We truly felt the Spirit! Now don't think your job is done. We will be seeking your help for our Winter Food Pantry. So keep your eyes open for articles appearing in upcoming newsletters. Again, thank you for all you have done.

Soup Ministry, Warming Tree Ministry, Coat Rack Ministry

Kathy Wright

Members: Lucy Blevins, Diane Faulkner, Val Bradley



The soup ministry distributed homemade soup (and a sleeve of crackers) at the Fall Food Pantry Distribution on Saturday, October 19, 2019, serving twenty-five 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 Clarksbury 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. God Bless!



Our warming tree ministry at Clarksbury U.M.C. will start at the beginning of our Advent season. You will remove an angel from the warming tree with the needed item printed on the angel, purchase or make the item, and then return the needed item and place under the Angel tree. You will put your angel ornament in a box and replace it with a Christmas ornament for the tree (which is provided). This ministry is focused through the fall/winter season. There will be one last opportunity for recipients to receive these warming items on Saturday, March 7, when the Cryer Center Mobile Center food pantry will be at Clarksbury U.M.C. **THANKYOU** for supporting this very important ministry of your church. If you would like to help in any way, just contact one of the committee members listed above, or myself, Kathy Wright (757-373-9166) or email kdwright@va.metrocast.net. God Bless.



The Coat Rack Ministry will again be made available at Clarksbury U.M.C. at the beginning of the Advent season through March 7, 2020. These coats are to be **NEW or SLIGHTLY USED WINTER COATS ONLY**. 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 or one of the members listed above. God Bless.

United Methodist Men News Warren Wright-UMM President



The UMM will hold their November business meeting on Monday, November 25th at 7PM. At this meeting we will continue to plan 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.

**IF YOU PAUSE TO THINK — YOU'LL HAVE
CAUSE TO THANK!**





And a glorious new season is upon us. In my heart I want to be oh so ready. Deep down I know what is needed to follow in the mystery of Christ at work through his church preparing for the final manifestation of His Kingdom.

Am I ready? Are you ready? For this is a sacrament of the presence of God. This is a time of waiting and preparing for the coming of Christ. We are preparing ourselves not only for the celebration of His birth, but also for His return to glory.

This is the beginning of the church year, the Christian year, or liturgical year; and year after year we try over and over to become the true Christians we say we are. Those that are following Jesus all the way to the heart of God.

But all too often, Advent is seen simply as a preparation for Christmas, a celebration of Christ's birth. Can you imagine what it would be like if the Christian message of love and compassion was broadcast like the ads you hear this time of year?

We run the risk of letting this holy season fall to the wayside because of traditions that have found their way into its true meaning. Don't think it's not happening. How did wishing someone a Merry Christmas go out of style? Look at the stores and advertisements that have changed the wording to something more "politically" correct.

How many of you had an advent calendar when you were a child? I did. And I knew what it was for. At least I thought I did. It was to let me count off the days until Santa came and brought me toys and candy, and all my cousins and Aunts and Uncles would come and bring me things.

Things like that sure did change when I was living with my Grandparents. That's where I learned the real story and knew my life would change because this new concept seemed to fit me just right. And I can thank my grandmother for that.

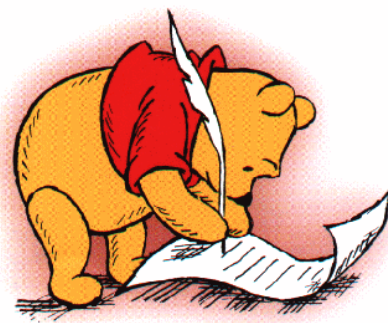
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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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 Clarksbury.



A-C

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D-G

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H-L

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M-Z

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November PoP!

The Warrior's Prayer:

Heavenly Father, Your warrior prepares for battle.

Today I claim victory over Satan by putting on the whole armor of God!

I put on the Girdle of Truth!

May I stand firm in the truth of Your Word so will not be a victim of Satan's lies.

I put on the Breastplate of Righteousness!

May it guard my heart from evil so I will remain pure and holy, protected under the blood of Jesus Christ.

I put on the Shoes of Peace!

May I stand firm in the Good News of the Gospel so Your peace will shine through me and be a light to all I encounter.

I take the Shield of Faith!

May I be reader for Satan's fiery darts of doubt, denial, and deceit so I will not be vulnerable to spiritual defeat.

I put on the Helmet of Salvation!

May I keep my mind focused on You so Satan will not have a stronghold on my thoughts.

I take the Sword of the Spirit!

May the two-edged sword of Your Word be ready in my hands so I can expose the tempting words of Satan.

By faith your warrior has put on the whole armor of God!

I am prepared to live this day in spiritual victory! Amen.

Dr. David Jeremiah is one of America's most trusted [Bible](#) teachers. For more than 36 years he has helped millions deepen their understanding of the Bible through 8,761 daily *Turning Point* Radio releases and a weekly *Turning Point* Television program that reaches millions of people weekly.



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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 Mobile Food Pantry (Clarksbury) 9-11 Charge Conference 2pm 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
3 All Saints Day 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Communion	4 Fran Miller Soup Ministry 11 a.m.	5 David Moore Advent Bible Study 3pm EYC 7pm	6 Carol Jones	7	8	9 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
10 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	11	12 Advent Bible Study 3pm	13	14	15	16 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
17 Don Bartz 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m.	18 Ken Cleveland Soup Ministry 11 a.m.	19 Advent Bible Study 3pm	20	21	22	23 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
24 Dawn Wilt 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	25 UMM 7p.m.	26 Advent Bible Study 3pm	27 Jay Moore	28 Thanksgiving	29	30 Matthew Duke

The deadline for the November 2019 Grapevine will be Monday, November 28 Send items to:

pwalian2@gmail.com

November 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 **November** is Kathy Wright

Counters for **November** are Kathy Wright and Delores Decker
Ronnie and Cheryl Teagle will serve as ushers for **November**