

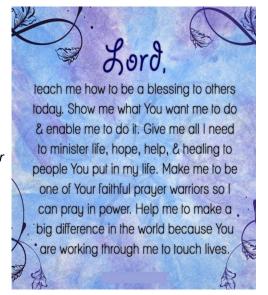
Our Mission:

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

Editor's Note:

I hope this month finds all of you doing well and enjoying the lazy days of summer! I am personally trying to find the time to be lazy and I am beginning to realize that if I don't intentionally seek it out or plan for it, it will not happen. I am generally on autopilot and find it is time to purposefully plan the "other stuff" that gets pushed aside in my life. Setting aside time for devotion is the same thing-I must carve the time out with purpose. How do you set time aside for God? In today's hurried world it is easy to overlook

some of the important tasks because we have so many distractions.



Monthly

Scriptures:

July 3:

Sow the Spirit

Galatians 6:1-6, 7-16

July 10:

Who is My Neighbor

Luke 10:25-37

July 17:

Choose the Better Part

Luke 10:38-42

July 24:

Ask; Knock & Search!

Luke 11:1-13

July 27:

Don't set up treasures for Yourself!

12:13-21

Pastor Ken's Corner

Luke 11:9–15 (NRSV)

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? 12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Just when we were beginning to believe we were out of the worst of Covid we received a rude awakening as multiple members encountered the latest strain of COVID. Thanks be to God almost everyone had been vaccinated and boosted so the symptoms and the duration will be less life threatening than the initial wave 2 Years ago.

We need to Pray to Our Heavenly Father for HIS Peace and Comfort... We need to be spreading His Love, Grace, Mercy and Hope throughout or communities.

We need continue to pray: for our schools; our children; our teachers; our administrators and our first responders: Law Enforcement; Medical/EMT; and other counselors for the bereaved students; and parents; and teachers; and others impacted by the violence with renewed faith and vigor.

So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

We Have this reassurance from Jesus that we should be persistent in our Prayers. That means we need to be thoughtful and discerning about our NEEDS, not just our WANTS. Our Lord is focused on providing our needs... seeing to the needs and providing the good gifts to His Children.

We need to concentrate our fervor and faith in our prayers for others in our communities and our own families, believing in faith that the Lord hears those prayer and will answer them.

Several of us will be slowly getting over the effects of Covid, the tiredness and fatigue as well as some of the other slowly dissipating symptoms: the nagging cough, sore throat etc...

Keep all of those who are healing from COVID in your prayers. Be mindful also of the others in our congregation who are undergoing treatments and procedures.

We have an extensive list of those in medical need and I will try to keep the **Prayer Warriors** informed and updated...It is supremely obvious we are always in need of God's Healing grace and power. May we always be mindful of that.

This Saturday July 2nd, 2022 is our Mobile Food Pantry with the Cryer Center from 9-11 AM everyone is invited to come and help or if you are unable to attend in person keep us and our clients in your prayers.

Our Food Pantry that had been scheduled for June $25^{\rm th}$ has been rescheduled to July/August because of our Covid impact.

These Services: food pantry; meals on wheels; and other ministries; we provide to our community as **our outreach**. Each service is and example of Clarksbury living into our obedience to Christ's New Commandment to LOVE one another. Just as Jesus has Loved us. It's not that we are doing good deeds because we are good people. We are performing Loving witness to our community to **demonstrate that we are disciples of Jesus!**

Hope in God Saves us, preserves us and carries us through the difficult time in this FALLEN WORLD. We have the Spirit to help us in our weakness and The Holy spirit intercedes for the saints...you and me!!!, according to the Will of God!!!

As the Summer is in Full swing and we celebrate The 4th of July, Independence Day enjoy the family time and vacations.

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the <u>American Revolution</u>. On July 2nd, 1776, the <u>Continental Congress</u> voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the <u>13 colonies</u> adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by <u>Thomas Jefferson</u>. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from <u>fireworks</u>, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

Take time to pray for those who have made our Independence and Freedom Give thanks to Our Creator as we celebrate the Fruits of His Blessings on Our Country and our Communities.

Have a safe and joyous 4th of July!!!

What Glorious Music and Services on all of our Sundays.

Keep up the excellent Work to our **Worship Team**, we are anxious for more people to become involved in our worship experience. **Hallelujah!!!**

Adult Sunday School with **Paul Russell** Teaching the course with Warren and Connie backing up as needed. Hallelujah! I know this has been one aspect that many were anxious to resume. Thank you, Paul, for stepping up. Lets Enjoy this and participate as we are able

Jesus Has Died! Jesus Is Risen! Jesus will Come Again!

We should be mindful of Jesus's Teachings and Lessons and Examples, **Just as his disciples did**, and follow His lead as He is the Way, The Truth and the Life that leads to the everlasting! **Use Him as a pathway for our continued Christian service**

COVID restrictions and protocols are relaxed but many still remain, and we must keep in mind that the threat is not eliminated, and in some cases is elevated again with the recent variant...OMICRON. For some, the risks of COVID are very real and very present. We continue to lift up in our prayers those who are at risk and still under many restrictions.

Keep the small groups and gatherings in your prayers as we look to maintain the innovative ways to be connected and look to expand these meaningful and joyful worship and sharing opportunities.

Let us continue to pray for the people who may encounter COVID-19 and be exposed to or suffer from the illness.

Peace & Grace, Pastor Ken

LAY LEADER — WARREN WRIGHT

I wanted you to have something great for July 4th this month. 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 was something special. 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.

We're 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.

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

purposeful prayer in 6 steps

1.) Keep it simple!

Often times, we hear our pastors or others pray long and eloquent prayers and we think that we have to do the same. That isn't the case! There's nothing wrong with eloquent prayers, but there's nothing in the Bible that tells us that God only accepts lengthy, grammar-filled prayers. Now, I'm not saying to dishonor God by just mumbling a few words in the name of simplicity. God deserves all the honor in the world when we pray — heck, we're having a conversation with the Most High! But keep it simple: let the words be your words, from your heart. God just wants to have a conversation and the more we pray, the more comfortable we will feel with what we say. What I have found helpful for me is to pray every single morning after my reading for 10-15 minutes. The reason why I chose 10 minutes is because it's doable — we can always give at least 10 minutes. Then, I try to be constantly aware of the Lord and how He works throughout my day and look for opportunities to talk to Him!

2.) Think of prayer as a lifestyle.

When I grew up, I thought that prayer was just something that happened after your Bible reading, dinner times, before bed and so on... Well, I was sadly mistaken. Prayer isn't just something that you do on "special occassions" or at set times. *Prayer is a lifestyle* — it should be like walking, talking and breathing.

What has helped me over the years is to remember that prayer isn't an obligation; it's an opportunity and it should be just as important to me as oxygen is. I've found that whenever something good happens, immediately praise God for it in prayer. When something bad happens or a friend reaches out, step back and quick shoot up a prayer. When prayer becomes our first reflex, it will become an irreplaceable part of our life. It will become a reflex — just like smiling is after you see someone you love. ② 1 Thessalonians 5:17 tells us that we should pray without ceasing. That's a lot, right haha?! Well, God knows that's impossible for us distractable and flawed humans but the goal is to always be in communication. Ideally, we want to get to the point where we wake up and pray. When we go about our days and pray. When we end our day and pray.

3.) Pray from your heart and pray with confidence.

God knows you and He knows your heart — He formed you in your mother's womb (Psalm 139) so He knows every single part of who we are. We are His children; He has created us. So, pray from the heart with complete honesty, because God already knows what's on your heart and mind. He just wants to hear it from you! Pray with confidence — not the type of confidence that is cocky or self-seeking. What I mean by confidence, is confidence that God hears you. Whenever we pray in God's name and in submission to His will and power, we can be confident that He hears us (1 John 5:14).

4.) Begin prayer with praise and then supplication.

It's easy to begin a prayer with a mile-high list of our needs, wants and desires. I'm so guilty of this, but we should really seek to begin prayer with **praise**. After all, God is good, holy, righteous, lovely and deserves to praised because of who He is and what He does! What I have found is that beginning your prayers with praise helps set the atmosphere and humbles our spirit to His power. David says in Psalms over and over that it is *good* to praise God's name! Praise is so good when we recognize that God is holy. Remind yourself of how amazing God is and how much He deserves.

Then, make supplication second. Supplication is basically the act of making your

purposeful prayer in 6 steps

requests and needs known to God. These are our wants, needs and requests. There is nothing wrong with praying for ourselves or for others: God cares about our anxieties, worries and requests! (1 Peter 5:7) Nothing is too big for God. No request or problem is too much for Him. Ask God for help on your behalf and others — do this often!

5.) Ask for forgiveness.

Repent is a big word in the Christian community. It sounds a little harsh, but hey, it's a big part of reality. Let me break this down: Sin is a real thing. We all do it. We all make mistakes and we all do things that God doesn't like. Even if we have "good intentions", we still mess up and we still need forgiveness and restoration from God. Sin separates us from God, and if we are really seeking to love and follow Him, we will want to be rid of anything that separates us from His goodness! Make it a priority to confess your sins and mistakes. Acts 3:19 says, "Repent, then, and turn to the Lord, so that your sins may be wiped out." Ask for strength to resist the urge to do whatever caused you to sin in the first place.

6.) Be thankful always and expect a response.

This is simple — thank God for who He is. Thank Him for what He has done. Once you've made your requests and laid down your worries to God, get rid of them. Leave them at His feet and then thank Him for hearing you. Thank Him for everything — even the smallest things. There's always something to be thankful for, even if life seems pretty dumpy. Lastly, be expectant. Let's be honest: How often do we pray and actually expect a response from God? Sometimes, we think that God doesn't answer us but maybe it's a problem of *listening*... Ready yourself to listen for an answer.

God doesn't always answer in a big, blinking neon sign; sometimes its in the quiet and the most unique ways. (Examples: The Bible, other people etc.) We just have to have the ears to listen. I pray that these simple steps will refresh you in ways that will be beneficial for your prayer life. I pray that you will seek the Lord and ask Him for His help to be a diligent prayer warrior: He will deliver. All He wants is to talk to you!

Ministries:

UMM

The UMM will be off for the summer, returning on Monday September 26th at 7PM. At this meeting we will be discussing our fall and winter activities. Remember 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.

RECOVERING

Betty Johnson Connie Robertson Val Bradley Carl Tate

Nurture & Outreach Jerry Dant

Our team would like to thank the ladies and their friends for all of the jewelry left to be delivered for Bingo prizes. The jewelry will be carried to Dockside, Sanders, The Gloucester House and Walter Reed Rehab. We have a member in each of the facilities and I am sure they will enjoy making a selection from the beautiful jewelry.

Our college kids are home for the summer and we hope to see them soon. I am sure they had a great year and look forward to going back in the fall. Natalie Nichols finished her first year of Graduate School for PT. She plans to work, take a class and attend a Bev. Moore Bible Conference with her mother before returning to Shenandoah University this fall. Jimmy Nichols plans to work, take a hiking vacation with his family before returning to Roanoke College to continue in the Chemistry Program. The twins are back too! They are both excited to relax from a tough year at school although they both are looking for a little bit of work to make some money for next year too! Our Wahoo completed her second year at UVA and

May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please but as the opportunity to do what is right.

Peter Marshall

declared electrical engineering as her focus. She played for the girls rugby team for a second year and is a member of the First Year Players where she served as the mistress of props. Our Royal Duke completed the second year of music education at JMU and has been selected to be a part of the leadership team for the Marching Royal Dukes next fall and has also been selected as an officer in the flute club. We could not be more proud of our youth! We wish all of them a great relaxing summer!

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Mobile Food Pantry Clarksbury United Methodist
Saturday, July 2, 2022
9:00am-11:00am
Clarksbury United Methodist,
Deltaville, VA 23043, United



Church Service Assistants for the month of *July*

Ushers:

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Linda Dobbins Warren Wright

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Linda Dobbins Warren Wright

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Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

Deadline for the August Newsletter is Monday, July 25!

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Annual Budget 2022 Operating Funds	120,298.00
Total Received for Operating Funds 06/12	50,850.00
Total Needed by end of June	9229.00



AC Prayer Team invites conference to prayer for 2022 AC session

In order to cover the whole of the Annual Conference (AC) session in prayer as well as to pray for Bishop Lewis, AC leadership, AC members, worship and business session participants, and guests, an Annual Conference Prayer Team has been formed.

You are invited by the Rev. Kyungsuk Cho, Ms. Iris Smith, the Rev. Paul Oh, the Rev. Kim Barker-Brugman, and the Rev. Bob Parks, the AC Prayer Team, to join in praying for a Spirit-filled Annual Conference.

Follow the guides below to pray for Annual Conference:

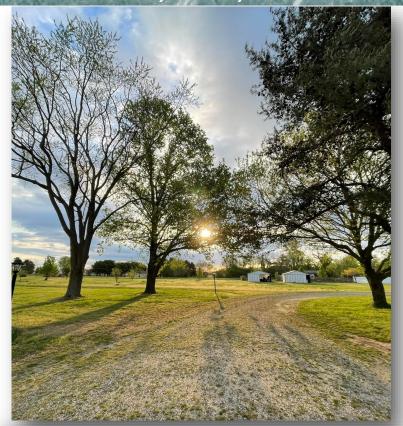
- Pray AC members will allow God to instill in us an attitude and discipline of prayer in all conversations.
- Pray for God's guidance and blessings on the Laity and Clergy Sessions, worship celebrations, business sessions, mission opportunities, and social gatherings of AC.
- Pray for AC members to be witnesses of Jesus with thoughts, words, and actions.
- Pray for AC decisions to align with God's will.
- Pray for churches to become more vital and effective at making disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners who influence others to serve.

The 240th Virginia Annual Conference will meet in person at the Hampton Convention Center (HRCC) this month: Thursday, Jun. 16 through Saturday, Jun. 18 and Terry will be attending as lay delegate for Clarksbury. The last in-person annual conference was held in Roanoke in 2019. The 2022 annual conference will be livestreamed for viewing purposes for the general public and non-voting members. Note: Should the COVID status change, the conference will move from in-person to virtual. The full agenda and details are available on the conference website (https:// vaumc.org/2022-ac-mission-resource).

Below are agenda extracts of key worship, Bible study and other annual conference topics. The conference board reports are informative and educational; details are available in the Annual Conference Book of Reports (BOR) which is posted on the conference website. After the conference, a summary report of the proceedings will be made available to the congregation.

Thursday Afternoon (2–5 p.m.) Opening Worship: Bishop Sharma D. Lewis Laity Address: Ms. Martha Stokes, Conference Lay Leader Thursday Evening (7:30-8:30 p.m.) A Service of Remembrance: Rev. Grace Han Friday Morning (7:30 a.m. – 12 noon) 8:30 a.m. Bible Study: Rev. Lisa Greenwood Common Table Report: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Summers 11 a.m. Worship: Rev. Kendra Grimes, Chair, Missional Ministries Board, and Rev. Seungsoo (RJ) Jun, Associate Director of Serving Friday Afternoon (1–5 p.m.) 2 p.m. Recognition of Retirees: Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown Friday Evening (7:30–8:30 p.m.) 7:30 p.m. A Service for the Ordering of Ministry: Bishop Sharma D. Lewis Saturday Morning (6:30 a.m. – Adjournment) 6:30 a.m. 5K Walk, Run: at the Conference Center or virtually. Entry fee proceeds go to "Nurturing Together." 8:30 a.m. Bible Study: Rev. Lisa Greenwood 11 a.m. Worship: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Summers Fixing of the Appointments and Adjournment: Bishop Sharma D. Lewis

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June Power of Prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ

Jesus concerning you.

Why is it when some prayers are answered (especially those that were a Dire request) we'll Shout out the Biggest "PTL!!"

But do we remember to Thank - and Praise - the Lord for every reply?

Sometimes "yes", sometimes "no" and some t i m e s

"wait"...

This month Eileen Crittenden is sharing "just a day's worth testimonial" for what the "Powe of Prayer" has meant to her; sweet

and simply put:)

Sometime today, take some time to think about how Good God has been to you; maybe even make a list of the blessings. . .

and then thank Him with a GreatFULL heart, and Shout out a Praise the Lord!!

What if you woke up

Today

with only what you

thanked God for

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The Good Samaritan

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TOOK CARE OF HIM
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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR
WITH ALL YOUR HEART
YOU WILL LIVE
YOUR MIND
YOUR SOUL

The Grapevine

July 2022

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Fred Dant						Crittenden
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Warren		Jackson		Billy Jackson		Decker
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	Alex		Joyce Smith		Camcy Courten	
	Crittenden				Courten	
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		Brian Crittenden		Robertson		
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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.)