



The Grapevine

Clarksbury United Methodist Church
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Our Mission:

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

Pastor Ken's Corner

John 21:4-6, 9-10, 12, 15-17 (NRSV)

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No."

⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."

¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."

¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

Wow...summer IS here...this last week has been hot and humid...not really news we wouldn't expect this time of the year. However, it does feel good to be out from under all the rain we have had. Prayers for all of those heading off on vacations, for those who are anticipating heading off, and for those who have family (grandkids in particular☺) visiting and increasing the energy level significantly!!!

We are only a week away from Vacation Bible School. I can't wait to break out the Hawaiian shirts, surf sandals and sunglasses; and even though I've never done

anything more than body surf, I am eagerly awaiting "Catching the Wave of God's Amazing Love" with all of you.

David and Jerry and the rest of the Surf Crew and Life Guards from Zoar Baptist, Philippi Christian and Clarksbury are working diligently to put finishing touches on plans and firm up assignments to make this a VBS to touch the hearts and souls of the youth in our community. Call or speak with David, Jerry or Warren to volunteer to help. We need all of you to advertise and get the word out. Posters are up in most of our local stores already. But **word of mouth** is sometimes the advertising that gets the most results.

Can you hear Jesus calling **you** to "*come and have breakfast*" on the beach like he called to his disciples after they had spent a long night and morning fishing? They had fished all night and caught NOTHING...these were fishermen by trade...not novices, yet they had been unsuccessful until they **stopped**...and **listened to Jesus**...and **did what he commanded**..."*Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.*" Can you imagine the looks on their faces as, after following Jesus' command, they had a catch of fish so large they couldn't haul in the net?

My prayer is, that as we are obedient and **walk the beach and surf the shore line** with our Lord and Savior with the youth who come to VBS, the Lord will fold these young lives into the net of Jesus' love. Come Catch the Wave!!!

Jesus then commands Peter after that breakfast on the beach that, out of love for Him, he should "**Feed my lambs**", "**Tend my sheep**", and **Feed my sheep**". Just as Peter was commanded, so should **WE** "**Feed my lambs**", "**Tend my sheep**", and **Feed my sheep**"...and not just to those who come to VBS. Rather, we must feed and tend all the sheep and lambs.

I believe it is our FAITH in Jesus that we put into ACTIONS for and with the young people of our community that enables us to heed the above commands from our Lord.

Terry and I are heading out to Ohio soon for a family reunion and then to Oklahoma City to visit our family there, INCLUDING the latest addition – **Nolan Lee Robert Peters**. Being grandparents just keeps getting "gooder" and "gooder" ...all the time. God is good...all the time!

The summer will be over before we know it; so enjoy each sunrise, sunset, breezy day and EACH and EVERY minute with which we are blessed. Life is too short not to enjoy the life with which God blesses us.

Keep those on our prayer list in your prayers. I encourage each of you to

consider praying the Lord's Prayer each day at 9 a.m., noon, 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. — less than a minute each time out of your day. I'm amazed at how a slow time is "picked up" or a hectic time is "calmed" after I say those simple words and allow the rush of the day to **stop** and **slow to a pause** as I direct my **thoughts and my soul to be in accord with God's will for me.** I pray you find the same or a similar effect on your day.

Saturday, August 6, is our Mobile Food Pantry day in partnership with the Cryer Center, and Zoar Baptist is signed up for volunteer assisting. All of you who have the time are invited to come, see what is being done, lend a hand as the need arises and SEE what your Church is doing IN OUR community every month.

Keep our Soup Ministry, those who serve and are served, in your prayers. Think about how you can partner with and support this worthy ministry. If you have any questions about how you can help, feel free to ask Kathy Wright or Helen White or, as a last resort, me☺.

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 2016 (Operating Funds) **\$108,223**

Total Received for Operating Funds as of June 30, 2016: **\$53,666.39**

Income Needed to Date to Meet Budget: **\$54,111.50**

COFFEE HOUR FOR August

August 7
August 14
August 21
August 28

Cacky Guill
Janice Slaughter
Lucy Blevins
Mary Banker



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Of all the things you wear, your expression is most important.  
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UMM NEWS

By Warren Wright, UMM President

The United Methodist Men will not meet during August. We will next meet again on Monday September 12th at 7 p.m., resuming our Adam Hamilton study "Making Sense of the Bible". At that time we will study chapters 18-19-20. The next regular business meeting will be on Monday, September 26th at 6 PM followed by our study by Adam Hamilton, chapters 21-22-23. 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.



Hymnology 101

August 2016

By Polly Van Benschoten

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Page 297

Elizabeth Clephane (1830-1869) was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, but lived most of her life in Melrose, Scotland. She was one of three sisters and was physically frail. Her parents died when she was young. Despite her physical frailties she was known throughout her community for her helpful, cheery nature. In fact, her friends called her "Sunbeam" – a nickname that may have inspired the lines in this hymn that say: **"I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face."** Elizabeth enjoyed writing poems and had several published in a Scottish Presbyterian magazine entitled *The Family Treasury*. Most of her poems appeared anonymously in this magazine in 1872 three years after her death at the age of 39. She wrote **"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"** in 1868 but it, too, was not published until 1872. The original poem had five stanzas but today only three are used in most hymnals. In her hymn Elizabeth alluded to a passage in Isaiah that speaks of "the shade of a great rock in a weary land" (Isaiah 32:1-2):

**"The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land,
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat
And the burden of the day."**

Another of her hymns with which you will be familiar is “**The Ninety and Nine,**” inspired by the parable of the lost sheep (Matthew 18:12-14).

The tune for this hymn named “**St. Christopher**” was composed in 1881 by Frederick Charles Maker who was an outstanding organist in Bristol, England. He contributed a number of hymn tunes to the 1881 edition of a hymnal called *The Bristol Tune Book*. He also wrote the tune for “**Dear Lord and Father of Mankind.**”

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.*

**Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess;
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.*

*O safe and happy shelter, O refuge tried and sweet,
O trusting place where Heaven's love and Heaven's justice meet!
As to the holy patriarch that wondrous dream was given,
So seems my Savior's cross to me, a ladder up to heaven.*

**I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by to know no gain or loss,
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

*There lies beneath its shadow but on the further side
The darkness of an awful grave that gapes both deep and wide
And there between us stands the cross two arms outstretched to save
A watchman set to guard the way from that eternal grave.*

**These are the stanzas that appear in our hymnal.*

MEMBERSHIP News

By Diane Faulkner, Membership Secretary

Ooops, look like we had Ivey Huff's name spelled correctly after all. So, it seems she does spell it with the “e” in her first name. Sorry for the confusion. Remember to let me know if any of your information listed in the directory is in need of updating.

Thank you and may God bless each of you!

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LAY LEADER

By Warren Wright



GOD BLESS AMERICA

This month I thought that I would add a little humor to my article and then get to the serious thoughts, so here goes some of America's craziness, "**Only in America.**"

1. Only in America can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.
2. Only in America are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.
3. Only in America do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions, while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
4. Only in America do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries and a DIET coke.
5. Only in America do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our junk in the garage. Hello!
6. Only in America do we use answering machines to screen calls and have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.
7. Only in America do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.
8. Only in America we spend more, but have less. We buy more, but enjoy less.
9. Only in America we have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time.
10. Only in America we have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.
11. Only in America we drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.
12. Only in America we have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.
13. Only in America we talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.
14. Only in America we've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years!
15. Only in America we've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor.
16. Only in America we've done larger things, but not better things
17. Only in America we've done larger things, but not better things
18. Only in America we've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice.
19. Only in America we write more, but learn less.
20. Only in America we plan more, but accomplish less.
21. Only in America we plan more, but accomplish less.
22. Only in America we build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

Brothers and Sisters, even though there are a lot of negative things about America we still know that America is the greatest country in the world. We are blessed to have been born and raised in America. Someone has said, **“We keep asking God to bless America. He already has. Now it’s our turn.”**

It is our turn to bless America. It’s our turn to do something good for America. God has and still is blessing America. But we need to do our part to bless America! We can do many good things.

The apostle Paul gives us some specific things we can do to bless America. They are:

- 1- We must pray unceasingly.
- 2- We must live righteously.
- 3- We must evangelize.

I Tim. 2:1-6- First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

By David Dobson, Chairperson



Greetings beloved Church Family at Clarksbury.

The worship committee along with the VBS staff are very excited that “Surf Shack, catch the Wave of God’s Love” is drawing near. Plans are now in the final stages and we hope that you all can continue to help spread the word of this wonderful program that we hope to share with many children in our community. Gather up your grandchildren and neighbors too! Registration forms are available online at clarksburyumc.com and can be handled in person too. We are proud of the program and all of the volunteers who have agreed to help out and look forward to “Catching the Wave of God’s Love” with you All!

A worship committee meeting will be planned shortly after the conclusion of VBS, please stay tuned to your email.

As always, if you feel something is missing from our normal worship service, have a suggestion you wish considered, or praise for how we are doing, please let me know. We are striving to have a meaningful and joyous worship service each and every week.

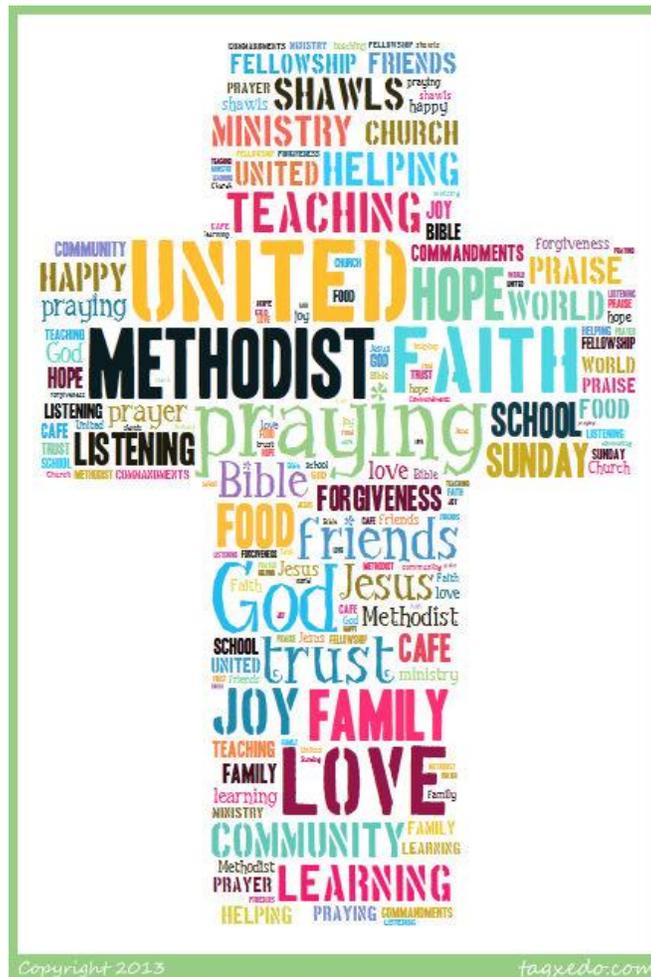
Glory be to God! DD

POWER OF PRAYER
By Gayle Gilliland



The big event at Clarksbury UMC for the month of August is hosting Vacation Bible School. What an awesome opportunity for us as a “church family” to exercise our power as prayer warriors over this event. Let us join in spirit now and during the week of Bible school to bathe the atmosphere with our prayers. We are grateful for those who have been engaged in preparing for this special week and we pray that God will continue to supply the needs of each and every one who has agreed to serve in any capacity for Vacation Bible School. May each child who comes to VBS encounter their heavenly Father’s touch and hear his word to them in the songs, Scripture stories, experience his creativity expressed in the crafts and his Love in eating and playing together. May much be accomplished in the spiritual realm through our prayers and service. From Him and through Him and to Him be the glory!

Let us rejoice in our Faith and Church Family everywhere!



Our Vision:

To be a spirit-filled and nurturing church family that reaches out and embraces the entire community.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7 p.m. Trustees	3 Suzie D. Powell Helen Johnson	4 Victoria Forrest 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	5	6 Marion Miller 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
7 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Communion	8 11 a.m. Soup Ministry 6 pm VBS	9 6 pm VBS	10 6 pm VBS	11 Gayle Gilliland Donald Wilhite 6pm VBS 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	12 VBS 6pm	13 Jordan Tullos 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
14 Ken Wilt 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	15	16 Finance & Church Council 7 p.m.	17	18 7p.m. Chancel Choir	19	20 F. Myrtle Clark 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
21 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	22 Jane Crittenden 11 a.m. Soup Ministry	23	24	25 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	26	27 Betty Ann Tabler Jim Chenowith 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
28 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	29 Lynn Bisogno UMM Meeting 6pm	30	31 Jade Tullos			

The deadline for the September 2016 Grapevine will be **Thursday, August 25**. Send items to pwalian@yahoo.com.
August BIRTHDAYS (If you know of any additions, deletions or corrections that should be made to the birthday calendar, please let the newsletter editor know.)

Counters for August are Alan Miller and David Dobson

Alan Miller and Linda Bartz will serve as **ushers**.

The **reader** is Betty Ann Tabler



Please congratulate Bob Tabler on his birthday that was on July 26, it was inadvertently omitted from the calendar last month.