



# The Grapevine

Clarksbury United Methodist Church  
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June 2017

Our Mission:

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

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## Pastor Ken's Corner

Romans 5:1-6, 8 (NRSV)

*<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.*

Wow...“April showers bring May flowers”; but we have had our share of rain in May also it would seem. I think we are ready for summer sun. Here we are already in June, and what a busy month this will be.

The orientation for Annual Conference is on June 4, clergy farewells at Lower UMC are on June 6, and Annual Conference runs from June 16-18 in Hampton, Virginia. Theresa Keeton has graciously agreed to bring “the message” again during the weekend of Annual Conference with us here at Clarksbury; she and her husband are our great friends. ☺

Of special note this year, Eric Vaudt will be ordained as an Elder in Full Connection on Saturday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m. I encourage all who can attend to do so in support of Eric and Peggy. ☺☺

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We act out of a bold hope and faith in Jesus and in that peace which we attain through him, knowing that our acts, no matter how generous, cannot put us into a right relationship with our Creator. Rather, it is because of our Faith in Jesus as The Way, The Truth and The Life that we serve one another as children of God. So we proceed now into another summer as we have in previous years with energy and enthusiasm...powering into our ministries here at Clarksbury as June opens up:

- On the first Saturday of the month (June 3<sup>rd</sup>) we have our Mobile Food Pantry in partnership with Hands Across Middlesex/Cryer Center from 9:30-11 a.m. Philippi is the lead in our three-church rotation this month; yet there is always plenty of work to go around for all, so come and be part of this ministry.
- The first and third Monday's Soup Ministry is a vibrant and thriving investment of time, prayers, and SOUP ☺ with precious members of our community. Thank you to all who contribute and support with soup and prayers. See Kathy Wright for any questions or to volunteer support.
- The United Methodist Men's BBQ (Carolina Style) will take place on June 9 with the ladies of the UMW serving and providing desserts. The proceeds from this joint effort will go to our building fund.
- The EY Circle will host a Father's Day Breakfast on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Yum, Yum! ☺☺ I can hardly wait....
- Vacation Bible School this year is hosted by Zoar Baptist Church from June 21-June 23 (5:30-8 p.m.) and 9-noon on Saturday, June 24, with closing on Sunday, June 25, at the Zoar Beach Property. We partnership with Zoar Baptist and Philippi Christian Church in conducting this weeklong effort of ministry to our community. Flyers and registration forms are posted in the social hall. There will be more information in coming days with regard to volunteers needed to assist.
- On June 24 we will have our second food pantry distribution this year. We have added a **Third** food pantry to our schedule of spring (February) and fall (October) food pantry offerings. **You**, the congregation, have been so great with your food and service contributions and **We** are blessed with a partnership with the Cryer Center and Hands Across Middlesex by which we are able to add to our supplies and foodstuffs. Each of the food pantry distributions is different in various ways, through congregation and community participation and contributions as well as support from the York River District. The weeks leading up to the distribution will require a good amount of combined efforts to pack,

organize and set up for the Saturday food distribution. There will be plenty of work for all. Please feel free to see Fran Miller and sign up to volunteer.

- o Because of the fervor and energy with which **YOU** have served our community, the York River District Board of Missions has provided Clarksbury UMC with a grant of funds which supplements the combined gifts and donations of food and service that **YOU** have consistently provided throughout the year, thus enabling us to add **another** food pantry.

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Clarksbury has always been a praying congregation... no doubt of that and we have a full plate for June...that means plenty of ways in which to serve and be a blessing to our community.

But as we serve and “Do Stuff” we need to remind ourselves **why** we are doing these deeds...not because of **what** we may obtain by working but rather how the work for God transforms us, developing our character of hope and filling our hearts with God’s love through the Holy Spirit.

Again our prayers and praises go up and His blessings come down, all the time!

We together have pledged OUR prayers, OUR presence, OUR gifts, OUR service and OUR witness for Christ and His Church.

Peace & Grace  
Pastor Ken

### COFFEE HOUR FOR June

<b>June</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Betty Ann Tabler</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Lucy Blevins</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Polly Van Benschoten</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Delores Decker</b>



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

Annual Budget for 2017 Operating Funds) \$112,185.00

Total Received for Operating Funds as of May 30, 2017: **\$46,210.84**

Income Needed to Date to Meet Budget: **\$46,743.75**

## A Message from Your Lay Leader

By Warren Wright



When I write my July newsletter article for you, I'll be reporting to you on the events of the 2017 Virginia United Methodist Church annual conference. The 2017 conference will be held at the Hampton Roads Convention Center on June 16-18. The 2018 annual conference will also be held in Hampton. There will be much to report as **OUR** church nears the crossroads in the challenges to **OUR** 2012 Book of Discipline on the issues of human sexuality.

Recently one of my best friends sent me an email on "Tips for an Exceptional, Superb, and Powerful Life,

" this month I want to share with you a few of these tips.

- Take a 10-30 minute walk every day and while you walk smile. It is the ultimate anti-depressant.
- Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day, buy a lock if you have to.
- When you wake up each morning, complete the following sentence, "My purpose today is to\_\_\_\_\_."
- Live with the three E's, Energy, Enthusiasm, and Empathy.
- Always pray and make time to exercise.
- Spend more time with people over the age of 90 and under the age of six.
- Try to make at least three people smile each day.
- Smile and laugh more, it keeps the energy vampires away.
- Life isn't fair but it's still good.
- Don't take yourself so seriously, no one else does.
- Forgive everyone for everything.
- The best is yet to come (in Heaven).
- Call your family often.
- Do the right thing.
- Envy is a waste of time; you already have all you need, God provides, remember?
- Remember that you are too blessed to be stressed.

- Enjoy the ride and remember life is not Disney World and you don't have a fast pass. You only have one ride through life so make the most of it and enjoy the ride.

**Thought for the month---"TGIF ", "Today God is First".**

**1 John 4:7 (English Standard Version (ESV))**

**God Is Love**

**<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God**

**Mark 1:35-In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.**

**UMM NEWS**

**By Warren Wright, UMM President**



Our regular monthly business meeting will be held on Monday, June 19th at 7 PM. This will be our final meeting for the summer as we'll be taking off the months of July and August returning on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. At this meeting we'll be selecting our Fall Bible Study. 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.**

**Worship Committee**

**By David Dobson Chairperson**



Summer is upon us and that means Vacation Bible School! This year's host church is Zoar Baptist. The information we have right now include date and time schedules:  
 Thursday, June 21 - Friday, June 23      5:30pm - 8:00pm, Zoar Baptist, Deltaville  
 Saturday, June 24                              9:00am - 12:00pm, Zoar Baptist, Deltaville  
 Sunday, June 25                                 8:30am at Zoar's Beach Property

We are still waiting for information on how Clarksbury will be asked to help. Typically, our help is to provide snack for one or two days, but if you call Zoar, I am sure they will take any hands they can get. From my experience last year, they better! If anyone has additional information please update us on Sunday morning during announcements.

Since folks get busy during the summer remember you can always attend Saturday evening service if you have Sunday plans! If you haven't made arrangements yet for Annual Conference, maybe now is a good time. It is three weeks out and surely will be one for the ages.

*Little byte: June 28, 1703 John Wesley was born*

## Food Pantry

By Fran Miller, Chairperson



On behalf of the Food Pantry Committee, I want to thank you for your generous contributions during the May food drive. Your work is not over, however! As I told you in last month's newsletter, we will be collecting food during the month of June as well. Our hope is to have enough to feed at least the number of families we had helped in February. We are hoping to have at least 120 bags of groceries to do this. So at the bottom of this article is the list of items we would like for the weeks in June. There is a separate list of what we put in our bags, so if you can bring a filled bag on June 11 or 18 please put these items in it. Of course, if you prefer to give a monetary donation that is always welcome! Besides donations of food, the food committee needs your help on the day we open our doors to distribute this food. It will be on Saturday, June 24 from 9-11 a.m. We need people to greet, serve refreshments, and help carry bags to cars. There will be a sign up sheet in the sanctuary. Please volunteer! Also, if you know a family who needs help, please tell them to come on the 1st. Thank you again for your help and support.

Yours In Christ, The Food Pantry Committee

June 4 - spaghetti sauce, breakfast food (oatmeal, cereal, pancake mix, etc), dried beans

June 11 - fill a bag

June 18 - fill a bag

### Food List for Summer Food Pantry

7 vegetables	2 soups or soup mixes & 1 Ramen noodles
1 jar of spaghetti sauce	2 cans fruit
1 jar peanut butter	1 box of pasta
2 cans pork & beans	1 bag of dried beans
2 ready meals	1 breakfast food
2 canned meats or tuna	1 box macaroni & cheese
2 pkg. rice or pasta mix or 2 envelopes instant mashed potatoes	

## Soup Ministry

Chairperson-Kathy Wright, Lucy Blevins, Diane Faulkner, Helen White



The Soup Ministry will be preparing homemade soup for the upcoming Food Pantry Distribution at Clarksbury U.M.C. on June 24, 2017. At this food pantry distribution we give each family a quart of homemade soup along with a sleeve of crackers. This is one of our missions along with preparing and distributing to our soup recipients in the Deltaville area twice a month (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday) of EACH month of the year. If you would like to help with this soup ministry mission, please contact one of the ladies above, or myself, Kathy Wright (757-373-9166) or by email [kdwright@va.metrocast.net](mailto:kdwright@va.metrocast.net) God Bless.

SOMETIMES THE GIFT OF LOVE IS GIVEN SIMPLY BY OUR  
FATHER'S PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES.  
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY.

## **Community Outreach**

### **Box Tops for Education**



Just another way Clarksbury UMC can reach out to our community. Simply cut out those little logos from cereal & snack boxes, cans & jars of food, paper goods, food & trash bags, a wide variety of things -- and bring them to church. A Big Jar in the social hall is awaiting them. With your donations St Clare Walker Middle School will gain the financial benefits schools can earn in this program.

## **Scholarship Applications**

By Fran Miller



If you are a high school senior or college student, applications are being accepted for our scholarship. Your latest transcript must be included. The deadline is June 10. Applications are available on our website.

**Thank you!**

**Fred & Jerry Dant**

To our church family at Clarksbury United Methodist,

### **Blessings.**

Recently we mentioned to the congregation a very desperate need of some residents at Dockside Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center (formerly Mizpah Nursing Home). As this is part of our church family, bringing to your attention the problem of some residents no longer are able to read their Bibles, or anything else, because of dwindling eyesight, seemed like just the thing to do.

The response was amazing. Extra Giant Print, Giant Print, and Large Print Bibles were donated by our Church's Methodist Men and by members of our loving church family at Clarksbury.

I have already seen pictures of the presentations on face book, and am told by Pastor Ken they will also appear on our church website.

# NURTURE AND CARE COMMITTEE

By Jerry Dant, Chairperson



What a great month the Nurture Committee has had with the help of church members sending cards to our home bound members, visiting them and even seeing some of them at the Lenten Luncheons and right at church on Mother's Day. My Grandmother used to say "to have a friend you have to be a friend" and I believe a card is a great way to keep a good friendship. If you are going to be in the neighborhood of a home bound member or Rehabilitation Center where a member lives why not stop by for a short visit. God Bless each and every one and we hope to see you in the month of June.

## Mail a letter 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. **Birthdays are in bold type.** 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 <b>09/10</b> 2939 Princess Ann Crest Chesapeake, VA 27321	Ivey Huff <b>10/12</b> 33 Mae Lane Wake, VA 23176	Fred & Jane Crittenden <b>11/15, 8/22</b> P.O. 30 Hardyville, VA 23070
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### D-G

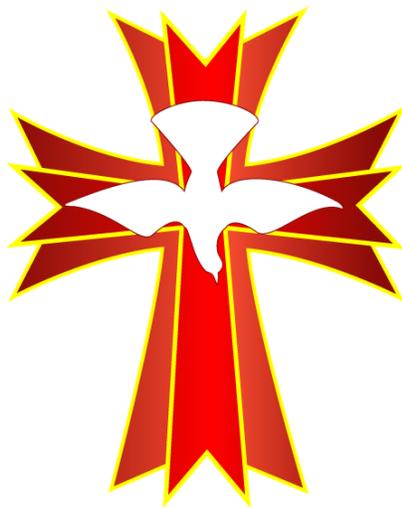
Sue Myers <b>09/30</b> Westminster Canterbury 132 Lancaster Drive Irvington, VA 22480	Reggie Jackson <b>7/12</b> Riverside Convalescent Ctr. P.O. Box 303 Saluda, VA 23149
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### H-L

Betty Morris <b>9/27</b> 221 Sturgeon Point Loop Deltaville, VA 23043	Myrtle Clark <b>10/2</b> P.O. Box 302 Deltaville, VA 23043	Pastor Jim Salmon <b>5/24</b> 26306 Mattaponi Trail Milford, VA 22524
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### M-Z

Ruth Wilder <b>5/12</b> Westminster Canterbury 132 Lancaster Dive Irvington, VA 22480	Jean Cree Georgia Manor #62 651 Riverwalk Place Chesapeake, VA 23320
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*A Graduate's Prayer*

*by Helen Steiner Rice*

*Father, I have knowledge,  
so will You show me now  
How to use it wisely  
and find a way somehow  
To make the world I live in  
a little better place,  
And make life with its problems  
a bit easier to face . . .  
Grant me faith and courage  
and put purpose in my days,  
And show me how to serve Thee  
in the most effective ways  
So all my education  
my knowledge and my skill,  
May find their true fulfillment  
as I learn to do Thy Will...  
And may I ever be aware  
in everything I do  
That knowledge comes from learning  
and wisdom comes from You*



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## June 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <b>Jennifer Shults</b> <b>Tamara</b> <b>Ramirez</b> 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	2	3 <b>Food Pantry</b> <b>Phillipi 9am</b> 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
4 <b>Becky Wilhite</b> <b>Summer Grace</b> <b>Clark</b> 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Communion	5 <b>Kyle</b> <b>Mears</b> <b>Polly Van</b> <b>Benschoten</b> 11 a.m. Soup Ministry	6 7 p.m. Trustees	7	8 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	9 <b>Carl Tate</b> <b>UMM BBQ</b> <b>4:00pm-</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	10 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
11 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	12	13 6:00p.m. EY Circle Dinner at Good Fortune Restuarant	14 <b>UMW Father's</b> <b>Day Breakfast</b> <b>9:00am</b>	15 7p.m. Chancel Choir	16 <b>Annual</b> <b>Conference</b>	17 <b>Annual</b> <b>Conference</b> <b>Eric Vaudt</b> <b>ordained</b> <b>7:30pm</b> 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
18 <b>Jackie Sibley</b> <b>Annual</b> <b>Conference</b> 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	19 11 a.m. Soup Ministry	20 Finance & Church Council 7 p.m	21 <b>VBS Zoar</b>	22 <b>VBS Zoar</b> 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	23 <b>VBS Zoar</b>	24 <b>Jeanne Duke</b> <b>VBS Zoar</b> <b>Food Pantry</b> <b>Distribution</b> 5-5:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship
25 <b>VBS Zoar</b> 10-10:40 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	26	27	28	29 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	30 <b>Mike Tullos</b>	

The deadline for the July 2017 Grapevine will be Friday, June 23.

Send items to [pwalian@yahoo.com](mailto:pwalian@yahoo.com).

**June 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 readers** for **June** are Nevin & Suzanne Ramsburg

**Counters** for **June** are Nevin Ramsburg and Terry Cleveland

Don and Polly Van Benschoten will serve as **ushers**.