

The Grapevine

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

Editor's Note:

As winter progresses we are quickly moving into the *Lenten season*. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of our journey in the Lenten season at which the start is to seek repentance and reconciliation. We confront our mortality and confess our sins before God. The Imposition of Ashes can be a powerful, non-verbal way to participate in the call to repentance. Lent is the season

in which we "intentionally grow closer to Christ, reflect on his passion, and engage in spiritual disciplines." It is a time of self examination and reflection. Many people choose a form of fasting that often involves food or meals, however; at its core, fasting is meant to remove something that hinders us from drawing nearer to God. How can you accomplish this feeling? Let's take this journey together as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

In Christ's Love Petra

Monthly Scriptures :

March 5 :

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Sermon Title:

Righteousness of Faith March 12

Romans 5:1-11

Sermon Title:

"Our Hope"

March 19:

Ephesians 5:8-14

Sermon Title:

Sleeper Awake

March 26:

Romans 8:6-11

Sermon Title:

Let His Spirit Dwell in You



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Pastor Ken's Corner

Romans 5:1–11 (NRSV)

5¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² 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.³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ 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.

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.⁹ Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.¹⁰ For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

As we embark on the season of **Lent**, traditionally a time of reflection, prayer, meditation and reading of scriptures, we focus on the path we walk and the goal of our travels through this season.

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You see, **the path is one we walk spiritually and physically**, with Christ's sacrifice preparing a way through our **FAITH** in Jesus. He gives us peace with God that we have obtained through his grace. We can boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. This will be a rough path to follow. We will have **suffering** that produces **endurance**, which produces **character**, which produces **hope**, which does not disappoint us. **God's** love is poured into our hearts through the **Holy Spirit**.

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God's Love for us, even though we are sinners and enemies to God, brought Christ to die for us. God does the work required for our reconciliation to Him through the Son, Jesus Christ.

Know that you are reconciled to God.

Praise be to our Lord Jesus the Christ!

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We are reconciled to God through Christ and our faith in Him.

As we walk in the world **physically** following the footsteps of Christ, others will see us and what we do. Let all we do give glory to the Father above.

We should concentrate on inward closeness to God and also outwardly physically share acts of mercy: helping people; praying for them; visiting them; calling them; writing notes or sending cards to them. In other words, we demonstrate that they are relevant to us in a world that continually minimizes them and makes them just a number or a statistic. They are important enough that God sent His Son to save them by the sacrifice of his death and resurrection.

During **Lent** we will have a six-session contemplative and interactive study commencing on Wednesday, March 1, at 2 p.m. Warren Wright and I look forward to seeing you there.

Our Lenten Study is *In the Footsteps of the Savior* by Max Lucado. Anyone interested can let me know at Church or by text. Books are \$11. I have decided to underwrite the cost of materials by PDF. However, if anyone wants to contribute the cost back to PDF ... feel free to do so. A brief explanation of what the study will cover follows:

In the Footsteps of the Savior is an invitation to come alongside Max as he shares meaningful, insights on the people and places that shaped Jesus's life. In this special compilation, Max weaves together in-depth teaching from his bestsellers with poignant reflections on his time in the Holy Land, guiding you through three distinct aspects of Jesus' life:

The arrival of the Savior

Jesus's ministry

The crossroads and the cross

With beautiful photographs and thoughtful questions for reflection, *In the Footsteps of the Savior* will take you on a journey through Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, the Jordan River, Bethany, Jerusalem, and more.

As you see the places Jesus walked from a new perspective, you'll also deepen your connection with the King of the universe who became the Savior on the cross.

Lent gives us a time to reflect, to meditate, to read and pray on what God is doing for us through the gift of Jesus' teaching and His sacrifice on Calvary. Here is a link to understanding more about Lent... [Lent | Definition, History, Meaning, Catholic, & Practices | Britannica](#)

We continue to lift up the health concerns of our Church family as well as life events and even the routine daily events of our community around us.

We must continue to pray for all the world and local agencies that work to improve the lives of those devastated by storms and other natural disasters, such as the ongoing earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Pray for the international organizations flooding aid and resources to these devastated areas that help minimize the loss of life.

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Pray for our **local first responders** of law enforcement, fire and rescue and emergency medical teams, as well as our Military, National Guard and Coast Guard responders at work around the world and all the families waiting patiently for their safe return.

We know from current news reports the risks that children and teachers face in the classrooms. Pray for school safety and productive learning environments for our children. We pray for the adults headed back to school in our colleges and universities.

Our **Cryer Mobile Food Pantry has been scheduled for March 4 from 9-11 a.m.**

We pray for all of our community services: food pantry, meals on wheels, and other ministries that we provide to our community as part of **our Community Outreach.**

We pray for the people of this world who are hurting. We pray for our country and our leaders that they may be blessed by Our Lord to do His will.

May we be a loving witness to our community to **demonstrate God's love for all of us.**

May God richly bless all of you and your loved ones.

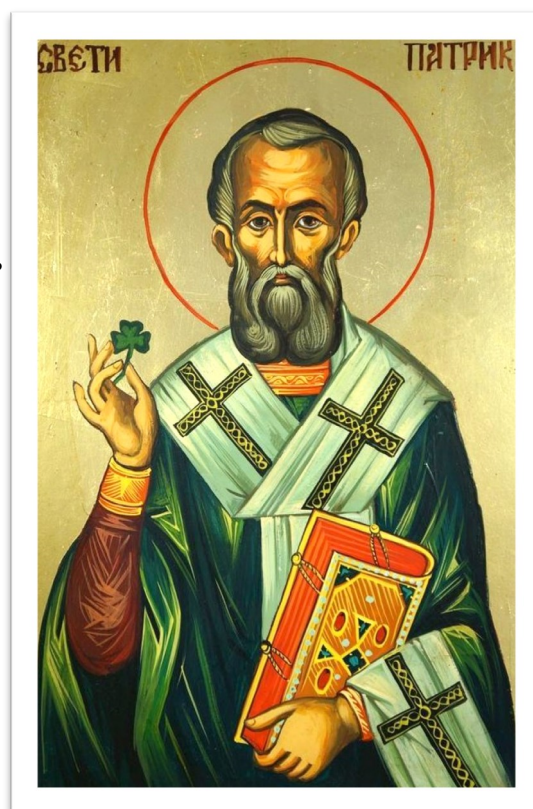
Peace & Grace, Pastor Ken

LAY LEADER — WARREN WRIGHT

Little is known of Saint Patrick's early life, though it is known that he was born in Roman Britain (part of the island of Great Britain) in the 4th century, into a wealthy family. His father and grandfather were Deacons in the Church. At the age of sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken captive to Ireland as a slave. It is believed he was held somewhere on the west coast of Ireland, possibly Mayo, but the exact location is unknown. According to his Confession, he was told by God in a dream to flee from captivity to the coast, where he would board a ship and return to Britain. Upon returning, he quickly joined the church in Auxerre in Gaul and studied to be a priest.

In 432, he again said that he was called back to Ireland, though as a bishop, to Christianize the Irish from their native polytheism. Irish folklore tells that one of his teaching methods included using the Shamrock to explain the Christian doctrine of the Trinity to the Irish people. Originally, the color associated with Saint Patrick was blue. Over the years the color green and its association with Saint Patrick's Day grew. Green ribbons and Shamrocks were worn in celebration of St Patrick's Day as early as the 17th century. In the 1798 rebellion, in hopes of making a political statement, Irish soldiers wore full green uniforms on March 17th in hopes of catching public attention. The phrase "the wearing of the green," meaning to wear a shamrock on one's clothing, derives from a song of the same name. After nearly thirty years of Evangelism, he died on 17 March 461, and according to tradition, was buried at Downpatrick. Although there were other more successful missions to Ireland from Rome, Patrick endured as the principal champion of Irish Christianity and is held in esteem in the Irish Church.

Matthew 28:18-20- *"And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father **and** the Son **and** the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'"*

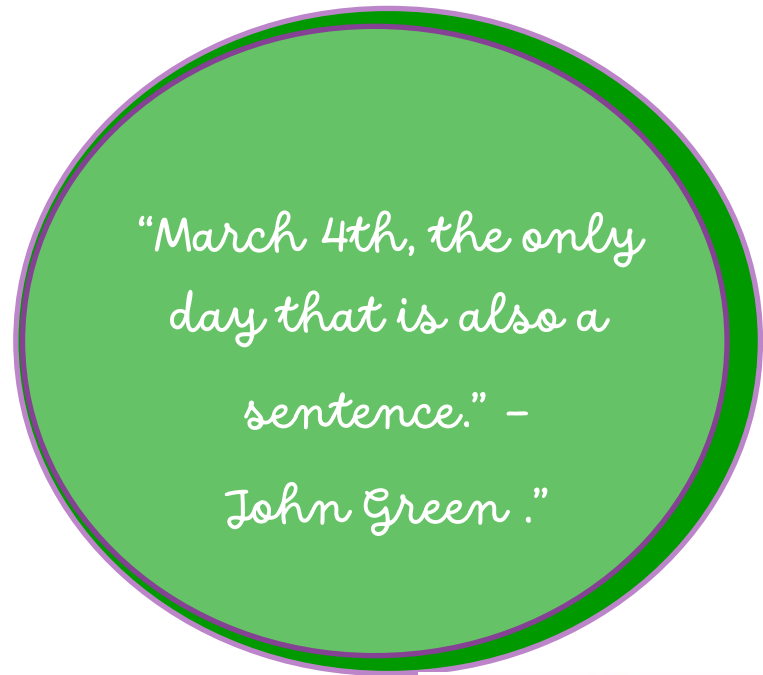


Ministries:

UMM

The UMM will next **meet on Monday March 27th at 7 PM.** We will be planning our Spring activities including our Mother's Day breakfast. 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 Carl Tate

Nurture & Outreach Jerry Dant

Thanks to all who have sent cards, called and visited our homebound members. The committee will be having a meeting to plan for the Easter goodie bags for our residents at Fishing Bag Estates and our homebound members. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. Also, when you pass the card aisle, while shopping, you might see a pretty card that a member would like to get in the mail. Betty J. said. "Getting mail is the highlight of her day." Let us remember everyone.

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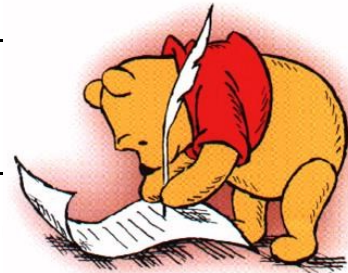
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Ministries and ETC:



Mobile Food Pantry -
Clarksbury United Methodist
Saturday, March 4, 2023
9:00am-11:00am
Clarksbury United Methodist,
Deltaville, VA 23043, United



Church Service Assistants for the month of *March*

Ushers:

Emily Farmer & Paulette Topping

Liturgist:

John Hooper

Counters:

Warren Wright & Emily Farmer

Open Hearts Open Minds
Open Doors

Deadline for the April newsletter is
 Monday, April 20!

Please send your emails and
 articles to pwalian2@gmail.com for
 inclusion in the newsletter.



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Annual Budget 2023 Operating Funds	118,440.00
Total Received for Operating Funds 02/19/23	17,650.78
Total Needed by end of February	2,089.22

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Ministry Notices:

Soup Ministry; Warming Tree Ministry; Coat Rack Ministry
Chairperson-Kathy Wright; Lucy Blevins, Diane Faulkner

The Soup Ministry continues to distribute soup to our recipients, the third Monday of each month. This is because we now deliver groceries from the Cryer Center Mobile food pantry the first Saturday to our recipients. The soup ministry delivered Thanksgiving meals to residents at Fishing Bay and our other soup recipients as well. During December we delivered Christmas gift bags, prepared by Jerry Dant and her Outreach and Nurture Committee, to each of our folks.

We also were able to distribute warming tree items and coats during our first-of-the-month Cryer Center Mobile Food Pantry distribution which continues through the first weekend of March. We DO HAVE some warming articles and coats if needed. You just need to contact Pastor Ken and he will be able to help you.

THANK YOU for supporting these very important ministries 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.



New Group Forms at Clarksbury! Yarnies

A knitting and crochet group has just started at
Clarksbury. Join the Yarnies
each Tuesday from **3:30pm-5:30pm**

Everyone is welcome.

Please contact:

Eileen Crittenden or Linda Bartz if you have any questions



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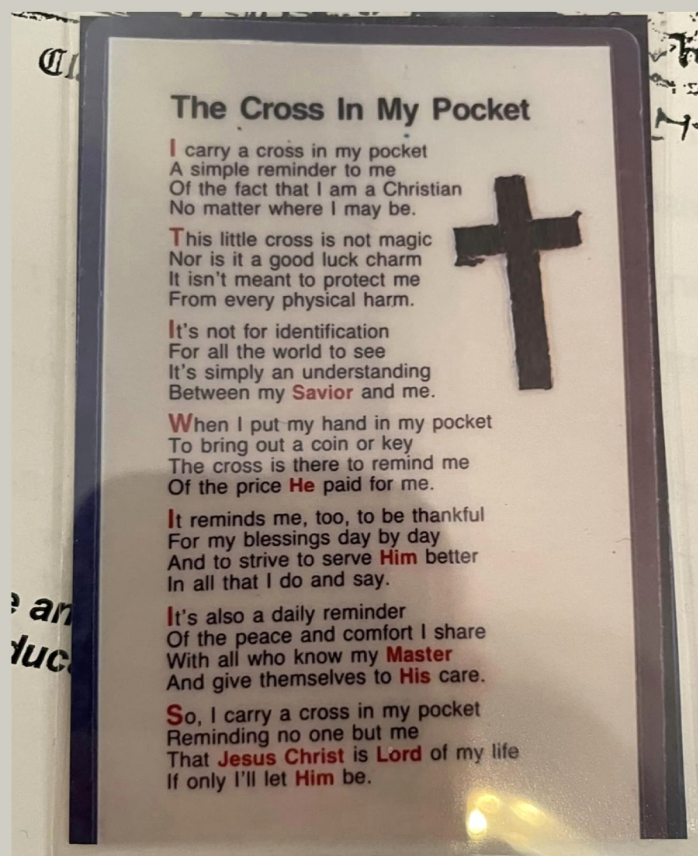
Meals on Wheels - a little-known Clarksbury Mission

"Meals on Wheels is a national program to deliver meals to seniors who are unable to leave their home or prepare their own meals. It is administered locally by Bay Aging. Our church provides volunteers to cover deliveries in the Deltaville area for one month each quarter. Volunteers meet a delivery person at the church and take the prepackaged food to the homes of the recipients. Currently the time required to make the deliveries is less than two hours. If you would be interested in helping out with this mission and make the deliveries please Linda Bartz.



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Christmas Sing A-long



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ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash

Wednesday

Sacrifice

Almsgiving

Prayer

Fasting

Lent

Holy Week

Holy Thursday

Good Friday

Holy Saturday

Easter

Palm Sunday

Purple

Palm Branch

Forty Days

Jesus

Passover

Foot Washing

Resurrection

Love



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7 Linda
Dobbins
Yarnies
3:30-5:30

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12 Alison
Crittenden
Chuck
Banker

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14 Peggy Vaudt
Yarnies
3:30-5:30

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16 Ronnie
Teagle

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20 Soup
Delivery
Corey
Buchanan

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Yarnies
3:30-5:30

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Mark White

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28 **Yarnies**
3:30-5:30
April Mauney

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Linda Davis

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March Birthdays (If you know of any additions, deletions or corrections that should be made to the birthday calendar, please let the newsletter editor know.)