



# The Grapevine

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

## Editor's Note:

*The month sure did fly by, not without some trials for the editor, but with the compassion and prayers from my church family, I am feeling ok.*

*Summer is here! I hope you all are enjoying the sunshine which was dearly missed at the beginning of this week, but with not being home, it has benefitted my garden, I take that as a win.*

*Pastor Ken has begun to have office hours twice weekly usually on Tuesdays and Thursdays, please come in to see him as you need.*

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*Scholarship - It is that time of year again! If you have a family member continuing their higher education, they are eligible to receive the church's scholarship. Applications are on the church website. Applications must be received by June 15.*

*In Christ's Love, Petra*

## Monthly Scriptures :

### June 4 :

Acts 7:55-60

Sermon Title:

***Sacrifice & Witness***

### June 11:

1 Peter 3:13-22

Sermon Title:

***"Made Alive in the spirit"***

### June 18:

Act 1:1-11

Sermon Title:

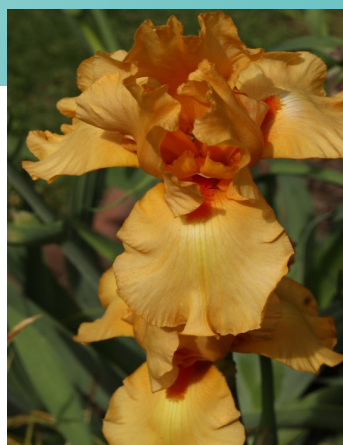
***"You Will receive Power By the Holy Spirit"***

### June 25:

1 Corinthians 12:3-13

Sermon Title:

***Varieties of Gifts, the Same Spirit***



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## Pastor Ken's Corner

### Acts 2:1-4 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

<sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

<sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

<sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

As we come to the close of the Easter Season with Pentecost we consider again all the **expectations and anticipations** of the Apostles, the Jews, and the followers of Jesus. Again and again we find ourselves mystified by our errors in understanding God's intent and purposes even though we have the scriptures of the Prophets and even Jesus's own teaching describing just what God's plan is.

From the **Ascension** (Acts 1:1-11) when Jesus orders His disciples to remain in Jerusalem and await the promise of the Father, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit which is fulfilled at **Pentecost** (Acts 2:1-21) where we are told of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and how many in Jerusalem gathered around and witnessed the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Who could have anticipated or expected or even comprehended all that occurs in this short amount of time.

Yet all of above events and those to come are what we consider the great fulfillment of God's plan for Jesus.

What a blessing to have been given to each of us by God through the Holy Spirit the following gifts: **the utterance of wisdom; the utterance of knowledge; gifts of healing; working of miracles; the gift of prophecy; the discernment of spirits; speaking in various tongues and to another the interpretation of those tongues.** All of these gifts are activated in us by the same **Spirit**, who allots to each of us individually **as the Spirit chooses.**

As we consider Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit rested on over five thousand people and gave them gifts/fruits of the Holy Spirit consider this. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit apply to all of His servants... throughout our Church, our community, the Missions Rivers District and the Virginia Conference as they ALL are part of HIS ministries.

I know none of you do the work for His Ministries here for earthly praise. However, I am so grateful for the work **you** do for Clarksbury in so many ways. THANK YOU...we are always praying for your health 🙏 and YOUR servant hearts.

While praying and meditating this morning as I consider the Grapevine input for June, I just felt I need to tell ANYONE who has been involved in ANY of the ministries of our church and who is doing the work of the Lord that **no matter how insignificant YOU may feel that the work or service is...**know that many hands make light the work. So YES it is meant for YOU!

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Too often we don't realize how integral **ALL the individuals are in our ministries**. We may not all have the same gifts but we all are blessed with some for the Common Good to Glorify God.

**Christ is risen...Christ is Risen Indeed!**

Praise be to our Lord Jesus the Christ!

**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.

**Use your Gifts of the Spirit to give Glory to the Father above.**

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 agencies that work to improve the lives of those devastated by storms and other natural disasters.

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.

**Our Cryer Mobile Food Pantry has been scheduled for June 3 from 9 to 11 a.m.**

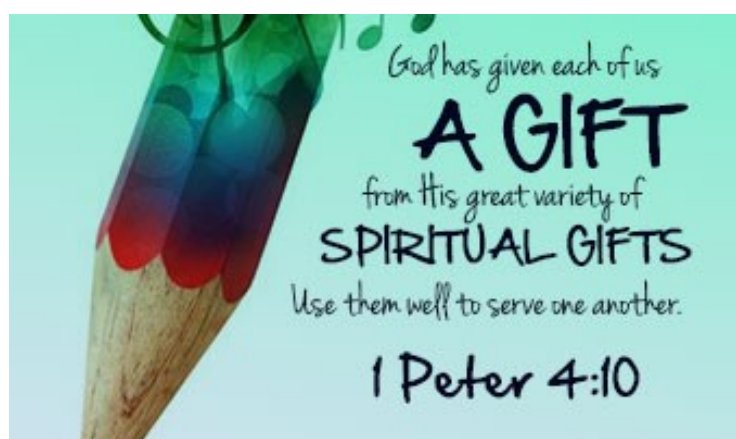
We pray for all of our community outreach services: food pantry, meals on wheels, and other ministries that we provide to our community through **our outreach**.

We pray for the hurting people of this world. 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 us**.

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

**Peace & Grace, Pastor Ken**



## LAY LEADER — WARREN WRIGHT      TGIF

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.***



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## Ministries:

### UMM

The UMM will not meet during June, July, and August. 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

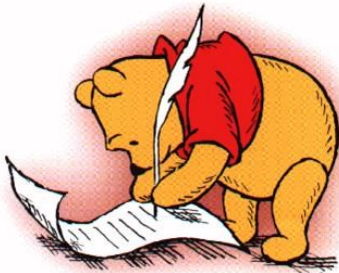
Betty Johnson Connie Robertson Carl Tate



### Nurture & Outreach Jerry Dant

Eileen Crittenden did a wonderful job making Mother's Day goodie bags for the ladies at Fishing Bay Estates. Goodie bags were also made for our ladies at The Gloucester House and Dockside. Linda Bartz, is leading our committee with putting together Hygiene kits for UMCOR. A list of items has been sent to all members and we will put them together and deliver them. Thanks for all your help and we look forward to new ideas for the coming months.

*"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty." — Winston Churchill.*



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## Ministries and ETC:



**Mobile Food Pantry -**  
**Clarksbury United Methodist**  
**Saturday, June 3, 2023**  
**9:00am-11:00am**  
**Clarksbury United Methodist,**  
**Deltaville, VA 23043, United**



### Church Service Assistants for the month of *May*

#### Ushers:

*Becky Foster and Betty Farmer*

#### Liturgist:

*Linda Bartz*

#### Counters:

*Betty Farmer and Don Bartz*

*Open Hearts Open Minds*  
*Open Doors*

Deadline for the July newsletter is  
 Friday, June 23

Please send your emails and  
 articles to [pwalian2@gmail.com](mailto: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 05/21/2023	50,311.61
Total Needed by end of April	-961.61

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## Ministry and Notices:

Please note:

Every member of the church should by now have received a letter from the church regarding the disaffiliation from the UMC. Please call a member of the church council or trustees if you have not received your letter.

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Carl & Betty have new phones and new phone numbers...  
so update your listing for them.

Carl and Betty's phone changes.  
Betty's cell 804-990-0068  
Carl's cell 804-990-0089  
No land line anymore



Please note Scholarship Applications are due on June 15.  
You can download the scholarship applications from the  
church website at [clarksburyumc.com](http://clarksburyumc.com)



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## Bake Sale and Nursing Home Visits



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## *Fathers*

*God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it...  
Dad*



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# June 2023

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

				1 Choir Practice 11am	2	3 Cryer Mobile Food Pantry 9-11
4 Becky Wilhite	5 Polly VanBeschoten	6	7	8 Choir Practice 11am	9 Carl Tate	10 Contemporary Worship 5:00
11	12	13	14 Mickie Crittenden	15 Choir Practice 11am	16	17 Contemporary Worship 5:00
18	19 Soup Ministry	20	21	22 Choir Practice 11am	23	24 Contemporary Worship 5:00 Jeannie Duke Betty Farmer
25 Randy Tate	26	27	28	29 Choir Practice 11am	30 Mike Tullos	

*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.)