

The Grapevine

Our Mission:

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

Editor's Note:

Wow, we have definitely progressed to the "dog days" of summer! It has certainly been hot and humid lately, but I sure hope you have taken some time for relaxation, rejuvenation and reconnection with friends, family and God. Connecting with our loved ones (this includes God) is something that can easily be pushed aside because we are busy and involved and sometimes plain old tired. Begin each new day with remembering how important connections are in your life and how special they make you

feel. Enjoy all times, every day, even the tough ones. Petra

TODAY'S PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your plan for my life today. Help me to grow deep roots in my relationship with You. Cause my thoughts to be Your thoughts so that I will be strong and established. Thank You for Your favor and blessing in my life today in Jesus' name. Amen.

Monthly

Scriptures :

August 7 :

Luke 12:32-40

Sermon Title: For where your treasure is...

August 14:

Luke 19:49-56

Sermon Title: You Know how to Interpret appearance of Earth and sky...

August 21 :

Luke 13:10-17

August 28 :

Luke 12:14:1,7-14



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Pastor Ken's Corner

Luke 12:32-40 (NRSV)

³² *"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."*

We are halfway through what looks to be a very HOT summer. At least we have gotten some rain in the last weeks of July. August is upon us and many of you are returning from or heading out on vacations. May you all be blessed with safe travels and wonderful relaxing and fun time with family and friends.

We need to be constantly in Prayer for our Congregation and our friends and Family. Several of them have procedures scheduled or pending, recovering from same. We do need God's Peace and Comfort... We are charged to be spreading, through our example, His Love, Grace, Mercy and Hope throughout our communities.

We need continue to pray as students prepare to return to schools; our children; our teachers; our administrators and our first responders, law enforcement; medical/EMT; and other counselors for the students, and parents, and teachers, and others impacted by the new year and what awaits. We Pray with renewed faith and vigor.

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.

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Our focus and attention, **our hearts desire**, should always be on storing up Kingdom Treasures. Difficult though it may be most of the time, we turn our hearts and minds towards Jesus' guidance and teaching about charity and loving our neighbors as we love ourselves. We should do those selfless acts of charity, pray for healing and wellness of others, lift-up those who are in need.

Several are still 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.

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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.

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We should always be vigilant to the world around us. Not overwhelmed by the worldly concerns, but aware and able to respond appropriately as Jesus would do. Be also in discernment of the way life flows past us. God, The Master, is with us throughout our travels along life's way.

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We need to always be ready for God, in our lives and our hearts...

This Saturday August 6, 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 has been rescheduled to a date not yet determined, because of our Covid impact.

Our Community Services: food pantry; meals on wheels; and other ministries; we provide to our community are **our Community Outreach**. Each service is an 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!**

As the Summer is in Full swing ...enjoy the family time and vacations

What Glorious Music and Services on all 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

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

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 variants....** 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.**

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

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.

Only in America Do:

We spend more, but have less. We buy more, but enjoy less.

We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time.

We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

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.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.

We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years!

We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor.

We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul.

We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice.

We write more, but learn less.

We plan more, but accomplish less.

We've learned to rush, but not to wait.

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.*

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THE SEVEN PRAYERS IN THE LORD'S PRAYER

BY RICK HAMLIN POSTED IN HOW TO PRAY, JUL 22, 2022

Think about it. The Lord's Prayer can be divided into seven prayers:

1) Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.

God is a parent, full of that parental love. Some people have trouble with "Our Father" because, well, they had a flawed dad or even mom. No matter. You have God. And God is here on earth. We honor that presence with those words "hallowed be thy name." In the Jewish tradition the Lord's name isn't even spoken aloud. How holy is that?

2) Thy kingdom come.

Three precious words to express that inner yearning for God's reign to be established now, right now. On earth. Look around you. See it in the kindness of a friend, the love of a neighbor, the compassion for the poor. Feel it in the natural realm—the wind, the rain, the sun. The world is evolving. Pray for it to be on the right side of love.

3) Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

These words echo Jesus' words prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane in the agony leading up to the Crucifixion and would be appropriate to use at the end of every prayer, especially with that ender, "on earth as it is in heaven." Bringing heaven down to earth. After all God is in everything. We just need to see it.

4) Give us this day our daily bread.

My favorite petition. We pray collectively for every person's daily bread. Honoring the Son who shared wine and bread at the Last Supper. No hoarding here. Just enough for bread and maybe some for the morrow. Our daily bread.

5) Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Or "trespasses" or "sins" or "wrongs." It's a quid pro quo; we forgive as we have been forgiven. That means that insulting thing somebody said against you. Or the sibling who took something of Mom's after she died before even asking if you wanted it. Or the church member who talked your ear off in church. Forgive, forgive, forgive. You forgive me, I forgive them.

6) Lead us not into temptation.

The Lord knows our weaknesses. He knows our vulnerabilities. We can follow the right path knowing the Lord is looking out for us. Listen for those inner voices that say, "Not that, not this...that." Listen.

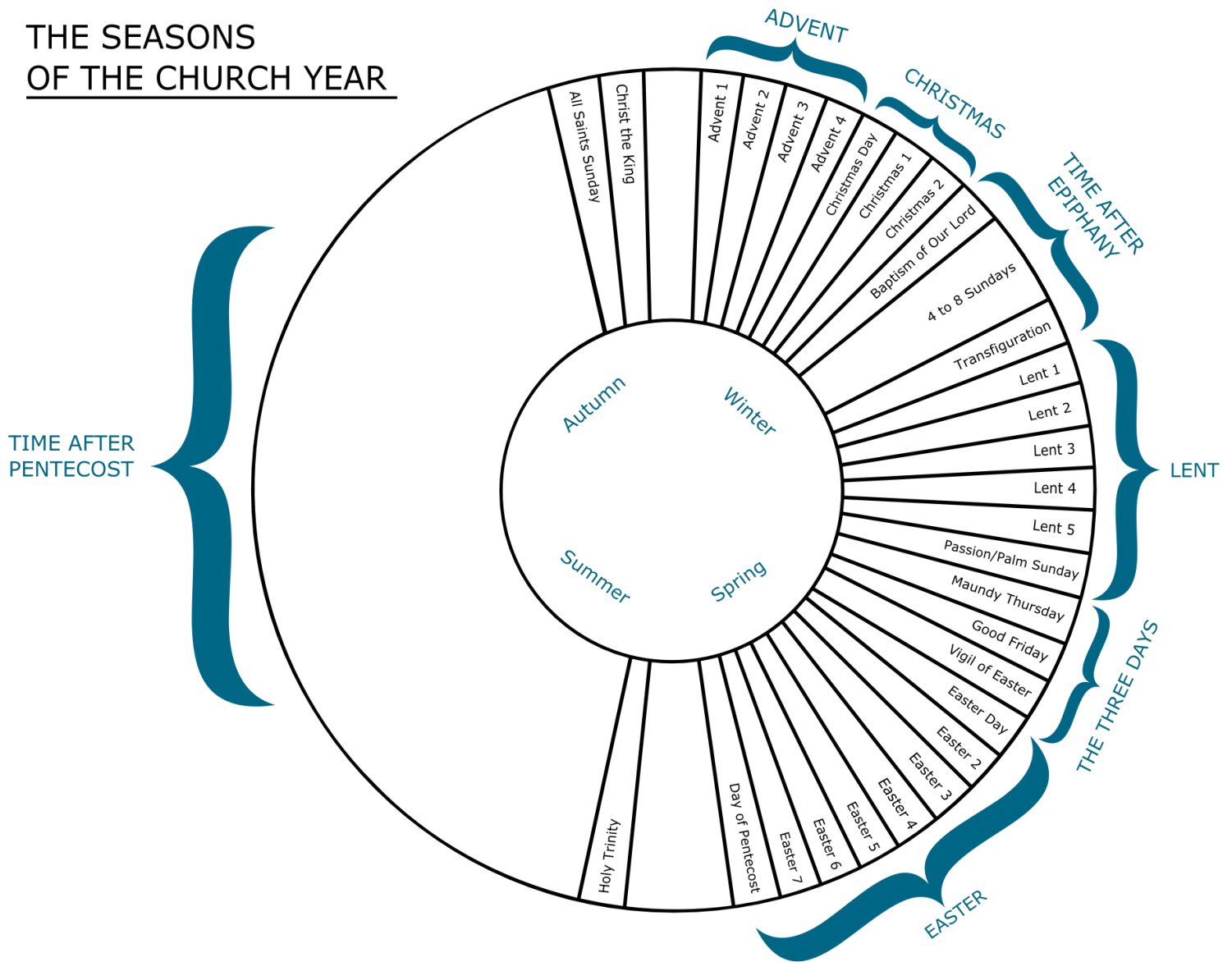
7) But deliver us from evil.

Evils are all around us, and in some of the most tempting guises. How else would they lure us in? Wealth, status, success. Gosh, that sounds great. But at what cost? God's own goodness is free. No interest charged. What better bargain could be there?

Those are the seven prayers, and it'd be hard to top them—and the depth of them—in any situation. If someone asks if you've prayed today, say "Sure. I said the Lord's Prayer." That's saying it all. More than anything.

Did you know?

THE SEASONS OF THE CHURCH YEAR



Pentecost is the longest liturgical season, lasting up to 27 weeks or 1/2 a year!

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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

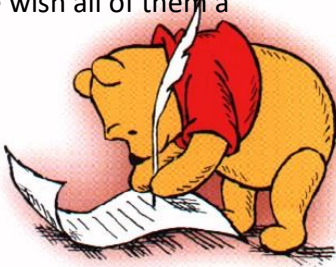
Nurture & Outreach Jerry Dant

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

Nothing is impossible;
the word itself says
“I’m possible!”

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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Ministries and ETC:



Mobile Food Pantry -
Clarksbury United Methodist
Saturday, August 6, 2022
9:00am-11:00am
Clarksbury United Methodist,
Deltaville, VA 23043, United



Church Service Assistants for the month of August

Ushers:

Linda Bartz and Linda Dobbins

Scripture Reader:

Lucy Blevins

Liturgist:

Charles Townes

Counters:

Alan Miller and David Dobson

*Open Hearts Open Minds
Open Doors*

Deadline for the August Newsletter is
Monday, August 29!

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

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Annual Budget 2022 Operating Funds	120,298.00
Total Received for Operating Funds 07/17	63,357.00
Total Needed by end of July	6,816.83

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June Power of Prayer

A Prayer for August Lord,

Do not let the world and
its brief glory lead
me astray; do not let the
devil and his cunning
overthrow me. Give me
boldness in resisting,
patience in enduring,
firmness in persevering.
In place of all the joys of
the world grant me the
sweet anointing of Your
spirit, and instead of the
loves of this life, pour in
the love of your name.

-- Thomas 'a Kempis (1380-1471)

Yes!!, this prayer is 600+/- years old, but still applicable, don't you agree?

Born in Germany, Thomas 'a Kempis came to be known by the name of his native village, Kempen. At age 13 he attended a school conducted by the Brethren of the Common Life, an order that emphasized the simplicity of the earlier Christians. Here Thomas's deep commitment to Christ took root, and in 1399 he entered an Augustinian monastery where he spent the rest of his life. Much of the time he wrote--sermons, hymns, religious biographies and one of the most widely read of all books, the classic *Imitation of Christ*.



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Luke 12

F B R D Y F A H T G N I H T O L C
 P Y I Q Q Q N B T C A Q S B F X I
 G L C H E A R T D F K H N G C L K
 N V H D E G R D N Q I H O M K J F
 W E M C F R R V D W N D I G S D F
 H F A Q C Z J A O C G O S T N D H
 B E N P D I B R S G D I S M R B H
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 B O R H F O C A F D S N Q F J U U
 J R O K C B B R H E C F U K C R S
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heart

Jesus

worry

clothing

possessions

heaven

God

flowers

barns

fool

kingdom of God

lilies

grass

richman



August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Food Pantry 9-11am Marion Miller
7	8	9	10	11 Gayle Gilliland Donald Wilhite	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Betty Ann Tabler Jim Chenowith
28	29 Lynn Bisogno	30	31			

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.)