



The Grapevine

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

Editor's Note:

And just that fast we have moved into Autumn Splendor. I pray that you are all doing well and are enjoying this beautiful season of bounty. Transitions always come exactly when we need them, don't they? As we

continue to transition from the UMC we are working to change our website name and email addresses. If you have any pictures that you have taken of any church activities, please consider sending me a couple of them to possibly include in the Grapevine or the website. In Christ's Love Petra



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

Monthly Scriptures :

November 5:

All Saints Day

Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon Title: "Our Reward is great in Heaven"

November 12:

Romans 7:15-25

Sermon Title: "People who Produce Fruit"

November 19:

Thessalonians 5:1-11

Sermon Title:

"Children Of Light and Children of the Day"

November 26:

Christ the King Sunday

Ephesians 1:15-23

Sermon Title:

"Above every Name that is Named"

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Pastor Ken's Corner

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (NRSV) The Coming of the Lord

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

November is a **month usually** filled with family and friends and with the opportunity for us to give THANKS for all with which we are blessed. This November will be a special one for Clarksbury Church as we transition into our new denomination, The Global Methodist Church, holding fast to our traditions and our ministries.

We celebrate **All Saints Day** on the 5th of November; lighting candles in their Memory, and reading the names of those who have gone on before us since last November, remembering and praying for our comfort and the hope we have of being with them again as Jesus promises in the scripture above.

This is an opportunity for each of us at Clarksbury to **rededicate** ourselves to our service to **God** and **Community**. We will continue to be welcoming and warm in our reception of all who come to Clarksbury.

There will be some cosmetic changes as to be expected with a denomination change. There will be changes to our Webpage, our Grapevine Newsletter as well as some changes to E-mail addresses moving forward. Of note, I will be transitioning to kenteecl2@gmail.com as the old vaumc.org email will not be available to me at some point as yet undetermined.

Your leadership and you as a congregation have made a decision to be faithful to the **traditional** interpretation/understanding of the Scriptures-- not to be negative, rather to be positive.

We as a Church have determined as guided in the scriptures to continue to **render to God the things that are God's and to serve God** as the **Scriptures**, our **Wesleyan Tradition**, our **Christian Experience**, and our **Understanding** and **Reason** call us to.

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On October 7, 2023, the **Annual Conference Session** voted to ratify **YOUR** decision to **disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church**.

Our Prayers were answered. Amen

There is **some** remaining **work, legal and other efforts**, which will follow in order to transition fully to the Global Methodist Church. Continue to lift up our Leadership and our Church in this time of transition that we may remain focused on the MAIN purpose for being a CHURCH... service to God and proclaiming the Good News and encouraging our community to turn to Jesus.

On a personal Note, I was ORDAINED an ELDER in the GMC on Saturday, October 21, and was so happy to have family and Church family there to support me. They drove all the way up and back to Spotsylvania to observe and support the 20 some others who were ordained **Deacons** and some of the rest of us as **Elders**.

Clarksbury will continue to be welcoming, loving, and faithful and connected to our community. We will continue to love our neighbors; we will comfort the sick and the poor; we will serve our community with peace, love and mercy; and we will honor the Sacraments as prescribed in scriptures.

What are your **expectations and anticipations** for this November and the future ahead? I anticipate **Days of Great Thanksgiving** and not just on November 23, 2023, **Thanksgiving Day**

I urge all of us to pray for our Nation, for safety in returning to school, and peaceful activities for all of our communities.

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We believe in Jesus and have this hope that Jesus through the promise and sacrifice He made that we will be together with the Saints who have gone before us and we give THANKS. We don't know the day of His return; God alone knows that appointed day! However, we do know and have faith that when He does return there will be no doubt He is back.

16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever.

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God is here among us **when we pray** and **as we pray**. His promise is on **THAT DAY we will be with Him in the clouds**. What a powerful promise! Until that day we have a mission. We are called ***encourage one another with these words***.

These words of promise that Paul leaves us with. We are to encourage each other.

I will state again from last month because it is very important to FOCUS on God, not his fallen world.

Christ is risen...Christ is risen indeed!

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 Service members at work around the world and all the families waiting patiently for their safe return.

Our **Cryer Mobile Food Pantry has been scheduled for November 4 from 7 to 11 a.m.** We need willing hands and prayers for this event as we always do on the first Saturday of the month in partnership with the Cryer Center.

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 those who are in the path of hurricanes and other storms. We pray for the victims of violence. 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 "A PROPER PERSPECTIVE ON THANKSGIVING"

The following proclamation was made by Governor Bradford in 1623, 3 years after the Pilgrims settled at Plymouth;

To all ye Pilgrims,

Inasmuch as the great father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, peas, squashes and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as he has protected us from the raids of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience; now I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and ye little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday November ye 29th of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty three, and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Plymouth rock, there to listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings. So, can you see the parallels in today's world?

Thursday November 23rd is Thanksgiving Day. One day in which we like those early Pilgrims set aside time in our busy schedules to give thanks to God. Now, there is nothing wrong with that but the word of God tells us that this should be a continual, daily, attitude.

You say thank you to God when you;

- 1) Spend time with Him (not just 1 hr a week)
- 2) When you forgive others
- 3) When you serve in His church
- 4) When you share His Plan of salvation
- 5) When you reach out to hurting people
- 6) When you give God the best of yourself
- 7) When you praise Him enthusiastically from the heart

Eph. 5:19-20 tells Christians to "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, ALWAYS giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

I Thes. 5:16-18 says, "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."



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Ministries:

UMM

The Clarksbury Church Men will meet on Monday November 27th at 7 PM. At this meeting we will be making plans for our Fall/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.

"A smile is a curve that sets everything straight."

Phyllis Diller

RECOVERING

Betty Johnson Connie Robertson
Carl Tate

Nurture & Outreach Jerry Dant

October has been a busy month for our committee. Linda Bartz is leading a Prayer Group on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Pat Hooper is organizing a love gift of craft supplies for Dockside. Thanks to all, who have helped with crafts items. We will, also, have a small gift for our friends at FBE on October 30th. In November we will be planning for the holidays and any suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

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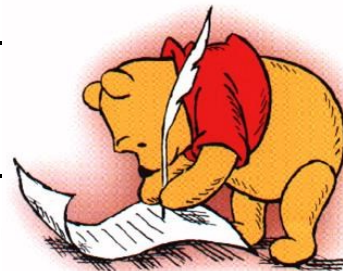
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Ministries and ETC:



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



Church Service Assistants for the month of *November*

Ushers:

Linda Bartz & Linda Dobbins

Liturgist:

Cheryl Teagle

Counters:

Delores Decker & Kathy Wright

Open Hearts Open Minds
Open Doors

Deadline for the November newsletter is Friday, November 24
 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 10/29/2023	111,222.54
Total Needed by end of October	-12,522.54

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Ministry and Notices:

Soup Ministry/Warming Tree/and Coat Ministry – October 2023

Chairperson-Kathy Wright; Lucy Blevins, Diane Faulkner, and Pat Hooper

At the request of our soup ministry recipients, soup was not delivered during the summer months. We will begin delivering the third Monday of October. We only deliver once a month because we deliver groceries from the Cryer Center Mobile food pantry the first Saturday of each month, including during the summer months. If you would like to make homemade soup for our recipients, let one of the committee members listed above know. The containers (one quart size) are provided and you will need to make four quarts, variety your choice (most like vegetable or chicken noodle soup), and return your soup to the church.



Our warming tree and coat rack ministries will begin the first Saturday in November through the first Saturday of March. If you would like to provide warming tree items, etc. gloves, hats, scarves, homemade or store bought, you may bring them to the church and place your items under the angel "warming tree". **ONLY COATS** (for the coat rack) and they should be new or **slightly used, clean**, in children's or adult sizes.

THANK YOU for supporting these very important ministries at **Clarksbury United Methodist Church**. If **you would like to help in any way**, contact one of the committee members listed above, or myself, Kathy Wright (757-373-9166) or email kdwright@va.metrocast.net. **God Bless.**

Advent Study



We will have an Advent Study "**The Angels of Christmas**" with Susan Robb...Starting **Wednesday November 1st at 2 pm** In the Social Hall.

The Study has four sessions:

Session 1 is Wednesday 1 November

"Standing in the presence Of God": Gabriel and Zechariah

Session 2: is Wednesday the 8th of November "Let it Be" :Gabriel and Mary.

Session 3: November 15th. "Acting on the unbelievable": An Angel of the Lord and Joseph.

We will take a pause for Thanksgiving week.

Session 4: November 29th. "Hark the Herald angels Sing": The Angels and the Shepherds on

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Pastor Ken is Ordained, BBQ drive



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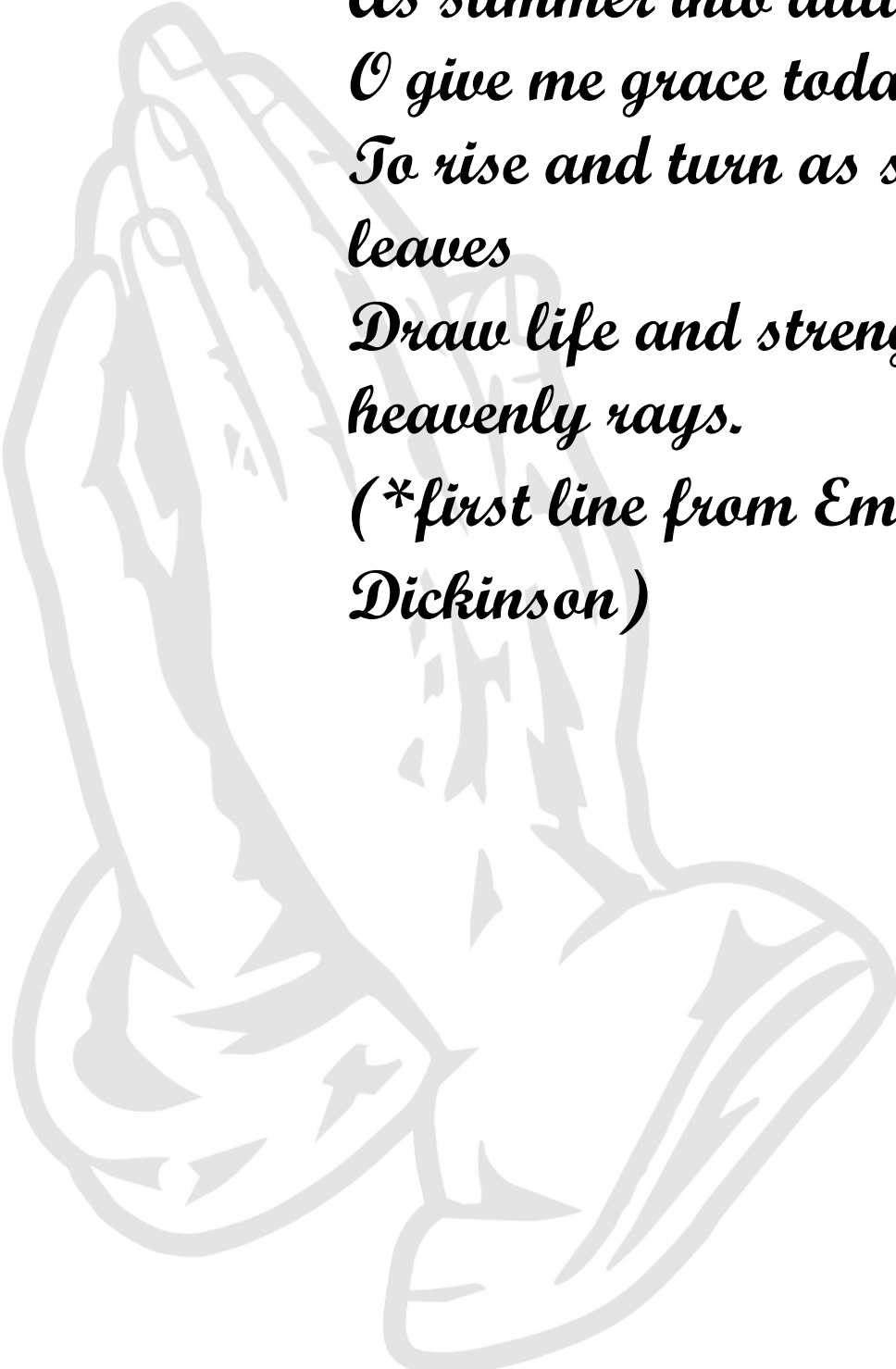
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As summer into autumn slips,
O give me grace today
To rise and turn as summer's
leaves
Draw life and strength from
heavenly rays.
(*first line from Emily
Dickinson)*

A November Thankfulness Challenge is a great way to give God praise and encourage others to count their blessings, too. So don't be afraid to share your daily gratitude with family and friends, whether it be in person or via social media.

Here's a thankfulness challenge you can share with your family and friends. Beginning November 1, take a photo each day of something related to the theme of the day. For example, DAY 4 is about "STRENGTH". You can share a photo of something or someone who is inspiring you to stay strong and then explain why you are thankful for the strength you feel.

30 DAYS OF THANKFULNESS CHALLENGE

IG: @goodlifedetroit

DAY 1: PERSON

DAY 2: CITY/TOWN SCENERY

DAY 3: QUOTE

DAY 4: STRENGTH

DAY 5: ENERGY

DAY 6: IN FRONT OF YOU

DAY 7: LAUGHTER

DAY 8: GOALS

DAY 9: FAMILY

DAY 10: NEIGHBORHOOD

DAY 11: MOVIE

DAY 12: WISDOM

DAY 13: SELF

DAY 14: FRIENDSHIP

DAY 15: FOOD

DAY 16: MUSIC

DAY 17: ART

DAY 18: HOME

DAY 19: MEMORY

DAY 20: GIVING

DAY 21: LOVE

DAY 22: BOOK

DAY 23: TO YOUR LEFT

DAY 24: GOOD NEWS

DAY 25: PLANT

DAY 26: TRADITION

DAY 27: DESSERT

DAY 28: ANIMAL

DAY 29: DREAM

DAY 30: FAITH

Use the hashtag #GLDthankful on Instagram!



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NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Advent Study</i> 2:00pm Social Hall	2	3	4 Fran Miller
5 David Moore Phil Smith	6 Carol Jones	7	8 <i>Advent Study</i> 2:00pm Social Hall	9 Millie Larrauri	10	11
12 Nurture & Outreach meeting after church	13 Luke Lucas	14	15 <i>Advent Study</i> 2:00pm Social Hall	16	17 Don Bartz	18 Ken Cleveland
19	20	21	22	23	24 Dawn Wilt	25
26 Adrielle West	27	28	29 <i>Advent Study</i> 2:00pm Social Hall	30 Matthew Duke		

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