

The Grapevine

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

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, proclaimed, "The world is my parish." Ever since, the people called Methodist have committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with people all around the world.

In that spirit, faithful Methodists have been praying and working to discern God's will for a new church rooted in Scripture and the historic and life giving teachings of the Christian faith. Given that those called to this new denomination are from many countries, speak many languages, and yet share one faith, the name "the Global Methodist Church" seemed fully appropriate.

Methodists in Africa, Europe, Eurasia, the Philippines, and the United States have warmly embraced the name. It simultaneously states who we are and who we aspire to be: faithful Christians in the Methodist tradition dedicated to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with people all around the world.



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

The Global Methodist Church's logo brings together in its three circles the one God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – who alone we worship. **The circles intersect at the center of the cross of Jesus Christ, the symbol of our deliverance from our slavery to sin and fear of death. The outer circumference of the rings represents the globe.** As a whole, the logo communicates God's sending of the church into the world.

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Pastor Ken's Corner

2 Corinthians 4:5-6 (NRSV)

⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

WE ARE FLYING INTO SUMMER.

Our Sunday Night Live services at 5 PM led By Randy Crittenden and his musical partners are growing, we're seeing new faces.

Come enjoy and invite someone. I promise you and they will enjoy!!

Terry and I just returned from the **Convening Conference of the Global Methodist Church at Beulah Church in Chesterfield, Va. (May 31-June 1)** What an awesome time of **worship, praise, celebration and prayer**, Terry and I are so excited!!! Tiring but invigorating ...More details to follow...Clarksbury is now in the Tidewater District of the GMC.. Details to follow.

A fresh group of Ordinands were Ordained (23 I think) More Churches have joined our conference and the Leadership is engaged with other churches about joining us. Details are in flux and more info will be made available when known. Bishop Web and Bishop Cho Conducted Ordinations and Greg West and Brian Nichols presided over our business meeting ...which took a little more than an hour...What a relief. Two very Full days of worship and praise and just a bit of business, how refreshing to start a new thing.

We focused primarily on Worship and the Word and How appropriate our Scripture below is.

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Clarksbury will continue to be Welcoming, Loving, Faithful and Connected with 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 honor the Sacraments as prescribed in scriptures.

We are focused on Proclaiming Jesus as Lord and King, first and foremost. .

Everyone enjoy a well deserved rest and relaxing summer and be safe!

I urge all of us to Pray for our nation; for safety for those leaving our schools for summer break. We celebrate the graduates. Give Elijah West Your congratulations. Put Jesus first in your heart, mind and strength.

God is here among us **when we pray and as we pray**. His promise Is **THAT one DAY we will be with Him.**

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I will continue to urge us to **FOCUS** on God not this fallen world.

Christ is risen...Christ is Risen Indeed!

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. Several have come down with health challenges and this is a reminder that we need to continue to use safe practices.

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 is complete for this month.** Thank you for the willing hands and prayers for this event. 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 tornadoes and other storms. Hurricane season has started be prepared and pray for those in the path of these tremendous 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

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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.

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Ministries:

CLARKSBURY MEN

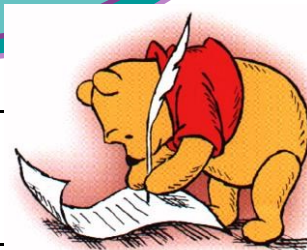
The Clarksbury Men will meet On Monday June 24th at 7 PM. Remember there are no membership or dues requirements to be a part of the Men of Clarksbury, just a willingness to serve Jesus Christ within your church and community.

Mission-To Help Men Grow In Christ, So Others May Know Christ.



RECOVERING

Betty Johnson Connie Robertson Carl Tate



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Nurture & Outreach Jerry Dant

Nurture and Outreach had a great and busy 2023 and we look forward to 2024.

We invite you to come to our Prayer Group on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and to bring a friend to join us in Prayer for our Church Family and Community. Linda Bartz would welcome any suggestions.

Linda Bartz brought meals over for Betty. We thank everyone who has pitched in to help!

Ministries:

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

Happy Father's Day!

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Ministries and ETC:



Mobile Food Pantry -
Clarksbury Church
Saturday, June 1, 2024
9:00am -11:00am
Clarksbury Church
Deltaville, VA 23043



Church Service Assistants for the month of *June*

Ushers:

Pam Welch Motes & Bryan Motes

Liturgist:

Linda Bartz

Counters:

Deadline for the July newsletter is Friday, July 21
 Please send your emails and articles to pwalian2@gmail.com for inclusion in the newsletter.



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Annual Budget 2024 Operating Funds	115,189.00
Total Received for Operating Funds 06/02/24	53,865.55
Total Needed by end of June	3729.45

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Congratulations Dawn and Charles



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June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Cryer Mobile Food Pantry 9-11 Contemporary Worship 5:00
2	3	4 Becky Wilhite	5 Polly Van Banschoten	6	7	8 Contemporary Worship 5:00
9 Carl Tate	10	11	12	13	14 Mickie Crittenden	15 Contemporary Worship 5:00
16	17 Soup Ministry	18	19	20	21	22 Contemporary Worship 5:00
23	24 Jeannie Duke	25 Randy Tate	26	27	28	29 Contemporary Worship 5:00
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.)