

Clark's Green United Methodist Church Pastoral Leadership Team

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

As you are aware, Pastor Kevin has received and accepted a new appointment from our Bishops to serve The Beacon in Hughesville, PA. Pastor Kevin and Letty have served well here at Clark's Green and Chinchilla and I know the gifts and graces Kevin brings to ministry will be used well as he begins his ministry alongside the people of The Beacon.

I am pleased to share with you that Clark's Green will be served for the 2022-2023 appointment year by a Pastoral Leadership Team. This is a new opportunity in leadership and ministry that our Bishops have affirmed.



Beginning July 1, Pastor Marianne Meyer has received and accepted the appointment by our Bishops to serve as $\frac{1}{4}$ time Worship and Preaching Pastor at Clark's Green. Pastor Marianne will also continue her $\frac{1}{2}$ time appointment at Waverly UMC. Pastor Marianne's primary responsibility as Worship and Preaching Pastor, will be to prepare worship services, lead and preach on Sundays and at special worship times as arranged with Pastor Marianne.

Also beginning July 1, Rev. Jean Blackie will serve as Administrative Pastor for Clark's Green. Rev. Blackie will also continue her $\frac{3}{4}$ time appointment at Dalton and Factoryville UMCs. Rev. Blackie's primary responsibility will be oversight of church administration, working closely and collaboratively with the Leadership Council and the church Administrative Assistant. You'll see Rev. Blackie around the office during posted hours a couple of days a week beginning July 1.



Rev. Jim Hollister will begin on July 1 as Critical Care Pastor with the Clark's Green UMC. Rev. Hollister also serves as appointed pastor at Countryside Community UMC. Rev. Hollister will be the contact for the congregation for critical care needs – hospitalizations, deaths, crises. His contact information will be published and available. Rev. Hollister will also be offering training Congregational Care to Clark's Green leadership and those in the congregation who may be interested and gifted for this ministry.

Since this is a new opportunity for Clark's Green laity to step into greater leadership roles, as your Conference Superintendent, I will also be working closely with the Leadership Council to offer training to your congregation that will help equip you for your roles in ministry.

If you have questions about how this new team will function and your role as laity in partnership with this new team, please plan to attend a meeting with me on Friday, May 27 at 6:30 PM at the Clark's Green UMC.

This is an opportunity for you to truly embrace a new model of team ministry as affirmed by our Bishops; and as we seek together to fulfill Christ's mission for the Church to make disciples for the transformation of the world.

Please welcome Pastor Marianne, Rev. Jean and Rev. Jim as they begin ministry among you on July 1.

With hope in Christ,
Rev. Judy Walker
Conference Superintendent
Scranton Wilkes-Barre District