

Glade Weekly News

January 27-February 2, 2025



Glade Church, a United Church of Christ (UCC) congregation, is a progressive Christian community—welcoming, compassionate, and joyful—seeking to embrace all people wherever they find themselves in life. We strive to discern God’s still-speaking voice through worship, study, fellowship, and service. We work for God’s peace and social, economic, and ecological justice.

Lectionary Readings for the Week

Jeremiah 1:4-10 — Psalm 7:1-6 — 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 — Luke 4:21-30

Scripture for the Week

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (Common English Bible)

¹If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don’t have love, I’m a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and I know all the mysteries and everything else, and if I have such complete faith that I can move mountains but I don’t have love, I’m nothing. ³If I give away everything that I have and hand over my own body to feel good about what I’ve done but I don’t have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever.

⁴Love is patient, love is kind, it isn’t jealous, it doesn’t brag, it isn’t arrogant, ⁵it isn’t rude, it doesn’t seek its own advantage, it isn’t irritable, it doesn’t keep a record of complaints, ⁶it isn’t happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. ⁷Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never fails. As for prophecies, they will be brought to an end. As for tongues, they will stop. As for knowledge, it will be brought to an end. ⁹We know in part and we prophesy in part; ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, what is partial will be brought to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, reason like a child, think like a child. But now that I have become a man, I’ve put an end to childish things. ¹²Now we see a reflection in a mirror; then we will see face-to-face. Now I know partially, but then I will know completely in the same way that I have been completely known. ¹³Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.

Word for the Week

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Pastor Kelly’s Comments on the Scripture

Verses 4-7 are often a favorite passage for weddings. Taking these verses away from the rest of the passage, however, makes love into nothing more than an ideal. It’s an abstract to be admired but is ultimately unfeasible.

Love is patient and kind. Love never fails. But what verses 4-7 don't mention is that love is the most important activity we can ever hope to undertake. We can be mighty people on this earth, capable of moving mountains, of buying anything our hearts desire, or knowing mysteries and speaking prophecies – and yet, if we don't have love, we are nothing. We have done nothing.

Love is not a possession. Love is something we do. Four times, the Torah conveys commandments to love God with all one's heart, soul, and strength (Deuteronomy 6:4-5; 10:12; 11:1 and 13). A long list of examples of how God calls us to treat the people around us includes loving our neighbor as ourselves (Leviticus 19:18).

Love is a choice that we make every morning when we wake up. We choose to love God, to love our neighbors, and to love ourselves. Love, complete and unconditional love (Hesed) is what our God feels and does for us, guiding us as we grow and become more completely the person They created us to be. Love is being completely known by God and accepted.

Faith and hope are both wonderful things to have. Faith and hope can keep us going when we're down in our valleys and our path looks bleak and lonely. However, there are times when we can love our faith and our hope because we are human and not able to hold onto such things when times are tough. But love – love is the greatest for a reason; because while we may lose sight of faith and hope from time to time, we will never, ever lose God's love.

Pastor Kelly Bryant

Office Day Next Week: Friday, February 7th. Kelly isn't listing hours to not place limits on their availability to you. Please contact them for a meeting at a time that fits your schedule on office days. Should you need Pastor Kelly, please don't hesitate to contact them.
540-521-9993, bryantkj@gmail.com.

Join us for worship at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday Morning

Attend in-person at 1600 Glade Rd. Blacksburg, or on Zoom at

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88914981619?pwd=Q3E4Rk95d2lZGtONlVqSDcrMm1xdz09/#_success

New Member Class Coming Soon!

Pastor Kelly is planning a New Member Class after their ordination. Stay tuned, details coming soon!

Spiritual Formation Class and Youth Group meets again on February 2

Spiritual Formation for adults and Youth Group meets on the first and third Sundays of each month.

Next meeting date is Sunday, February 2 at 9:45 AM. We hope you'll join us!

Volunteers are needed for Kids Church and Youth Group

There are leader slots available for youth, kids, and nursery. Session topic info is available on the sign-up link below. Youth Group is on the first and third Sundays of each month at 9:45 AM. Kids Church is on the second and fourth Sundays of each month during worship service. Here is the link to sign up to serve our children: [Kids Church and Youth Group Volunteer Signup](#)

Laundry Love

Sunday February 2 from 2-4 PM at North Main Laundromat.

Laundry Love has opportunities to volunteer. This is a great way to put "Words" into "Actions" of faith and love. We do this at the laundromat on North Main across from the Y-Thrift Shop. Click below to volunteer!

[VOLUNTEER FOR LAUNDRY LOVE](#)

Help provide an extravagant welcome

We have Greeters posted at the two main entrances to the church to welcome people as they arrive on Sunday mornings. Greeters hand out a bulletin, make sure visitors receive a visitor card to fill out, and answer any questions they may have about the church service and the building. See Sandra Bryant for more information or to sign up to be a Sunday Greeter.

Coffee & Devotion Group Meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 am

This virtual get-together meets at 10 a.m. on Zoom and lasts for about an hour for a time to meet people, share thoughts, hear a brief devotion, and join in prayer. This time of fellowship is open to everyone, it's a time to gather for conversation, devotion and prayer. Come meet some people you may not know.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89240288592?pwd=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNUdkdPaUNqUTo9>

Radical Conversations [RadCon] Meets Saturdays at 11:00 am

Radical Conversations meets from 11:00-12:15 each Saturday morning at the church. This is a time for open discussion of a wide range of topics. RadCon is open to any and every interested individual.

Women's Book Group Meets Third Mondays at 7 PM on Zoom

The Women's Book Group meets on the third Monday of each month on Zoom at 7 PM for a discussion of the current book. The book for February is "Good Night, Irene" by Luis Alberto Urrea. Contact Rebecca Herman at rherman@gilesk12.net for the Zoom link.

UCC Purpose, Vision, and Mission Statements

Purpose: To love God with all our heart, mind soul, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves. (From the Gospel of Matthew)

Vision: United in Christ's love, a just world for all.

Mission: United in Spirit and inspired by God's grace, we welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all.



John 17:21 is the scriptural foundation of the United Church of Christ