

Glade Weekly News

January 6-12, 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

Isaiah 43:1-7 — Psalm 29 — Acts 8:14-17 — Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Scripture for the Week

Acts 8:14-17 (Common English Bible)

¹⁴ When word reached the apostles in Jerusalem that Samaria had accepted God’s word, they commissioned Peter and John to go to Samaria.

¹⁵ Peter and John went down to Samaria where they prayed that the new believers would receive the Holy Spirit.

(¹⁶ This was because the Holy Spirit had not yet fallen on any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

¹⁷ So Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Word for the Week



Pastor Kelly’s Comments on the Scripture

The apostles in Jerusalem sent Peter and John into Samaria to help converts with their newfound faith. With their gifts, Peter and John give the gift of the Spirit to these people. The narrator doesn’t explain this phenomenon, leaving it to mystery. But in Acts, the Spirit goes where it will when it will, and we see her appear before, during, and after baptism.

But however this mysterious phenomenon happened, the only explanation that we see is in Galatians 4:6, which says that God sent the Son into our hearts. While we won’t ever know the answer for certain, I tend to think that the Holy Spirit lived in Jesus so strongly, that he gave himself over to Her so completely, that his every action and thought were thoroughly saturated with Her power and energy. I believe that we all have the ability to have the Spirit living in us so fully if we are willing to surrender all that we are or ever will be to God the creator and the Spirit who seeks to guide us on our way.

Kelly Bryant

Office Day Next Week: Friday, January 17th. Should you need Pastor Kelly, please don't hesitate to contact them.

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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=Q3E4Rk95d2llZGtONlVqSDcrMm1xdz09/#_success

Service of Ordination for Pastor Kelly



We hope everyone will be able to join us for Pastor Kelly's Ordination Service on Sunday, January 12 at 5 PM. The service will be followed by a potluck reception. If you can't make it in person, the service will be available using the Zoom link for Sunday morning service.

Potluck signup link: [Potluck Sign-Up Sheet](#)

Spiritual Formation Class and Youth Group meets again on January 19

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

Next meeting date is Sunday, January 19 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

Thursday, January 9 from 6-8 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](#)

To Our House Volunteer Signups are OPEN!

Glade Church will be hosting To Our House from December 28, 2024 through January 11, 2025.

Here's the link to sign up to volunteer: [To Our House 2024/2025](#)

Our guests appreciate your care and support. Thank you!

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=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRlYTNuRkdPaUNqUTo9>

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

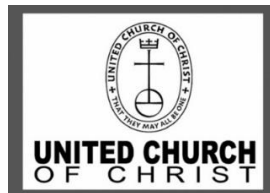
Radical Conversations meets from 11:00-12:15 each Saturday morning at the church. This is a time for open discussion of a wide range of topics. RadCon is open to any and every interested individual. For the remainder of 2024, the group will meet for social time. They will resume a study of the book of Mark in January.

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