

# Glade Weekly News

February 3 - 9, 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 6:1-8, (9-13) — Psalm 138 — 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 — Luke 5:1-11

## Scripture for the Week

### Isaiah 6:1-13 (Common English Bible)

<sup>1</sup>In the year of King Uzziah’s death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple. <sup>2</sup>Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. <sup>3</sup>They shouted to each other, saying:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of heavenly forces!  
All the earth is filled with God’s glory!”

<sup>4</sup>The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup>I said, “Mourn for me; I’m ruined! I’m a man with unclean lips, and I live among a people with unclean lips. Yet I’ve seen the king, the Lord of heavenly forces!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. <sup>7</sup>He touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed.”

<sup>8</sup>Then I heard the Lord’s voice saying, “Whom should I send, and who will go for us?”  
I said, “I’m here; send me.”

<sup>9</sup>God said, “Go and say to this people:  
Listen intently, but don’t understand;  
look carefully, but don’t comprehend.

<sup>10</sup>Make the minds of this people dull.  
Make their ears deaf and their eyes blind,  
so they can’t see with their eyes  
or hear with their ears,  
or understand with their minds,  
and turn, and be healed.”

<sup>11</sup>I said, “How long, Lord?”

And God said, “Until cities lie ruined with no one living in them, until there are houses without people and the land is left devastated.” <sup>12</sup>The Lord will send the people far away, and the land will be completely abandoned. <sup>13</sup>Even if one-tenth remain there, they will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, which when it is cut down leaves a stump. Its stump is a holy seed.

## Word for the Week

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## Pastor Kelly's Comments on the Scripture

This passage tells the story of how the prophet, Isaiah, is called by God to deliver Their divine message. Isaiah sees a fantastic scene before his eyes, and at first is terrified, believing himself to be unworthy with "unclean lips." An angel touches his mouth with a "glowing coal," symbolizing purification because metals were purified by fire. In other words, God blessed him and prepared him to deliver Their Word to the people.

But verses 9-10 tell us that God's message will fall on deaf ears, "God said, 'Go and say to this people: Listen intently, but don't understand; look carefully, but don't comprehend.

Make the minds of this people dull.

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so they can't see with their eyes  
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The people's eyes, ears and hearts have been closed by love of the material world. They had turned away from the love of God and service to their neighbors and instead gave their love to material wealth and affluence, to political and religious power, all stemming from the oppression of their neighbors. God warns that the nation of Israel will be destroyed unless they repent, or turn away from, their secular ways and return to God's law of love.

Our nation today is reminiscent of Israel at this point in time. Our leaders have a great love for the material world, for wealth and power and luxury, and have no qualms with taking all they want at the expense of their neighbors. Our mission today, as Isaiah's was in his time, and later Jesus, is to speak out on behalf of our oppressed neighbors and work to end oppression and create a world with true liberty and justice for all.

*Pastor Kelly Bryant*

**Office Day Next Week:** Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:bryantkj@gmail.com).

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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](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88914981619?pwd=Q3E4Rk95d2llZGtONlVqSDcrMm1xdz09/#_success)

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### Service of Ordination for Pastor Kelly



We hope everyone will be able to join us for Pastor Kelly's Ordination Service on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

Link to the new potluck sign-up sheet: [Potluck Sign-Up Sheet](#)

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### New Member Class Coming Soon!

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

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## **Spiritual Formation Class and Youth Group meets again on February 16**

Spiritual Formation for adults and Youth Group meets on the first and third Sundays of each month. Next meeting date is Sunday, February 16 at 9:45 AM. We hope you'll join us!

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## **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](#)

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## **Laundry Love**

**Thursday February 13 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](#)

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## **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.

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## **Glade Community Group on Facebook**

We have a private community group on Facebook! If you're active on Facebook and would like to join, contact Sandra Bryant at [kstbryant@gmail.com](mailto:kstbryant@gmail.com) to get connected.

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## **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=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNUbRkdPaUNqUTQ9>

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## **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.

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## **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 [rheman@gilesk12.net](mailto:rheman@gilesk12.net) for the Zoom link.

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## **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**

