

Glade Weekly News

March 24 - 30, 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

Joshua 5:9-12 — Psalm 32 — 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 — Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Scripture for the Week

Joshua 5:9-12 (Common English Bible)

⁹Then the Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” So the place was called Gilgal, as it is today.

¹⁰The Israelites camped in Gilgal. They celebrated Passover on the evening of the fourteenth day of the month on the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the very next day after Passover, they ate food produced in the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. ¹²The manna stopped on that next day, when they ate food produced in the land. There was no longer any manna for the Israelites. So that year they ate the crops of the land of Canaan.

Word for the Week

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Pastor Kelly’s Comments on the Scripture

These verses show us the celebration of the Passover by the Israelites once they have entered into the land of Canaan. It’s a reminder of the liberation of the Israelites from Pharaoh’s oppression, memorialized by Gilgal, which means “rolled away.”

The formerly enslaved people were able to imagine a new reality now. They were truly free and were about to put down roots in their new home as a nation. These texts tell the story of a weak people who did not possess the power of an empire, but in keeping faith in their God, they made their home, a new beginning, in the new land.

Pastor Kelly Bryant

Office Day Next Week: Monday, March 31st. 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 outside of these days, 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

New Member Class Coming in May!

Pastor Kelly is planning a New Member Class on Sunday May 4th after service. More details coming soon!

Spiritual Formation Class meets again on March 30

Spiritual Formation for adults now meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. To make up for missing the regular session on March 9, the next meeting date is Sunday, March 30 at 9:45 AM. We hope you'll join us!

Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry – Canned Food Drive



Drop cans off on Glade's porch, bring to Sunday service or deliver directly to a collection point or 706 Harding Ave. in Blacksburg. Details on specific items requested or drop-off points around town can be found here: <https://newrivercommunityaction.org/programs/emergency-assistance-programs/blacksburg-interfaith-food-pantry/>

Fundraiser for Blacksburg Refugee Partnership

An Evening of Hope:
Celebrating Refugee Resettlement in Blacksburg

 **Fundraiser on April 11th from 6:00 – 9:00 pm**

Come enjoy hors d'oeuvres, desserts, silent auction, music by *Itraab Arabic Music Ensemble*, and much more. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by scanning this QR code.

HELPING PEOPLE BECOME OUR NEIGHBORS. 



[Click here to purchase tickets](#)

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 and 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](#)

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 to get connected.



Mark your calendar - The Big Event will be on April 5, 2025 from 10 AM until 2 PM. This is the day where VT students come and help us tackle projects outside the church. We need volunteers to clean inside the church as well. If you want to help but already have plans that day, you're welcome to go to the church any time to clean. Contact David Taylor (David.taylor1@verizon.net) for more information or to sign up.

Laundry Love

Thursday March 27 from 6-8 PM and Sunday April 6 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](#)

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=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNUkRkdPaUNqUT09>

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 April is "The Briar Club" by Kate Quinn. 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