

Glade Weekly News

April 7 - 13, 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 50:4-9a — Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 — Philippians 2:5-11 — Luke 19:28-40

Scripture for the Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a (Common English Bible)

⁴The Lord God gave me an educated tongue
to know how to respond to the weary
with a word that will awaken them in the morning.
God awakens my ear in the morning to listen,
as educated people do.

⁵The Lord God opened my ear;
I didn’t rebel; I didn’t turn my back.

⁶Instead, I gave my body to attackers,
and my cheeks to beard pluckers.

I didn’t hide my face
from insults and spitting.

⁷The Lord God will help me;
therefore, I haven’t been insulted.

Therefore, I set my face like flint,
and knew I wouldn’t be ashamed.

⁸The one who will declare me innocent is near.
Who will argue with me?

Let’s stand up together.
Who will bring judgment against me?
Let him approach me.

⁹Look! The Lord God will help me.
Who will condemn me?

Word for the Week

Steadfast



Pastor Kelly's Comments on the Scripture

The servant of this passage is severely shamed, undoubtedly giving him a sense of disheartened and demoralized. Acts of pulling his beard and being spit upon are humiliating, being designed to degrade and erase any sense of honor.

God sees and hears the abuse that Their servant endures and calls the servant to awaken to his mission to sustain the people, consoling their pains and sharing their hopes. The servant finds his strength in God and is determined to keep going in the face of abuse and adversity.

Aside from sustaining the people, the servant's mission seems to be in challenging the powers that be, all while those powers work to discredit him by dishonoring him. In today's world, we see the same pattern continue when those who believe in facts and social justice speak out against factual abuse. The powers that be actively work to discredit justice workers who call for fact checking – often by offering more untruths.

Refusing to give up during challenging times is a sign of remarkable strength. We can look to God and to one another for the inspiration to keep going. We live amidst corruption, white supremacy, and chaos, but the servant in this passage calls us to trust in God and remain steady and firm in the face of adversity.

Pastor Kelly Bryant

Office Day Next Week: Monday, April 18th. 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.
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=Q3E4Rk95d2llZGtONlVqSDcrMm1xdzO9/#_success

Fundraiser for Blacksburg Refugee Partnership



[Click here to purchase tickets](#)

New Member Class on May 4th



Pastor Kelly is planning a New Member Class on Sunday May 4th after service. If you're interested in becoming a member or want to know more about the Glade community we hope to see you there. Refreshments will be provided. Current members are also welcome to attend!

Quarterly Congregational Meeting April 27



Our quarterly Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday April 27th after service.

Spiritual Formation Class meets again on April 13

Spiritual Formation for adults now meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 9:45 AM. We hope you'll join us!

Palm Sunday Potluck!

We are planning a potluck on Palm Sunday, April 13, after service. Bring a dish if you're able and stay for some food and fellowship!

Laundry Love

Thursday April 10 from 6-8 PM and Sunday April 20 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](#)



Mark your calendar – Montgomery County Broomin & Bloomin is on April 19, 2025. As in years past, we will clean up the trail behind Food Lion. Contact Jill Sible (siblej@vt.edu) for more information or to sign up. There will be donuts from Carol Lee's!

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.

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.

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>

Women's Book Group Meets Third Mondays at 7 PM

The Women's Book Group meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 PM in person and on Zoom for a discussion of the current book. The book for April is "The Briar Club" by Kate Quinn. Contact Rebecca Herman at rheman@gilesk12.net for more information.

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