

Glade Weekly News

April 14 - 20, 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

Acts 10:34-43 — Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 — 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 — Luke 24:1-12

Scripture for the Week

Acts 10:34-43 (Common English Bible)

³⁴ Peter said, “I really am learning that God doesn’t show partiality to one group of people over another. ³⁵ Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all! ³⁷ You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John preached. ³⁸ You know about Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and endowed with power. Jesus traveled around doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil because God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, ⁴¹ not by everyone but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand, who ate and drank with him after God raised him from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word for the Week

Impartial
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Pastor Kelly’s Comments on the Scripture

Chapter 10 begins by describing a Roman centurion named Cornelius. He’s described as being pious, Gentile God-worshipper, who gave generously to those in need among the Jewish people and prayed to God constantly. Cornelius asked for the honor of having Peter as a guest in his home, and on arriving, Peter said to everyone gathered, “You all realize that it is forbidden for a Jew to associate or visit with outsiders. However, God has shown me that I should never call a person impure or unclean.”

Peter had prejudices against Gentiles that had been ingrained into his psyche from birth. He would’ve found it very difficult to overcome these lifelong biases to enter into fellowship and break bread in a household that would’ve been considered ritually unclean by Jewish beliefs. But Peter was wise enough to know that, though he had prejudices that he was working to overcome, God had never shown “partiality to one group of people over another. Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him. This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all!” (34b-36).

During this holy season, let us remember that the teachings of Jesus are for all who wish to learn them. Jesus showed the path to become as close as we possibly can with our God. And God loves every one of us without favor. The person full of hate and prejudices is loved just as much as the person who aspires to emulate Jesus by doing good and healing those around us. God is truly God of all.

Pastor Kelly Bryant

Office Day Next Week: Monday, April 21st. 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=Q3E4Rk95d2llZGtONlVqSDcrMm1xdz09/#_success

HANDS ON!
To Help Our
Community

Create connections while building mutual aid!

Join us in solidarity to support
Women's Resource Center
of the New River Valley | *incite* safety

Sat. April 19th, 2025 | 1:00PM-2:00PM
Common Ground: the 4 Corners of
Main and N. Franklin St.
Downtown Christiansburg

Local speakers • Music • Kids Activities
A donations drop point!

Amazon
Wishlist

Suggested Donation Items

- Hygiene Products (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, diapers, wipes, etc)
- Food (canned, pasta, non-perishables)
- Paper Products (toilet paper, paper towels)
- Household (dish detergent, dish soap, etc)
- Phone chargers

New River Valley, VA
INDIVISIBLE
Worthy and Justice for All

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Our annual litter pick-up event is April 19, 2025.
Visit montva.com/broominbloomin to participate!

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!

Spiritual Formation Class meets again on April 27

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!

Quarterly Congregational Meeting April 27



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

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!

Laundry Love

Sunday April 20 from 2-4 PM and Thursday April 24 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](#)

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=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNUbkdPaUNqUTQo>

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 rherman@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