

Glade Weekly News

April 21 - 27, 2025



Glade Church

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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 5:27-32 — Psalm 150 — Revelation 1:4-8 — John 20:19-31

Scripture for the Week

Psalm 150 (Common English Bible)

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary!

Praise God in his fortress, the sky!

² Praise God in his mighty acts!

Praise God as suits his incredible greatness!

³ Praise God with the blast of the ram’s horn!

Praise God with lute and lyre!

⁴ Praise God with drum and dance!

Praise God with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise God with loud cymbals!

Praise God with clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let every living thing praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Word for the Week

Symphony
ΣΥΜΦΩΝΙΑ



Pastor Kelly’s Comments on the Scripture

This psalm is a joyous symphony, beginning with an invitation to praise the Lord. Then, new instruments are added throughout the verses – horns, lyres, drums, pipes, and cymbals! And we’re all called – every living thing is called again – to praise the Lord.

This chapter is the grand finale of the book of Psalms. About 1/3 of the psalms are laments. There are times when our hearts are heavy and we cannot give praises in the traditional sense. But when we’re in those dark places, God still wants to hear from us. God wants us to speak with Them during the hard times as well as the times of joyous praise. It’s because God stays with us as we navigate those dark places that we return to praising Them once we reach the top of the mountain with the sun shining on our face.

We always return to praise. The psalm tells us to praise God because of Their mighty deeds – not the least of which is Their guidance and faithfulness throughout our lives.

Pastor Kelly Bryant

Office Day Next Week: Friday May 2nd. 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=Q3E4Rk95d2lZGtONlVqSDcrMm1xdz09/#_success

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 May 4 from 2-4 PM and Thursday May 8 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 Church Cleaning

Gladers, we really need folks to help clean up the church. We have cleaning sheets in the hallway for everything we need cleaned. Please mark sections complete when done. If you need the key code to get into the church, please contact David Taylor David.taylor1@verizon.net or call (276)266-4637

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](#)

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=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRYlTNUckdPaUNqUTQo>

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 May is "Better Living Through Birding – Notes from a Black Man in the Natural World" by Christian Cooper. Contact Rebecca Herman at rherman@gilesk12.net for more information.

Pulaski Pride: Connect and Build – Saturday June 7

Glade Church will have a booth at Pulaski Pride again this year. The event will be on Saturday June 7 at 4 PM at Jackson Park. We will need volunteers to help with setup starting at 2:30 PM and tear down afterward, no later than 9 PM. Contact Pastor Kelly 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