

Glade Weekly News

April 28 – May 4, 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 9:1-6, 7-20— Psalm 30 — Revelation 5:11-14 — John 21:1-19

Scripture for the Week

Revelation 5:11-14 (Common English Bible)

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the sound of many angels surrounding the throne, the living creatures, and the elders. They numbered in the millions—thousands upon thousands. ¹² They said in a loud voice,

“Worthy is the slaughtered Lamb
to receive power, wealth, wisdom, and might,
and honor, glory, and blessing.”

¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea—I heard everything everywhere say,

“Blessing, honor, glory, and power
belong to the one seated on the throne
and to the Lamb
forever and always.”

¹⁴ Then the four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Word for the Week

Praise
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Pastor Kelly’s Comments on the Scripture

In this short passage, all of creation has entered into worship of God and Their son, the One that God has given complete agency throughout the universe. Every being ever created is praising Jesus for his sacrifice and worthiness, and ultimately, his victory over evil. Jesus has established God’s kingdom on Earth, signaling that creation will soon be reconciled. There is great joy and reverence.

The entire universe is rejoicing at the redemption that is found in the Lamb. This is John’s vision of the ultimate day of praise and worship to ever take place. All of creation is crying out in joy and triumph. Every voice that ever was and ever will be is joined together in song.

When we look for validation for our work, rather than focusing on accolades or the size of the crowd or how well-known our efforts are among people, it might be better to ask ourselves whether our work is bringing hope to those who have none. Our work may mean nothing to the larger world, but it means everything to those we help. We have the power to bring life to those in danger of the powers-that-be. The

power of this season of Easter is the power of new life. It's the power of hope. It's the power of giving people reason to join in the chorus of praise and worship by having their needs met.

Pastor Kelly Bryant

Office Day Next Week: Monday May 5th. 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

New Member Class on May 4th



Pastor Kelly is leading 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!

Special Offering for OCWM May 18th

In isolation, no single congregation can completely answer God's call to love. Together we are a bold witness to God's extravagant love for all. We share resources to transform our vision into reality. Gifts from congregations like ours to OCWM Basic Support make it possible for our Conferences and the National Ministries to strengthen local churches and leaders and engage us in mission well beyond our community. We will be collecting a special offering for Our Church's Wider Mission on Sunday May 18th.

Spiritual Formation Class meets again on May 11

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!

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=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNUckdPaUNqUTo9>

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