

Glade Church News

Week of June 28, 2026



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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.

Pastor Kelly is available for meetings on Mondays. Contact them at bryantkj@gmail.com to schedule an appointment.

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

Weekly Post-Service Fellowship

Please sign up to bring refreshments for our weekly post-service fellowship time. The signup sheet is posted outside the sanctuary or you can contact Trips Bryant at kstbryant@gmail.com to sign up.

Potluck Lunch – Sunday, June 28th



Reminder of our Potluck Lunch this Sunday after service. Bring your favorite dish to share. We’ll also have cake to celebrate June birthdays!

Upcoming Guest Speaker



Rev. Freeman Palmer, Central Atlantic Conference Minister, will be visiting Glade Church on Sunday July 12th and giving a sermon.

Volunteers are needed for Children’s Ministry

Youth Group and Kids Church are on hiatus over the summer; however, volunteers are needed to help in the Nursery during Sunday service. Here is the link to sign up to help serve our children:

[Glade Children's Ministry Volunteer 25-26 Signup](#)

Sunday June 28

Nursery: Volunteer Needed!

Sunday July 5

Nursery: Volunteer needed!

Food Pantry

Food Pantry donations collected at Glade continue to supplement the Future Economy Collective Food Drive that's distributed to Laundry Love guests on the third Sunday of each month. Thank you all for your donations, they are greatly appreciated!

Vacancy on Church Council

Are you interested in participating in a deeper level at Glade Church? There's an opening on Council that would be perfect for a volunteer just like YOU. The Clerk is the church's recorder and record keeper.

Some of the duties of the position:

- Keeps a faithful record of all Church and Church Council meetings.
- Adds New visitors and members to Breeze and send invites to Breeze as needed.
- Maintains a current record of all Church members in Breeze, including a record of all births, baptisms, marriages, and deaths of Church members.
- Maintains the archives of the Church.
- Compiles and distributes the Church's Quarterly and Annual Reports.
- Prepares and presents reports to Church Council at each meeting and records minutes.
- Counts attendance each Sunday and update Breeze with the numbers.
- Prepares and presents report to the Congregation quarterly.
- Prepares and presents a written report to the Congregation Annually.
- Updates annual data to the UCC.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about the position, see any current Council member.

Laundry Love

Sunday July 5 from 2-4 PM and Thursday July 9 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! Can't join us at the laundromat but still want to help? Donations of quarters, laundry detergent, fabric softener sheets and individually wrapped juice and snacks are always welcome!

[CLICK HERE TO 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://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89240288592?pwd=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNUrkdPaUNqUT09>

The Hamper – Pop-up Laundry Love Fundraiser

The Hamper is our mini pop-up gift shop benefiting Laundry Love that can be found at church and other places around town, started by creative genius Jill Sible. It contains random small items like hand painted bookmarks, mugs, and LOVE coffee with suggested pricing. Be sure to check it out, I'm sure you'll find something to take home! If you're crafty and interested in donating any of your projects to the gift shop please contact Jill.



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/or on Zoom for a discussion of the current book. The book for July is *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. Contact Katie Morris at katie.lucot@gmail.com for more information.

Radical Conversations [RadCon] Meets Saturdays at 11:00 AM

Radical Conversations [RadCon] continues a series of explorations on the topic "Resistance as Public Theology in the United States". We will explore the role of religion as resistance in movements such as the American Revolution, Abolitionist Movement, Women's Suffrage, Civil Rights, and Vietnam plus others.

RadCon is an ecumenical group that meets on Saturday mornings from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm (or as long as people want to stay and discuss!). We meet in the "Red Room" at Glade Church. This is an "open forum" rather than a classroom-like lecture and all points-of-view are accepted in an atmosphere of civility.

Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Edd Sewell or email him at eddsowell@gmail.com. You may be asking "What is *public theology*?" Here is a good definition from a recent article in the *New York Times* by Lauren Jackson titled "The Role of Public Theology in Crisis" on 22 March 2026: *People have always talked of God in the public square. Faith leaders, scholars, activists and politicians all bring religion to bear on otherwise secular issues, like public policy, economics and social norms. Around the middle of the 20th century, academics named that phenomenon "public theology."*

Do you have an item you'd like included in the weekly newsletter? Send info and pictures to Sandra Bryant at kstbryant@gmail.com

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
