

Glade Church News

Week of July 12, 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=Q3E4Rk95d2llZGtONlVqSDcrMm1xdzO9/#_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.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday July 26



Our next Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday July 26th after service.

Upcoming Guest Speaker



Rev. Freeman Palmer, Central Atlantic Conference Minister, will be visiting Glade Church this 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 July 12

Nursery: Volunteer Needed!

Sunday July 19

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. As of July 2, the FEC has requested toothbrushes, Purina dry cat and dog food, trash bags, non-perishable food items, and coffee. Thank you all for your donations, they are greatly appreciated!

Church Council Vacancy

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 19 from 2-4 PM and Thursday July 23 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=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNUbkdPaUNqUTQ9**](https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89240288592?pwd=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNUbkdPaUNqUTQ9)

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. For more information, contact Edd Sewell: eddsewell@gmail.com

VA Voter Registration Workshop

The Justice + Witness Action Network of VA is hosting a Virginia Voter Registration Workshop via Zoom. The presentation fulfills the annual training requirement of the VA Department of Elections for those wanting to register voters; however, even if you don't plan to get involved directly with voter registration, the information shared in the workshop is extremely useful.

Virginia will be electing one Senator and its entire Congressional delegation this fall. In addition, there are three constitutional amendments on the ballot, including two for which we have actively lobbied – one to remove the ban on same-sex marriage and one to restore voting rights automatically to those who have served their terms in prison. Voter registration, voter engagement, and voter education will be crucial in the upcoming months.

The Zoom workshop will be held on Tuesday July 28 from 7-8 PM. For more information, contact Gail Christie: gail.e.christie@gmail.com.

Meeting link: Topic: Voter Registration Training

Time: Jul 28, 2026 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 844 2511 5603

Passcode: 463525

Write Postcards to Get Out the Vote in VA



The Justice and Witness Action Network-VA of the Central Atlantic Conference is again participating with the Center for Common Ground in a nonpartisan postcard-writing campaign to increase turnout of under-represented voters in Virginia's statewide election on November 3, 2026. Postcards have been requested, and an announcement will be made when they're available.

Details about an additional post-carding opportunity with Equality Virginia in support of the marriage equality amendment will be provided as soon as they are available.

UCC Appeal for Earthquake Victims in Venezuela

In response to the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela, the United Church of Christ is launching an [urgent appeal](#) to support both immediate life-saving aid and long-term recovery. Working through our trusted partners on the ground like Global Ministries and ACT Alliance, we deliver emergency relief to displaced families, distributing food and water, and offering pastoral care to those facing profound loss and trauma.

Please consider making a [gift](#) today. Be a source of hope in the midst of crisis and help rebuild communities for the long term. Your support is essential. Together, we can provide hope, healing and love to our neighbors in Venezuela.

We also ask you and your families to pray for everyone affected. Your generosity is a witness of compassion in action. We deeply appreciate your consideration.

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
