

Glade Church News

Week of August 2, 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.

Volunteers are Needed for Scripture Reading

Volunteers are needed to read scripture on Sunday mornings during service. Click the link below to access the signup sheet. Two readers are needed each week. Click on the comment bubble in the signup to see the scripture to be read that week.

[Glade Church Weekly Scripture Readers](#)

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 August 2

Nursery: Volunteer Needed!

Sunday August 9

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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 24, the FEC has requested bladder pads, coffee, Purina dry cat and dog food, and non-perishable food items. They reported that 19 people visited the pop-up food pantry on July 19th. Thank you all for your donations, they are greatly appreciated!

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=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNUkRkdPaUNqUT09>

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 August is *Impossible Creatures* by Katherine Rundell. 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

Laundry Love

Sunday August 2 from 2-4 PM and Thursday August 13 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](#)

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.



A Hold Data Centers Accountable

From UCC Justice & Peace Action Network: Data centers, especially those powering artificial intelligence, are expanding across the country at a remarkable pace. As we navigate this moment of technological change, we must decide how to move forward in a way that honors both the communities who call these places home and the natural world that sustains them. Our faith tradition teaches us to care for all of God's creation: not just humanity, but animals and the environment as well. Data centers are still too new for us to fully understand their long-term effects on surrounding communities and the environment. That uncertainty demands responsible stewardship. Congress has the power to bring transparency and accountability to this industry. Write to your members of Congress and urge them to support the Data Center Transparency Act (H.R. 6984) and PRICE Act (H.R. 6983) today! [Urge Congress to Hold Data Centers Accountable](#)

VA Voter Registration Workshop

Tuesday, August 11 | 7PM – 8 PM via Zoom

Join Andrea Miller from the Center for Common Ground to learn about the requirements for voter registration in Virginia. This presentation fulfills the annual training requirement of the Virginia Department of Elections for those wanting to register voters. Even if you don't plan on getting involved directly with voter registration, the information about the requirements and the process 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. Please join us!

For more information, contact Gail Christie: gail.e.christie@gmail.com

Meeting link: Topic: Voter Registration Training
Time: Aug 11, 2026 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 844 2511 5603

Passcode: 463525

Call for Nuclear Disarmament

From the Justice & Peace Action Network: **Earlier this year, a historic treaty that has helped hold the world's two strongest nuclear powers accountable expired without any plans for renewal.** In 2010, the U.S. and Russia signed the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START), replacing the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) signed in 1991. START was a treaty designed to keep the two strongest nuclear powers of the world in check, preventing the fear of nuclear war that plagued the world during the Cold War.

Today, for the first time since 1991, we do not have a standing treaty on nuclear restraint with Russia. This series of treaties has been responsible for keeping our two countries accountable to prevent nuclear war such as; capping deployed strategic nuclear warheads and bombs, a protocol with definitions, agreed upon verification procedures, etc.

In an ever-unstable global community, the last thing we need is a lack of accountability when it comes to nuclear weapons.

Throughout our history, the United Church of Christ has been vocal in our opposition to the development, possession, testing, and use of nuclear weapons. As early as 1979, the UCC passed a General Synod resolution calling for the reversal of the “arms race” and in 1985 we issued a groundbreaking Just Peace Pronouncement that articulated a theological position on issues of war and peace based on the call to address systemic injustice.

As followers of Jesus, we are taught that the two greatest commandments were to love God with heart, soul, strength and mind and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Luke 10:27). **It is clear that the use of nuclear weapons is the ultimate refusal to embrace and follow these foundational commandments and teachings of our faith.**

Now is the time to stand up and join with others in our nation and around the world. Tell Congress and the President we need to recommit to nuclear restraint today!

[Take Action Here](#)

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
