

Glade Church News

Week of October 18, 2026



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 Wednesdays or Thursdays, depending on the week. 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

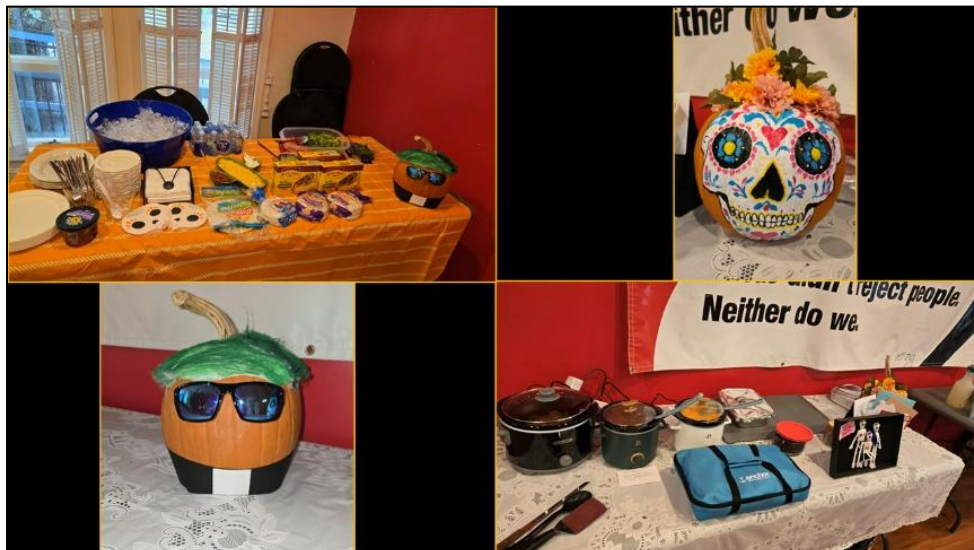
Please sign up to bring refreshments for our weekly post-service fellowship time. The signup sheet is posted outside the sanctuary or you can contact Trips Bryant at kstbryant@gmail.com to sign up.



Our next Congregational Meeting is Sunday October 25 after worship service.

Pastor Appreciation October 10

A surprise taco potluck was held after service to show appreciation to Pastor Kelly. The food was amazing and a great time was had by all!



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

We are ready to kick off another year of kids' church at Glade! We are going back to the "communion together" schedule in which kids stay in worship on the first Sunday of the month. There will be kids' church on all other Sundays (ages K-5). Nursery will happen every week if we have enough volunteers. We are not running youth group this year. Here is the link to sign up to help serve our children:

[Glade Children's Ministry Volunteer 26-27 Signup](#)

Sunday October 18

Nursery: Erica B.

Kids' Church: Volunteer Needed!

Sunday October 25

Nursery: Ann L.

Kids' Church: Katie M.

Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry – Holiday Bag Project

This year Glade Church pledged to provide 278 14 oz. cans of cranberry sauce, and we exceeded our goal! Thank you to all who participated in the drive. A volunteer is needed to take the cans to the Food Pantry, see Sandra to volunteer.



2027 Pledge Drive

To help Council plan for next year's budget, the 2027 Pledge Drive is starting now. You can set up your own pledge online using this link: [2027 Glade Pledge Drive](#) Paper forms will be available in the Sanctuary. Thank you!

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 September 27, the FEC has requested cat food (cat food is more requested than dog food), paper products, coffee, and non-perishable food items. If you buy any items in bulk and break them into smaller packages, please label the individual packages with their contents. 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=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNUbkdPaUNqUTQo>

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 October is *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood. Contact Katie Morris at katie.lucot@gmail.com for more information.

Radical Conversations [RadCon]

Radical Conversations [RadCon] is currently discussing The Problem of Evil. For the next few weeks, we will sit with one of the oldest and hardest questions people of faith ask: if God is good, why is there so much evil and suffering in the world? We will not solve it, but will try to think about it honestly, together, and come away better able to live faithfully in a world where evil is real. For more information on upcoming topics, contact Edd Sewell: eddsewell@gmail.com

Laundry Love

Sunday October 18 from 2-4 PM and Thursday October 22 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](#)

Walking Together Toward Racial Justice: A Learning and Action Series

The Central Atlantic Conference is offering a seven-session evening Zoom series for individuals and congregations that are curious about, in early stages, or just needing a review on how to work toward racial justice. We will explore what racism looks like across major life domains and person-to-person interactions. We will also identify ways that we as the church can work towards changing systems and institutions that promote and maintain racism. We CAN make the future better than the present and the past! Find your unique place in the work against racism, gain energy through our faith, get to know others engaging in the work, and learn about resources available generally and through the Conference. Registration for this series costs \$50 per person and is held on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 PM starting on October 22nd.

Click the link to register: [Walking Together Toward Racial Justice](#)

62nd Annual Meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference

Click here for a recap of AM62: [AM 62 Look Back](#)

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
