

# Glade Weekly News

July 15-21, 2024



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

*Jeremiah 23:1-6*

*Psalm 23*

*Ephesians 2:11-22*

*Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

## Scripture for the Week

### Psalm 23 (CEB w/ Inclusive Language)

The LORD is my shepherd.

I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> He lets me rest in grassy meadows;

he leads me to restful waters;

<sup>3</sup> he keeps me (or *my soul*) alive.

He guides me in proper paths

for the sake of his good name.

<sup>4</sup> Even when I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no danger because you are with me.

Your rod and your staff—

they protect me.

<sup>5</sup> You set a table for me

right in front of my enemies.

You bathe my head in oil;

my cup is so full it spills over!

<sup>6</sup> Yes, goodness and faithful love

will pursue me all the days of my life,

and I will live (or *I will return*) in the LORD’s house

as long as I live.

## Word for the Week

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Shepherd



## Pastor Kelly’s Comments on the Scripture

The central claim of this psalm is that God cares for Their people as though They are a shepherd and we are the sheep. Now, if you know anything about sheep, you know that the comparison is not at all flattering. Sheep are herd animals – defenseless, vulnerable, and altogether unintelligent.

However, the focus isn’t on the derogatory image of a sheep, but rather, the sheep’s complete and total dependence on its shepherd. Sheep cannot make it on their own, but they can trust the shepherd. The shepherd is faithful. Our shepherd is always faithful.

The shepherd leads us to places that restore us – lush grasses and restful waters for the physical sheep, spiritual restoration for our souls. The shepherd guards us and keeps us safe. The oil for the physical sheep kept away pesty insects, where spiritually, it represents God’s abundant blessings on us.

God’s goodness and faithful love will be with us all our lives. And as we pass from this life into the hereafter, we will return to the source of all creation and love.

*Kelly Bryant*

Office Days Next Week: Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup>. Kelly isn’t listing hours so as 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](mailto:bryantkj@gmail.com).

## In Other Words

Shepherd Me, O God  
by Marty Haugen

Shepherd me, O God,  
beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears,  
from death into life.

Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd,  
in the waters of Baptism you give us birth,  
and at your table you nourish us with heavenly food.  
In your goodness and mercy, lead us along safe paths,  
beyond the terrors of evil and death,  
to the house of the Lord  
where we may rest securely in you forever.  
Amen.



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**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](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88914981619?pwd=Q3E4Rk95d2llZGtONlVqSDcrMm1xdz09/#_success)

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**Coffee & Devotion Group Meets via Zoom on Wednesday, July 17 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.

**Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89240288592?pwd=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNuRkdPaUNqUT09>

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**Next Laundry Love will be on Sunday, July 21  
from 2:00-4:00 pm at North Main Laundromat.**

**Laundry Love is Looking for Volunteers on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday & 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

**VOLUNTEER FOR LAUNDRY LOVE**

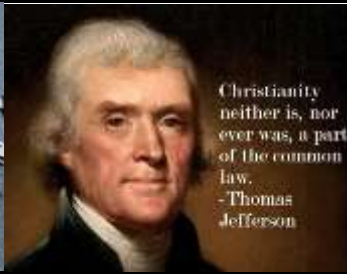
Laundry Love has opportunities to volunteer. This is a great way to put “Words” into “Actions” of faith and love. We do this at the laundromat on North Main across from the Y-Thrift Shop.

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**Radical Conversations Meets Saturday, July 20 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. We are currently doing a study of Esther from the Hebrew scriptures. It is a topic that has elements of a great murder mystery.

Everyone is welcome to this informal discussion and fellowship group — many who attend do not attend Glade and we enjoy a wide variety of opinions in our discussions each week.



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