

Glade Weekly News

June 3-9, 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. We seek a greater understanding of ourselves and others, recognizing that all persons are members of our one human family, God’s family.

Lectionary Readings for the Week

Psalm 130 1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15) 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35

Scripture for the Week

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (CEB)

¹³ We have the same faithful spirit as what is written in scripture: *I had faith, and so I spoke*. We also have faith, and so we also speak. ¹⁴ We do this because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus, and he will bring us into his presence along with you. ¹⁵ All these things are for your benefit. As grace increases to benefit more and more people, it will cause gratitude to increase, which results in God’s glory.

¹⁶ So we aren’t depressed. But even if our bodies are breaking down on the outside, the person that we are on the inside is being renewed every day. ¹⁷ Our temporary minor problems are producing an eternal stockpile of glory for us that is beyond all comparison. ¹⁸ We don’t focus on the things that can be seen but on the things that can’t be seen. The things that can be seen don’t last, but the things that can’t be seen are eternal.

⁵ We know that if the tent that we live in on earth is torn down, we have a building from God. It’s a house that isn’t handmade, which is eternal and located in heaven.



Word for the Week

Eyes of the Heart

Pastor Kelly’s Comments on the Scripture

Where is God? Are They living inside of you, or are they out somewhere in the heavens? Paul seems to indicate that God is both at the same time. All things of the earth will pass away – cities, mountains, and our own bodies and lives. But inside of our bodies, is the eternal Spirit that goes on to abide with God after our earthly lives have ended.

But also outside of our bodies, God lives and breathes and moves and works. Some humans and nearly all animals are gifted with a sixth sense of sorts – a spiritual awareness that connects us to each other, to the world, and to the realm of spirit. Have you ever thought of someone right before the phone rang, and then heard that person’s voice? Have you ever woken up before the alarm rang? Or before your baby started to cry? Of have you ever entered a space and felt the very presence of God’s holy spirit in the midst? Elijah heard a still, small voice. Moses climbed a mountain to see God’s glory. But we can discover God’s presence all around us – both inside and out – if we only have the eyes of the heart to see.

Kelly Bryant

Office Hours are Monday and Thursday.

Please contact Pastor Kelly at 540-521-9993 or bryantkj@gmail.com if you need them outside of these times.

In Other Words

Taken from:

Open the Eyes of My Heart

by Paul Joseph Baloche

https://youtu.be/idQ1n3cdgfo?si=5bwOfoiNF43rJ_BX

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Announcements for the Week

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

The Nursery NEEDS Volunteers

The nursery is set up so whoever works there can view/listen to the worship service. Thus, you can volunteer and still be in “virtual attendance” at worship! If four people volunteer, it would mean one Sunday each month for each volunteer.

Please consider **signing up for the nursery program**: <https://signup.com/go/ivEyNZK>

Signup to Provide Snacks for After Worship Fellowship

There is a **signup sheet outside the sanctuary** to sign up to bring a small snack for the fellowship time following worship each Sunday. It can be cookies, fruit, or other small items. Remember, however, that the first Sunday of each month is “Birthday Celebration” when small cakes are welcome.

Opportunities for the Week

Coffee & Devotion Group Meets via Zoom on Wednesday, June 5 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=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNuRkdPaUNqUTo9>

Painting & Tree Removal Workday on Saturday, June 8 at 9:00 am

The ramp and back porch need to be painted, so you are welcome to come help. There also are two trees that didn't make it through the winter that need to be dug up.

Radical Conversations Meets Saturday, June 8 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 Ezra & Nehemiah + Esther from the Hebrew scriptures. It is a topic with considerable meaning for contemporary times.

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.

Laundry Love Washes Clothes on Thursday, June 6 from 6:00—8:00 p.m.

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. This is not an “evangelism” outreach and we do not say it is a ministry of Glade Church unless someone asks. Like Jesus, we do this out of love and sharing God's grace, meeting people where they live.

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