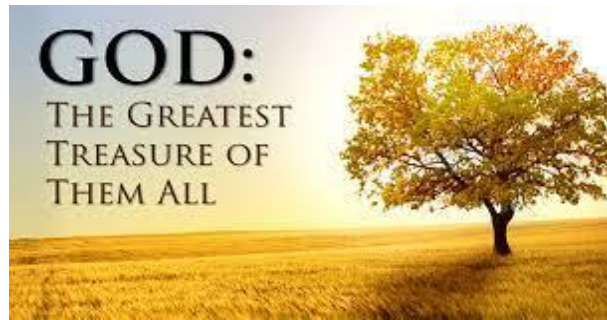




This Week at Glade (August 8 – 14, 2022)



WORD FOR THE WEEK: TREASURE

Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12:33-34

Twenty-five years ago, I told my then teenage daughters, that I was going to seminary and planned to become an ordained minister. Their responses were very different. One daughter said, "Why would you want to do a thing like that and be poor?" The other daughter said, "How can I help you, Mommy?" Clearly one daughter was motivated by all she could buy and the other by something more internal. My best days in life have been when I did something to ease someone's suffering or to help them have a better day. God has blessed my life by providing enough for my basic needs so that I might share God's love with the sick, the dying, the lonely, the hungry, the homeless and those who grieve. There is no greater gift, no greater treasure, than love. It is the only thing that lasts, the only thing we get to keep for eternity. "Love never ends." (1 Corinthians 13:8) Let go of all that "stuff" that doesn't matter, all that stuff in the basements, garages and attics of life. All that stuff that our culture says will make you happy. Treasure God, church and those dear to you. Treasure your ability to serve others. Give yourself away. Love and your heart will be full. Nothing else matters.

OTHER VOICES:

All I once held dear built my life upon
All this world reveres and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now compared to this
Knowing you Jesus
Knowing You there is no greater thing
You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness
And I love You Lord.

~Graham Kendrick (song lyrics)

Loving the Church often seems close to impossible. Still, we must keep reminding ourselves that all people in the Church—whether powerful or powerless, conservative or progressive, tolerant or fanatic—belong to that long line of witnesses moving through this valley of tears, singing songs of praise and thanksgiving, listening to the voice of their Lord, and eating together from the bread that keeps multiplying as it is shared. When we remember that, we may be able to say, “I love the Church, and I am glad to belong to it.”

Loving the Church is our sacred duty. Without a true love for the Church, we cannot live in it in joy and peace. And without a true love for the Church, we cannot call people to it.

~Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*, October 24

LOOKING AHEAD: August 14, 2022, Year C, Proper 15

Lectionary Readings:

Jeremiah 23:23-29, Psalm 82

Luke 12:49-56, Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Sunday- Baptism for Sarah Morris

Hitch a Ride to Church!

Need a ride to (and from) worship? Please contact Ashley Strand by phone (785-764-8062) or email (ashley@strandnet.us) to arrange a ride with a volunteer. Please give as much advance notice as possible. We are excited to have you join us in person!



Join us for worship at 11:00 a.m. this Sunday and every Sunday Morning

Attend in-person or on Zoom. In-person: 1600 Glade Rd. Blacksburg

Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88914981619?pwd=Q3E4Rk95d2lZGtONlVqS0crMm1xdz09/#_success Password: 202071

Join us this Sunday, Aug. 14th, as we celebrate the baptism of Amanda and Katie's daughter (and Beth's sister), Sarah! Cake and beverages will be served in the fellowship room downstairs immediately after worship.



What is Laundry Love?

"Laundry Love washes the clothes and bedding of low/no income families and person(s) across the US. We brighten the lives of thousands of people through love, dignity, and detergent by partnering with diverse groups and laundromats nationwide." Glade Church (www.gladeucc.org) hosts Laundry Love (<https://laundrylove.org>) locally in the New River Valley of Southwest Virginia. So far this year, we have helped families wash over 300 loads of laundry!

Laundry Love is expanding - please volunteer!

We will continue to offer Laundry Love on the first and third Sundays of the month from 2-4 PM at The Arbors in order to serve our guests in residence there. In addition, we will be adding a session on the second Thursday of each month 6-8 PM at the North Main Street Laundromat, 1003 N. Main Street, Blacksburg. This will begin August 14. If you are able, please volunteer for any of these sessions at: <https://signup.com/go/ssiyfid>. Feel free to reach out to Jill (jillsible@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

The Coffee & Devotion group meets on Wednesday mornings on Zoom at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89240288592?pwd=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNUrkdPaUNqUT09> Meeting ID: 892 4028 8592 Passcode: 290014

Wider United Church of Christ News



IT'S GETTIN' HOT IN HERE
The Environment, Climate, and the 2022 Election

The Environmental & Climate Justice Network of the *Justice & Witness Action Network* calls on local churches, clergy, and justice leaders across the Central Atlantic Conference to join us in the work of tending to God's world, and the people in it through the struggle for environmental and climate justice.

Saturday August 20th

9:30am-11:30am

For more information, go to:

https://actionnetwork.org/events/its-getting-hot-in-here-the-environment-climate-and-the-2022-election?source=direct_link&



There are two courses in the Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) this fall that those of you 50+ might find interesting. Here is information about LLI and a description of the two courses. For more information, you may contact Edd Sewell. (eddsewell@gmail.com)

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI)

Fees and Registration: Fall and Spring term membership is \$60 per term. You must be a member to register for a course and to attend special member events. LLI courses are \$35 per course. Fees for field trips and special class experiences vary. Some courses require an additional materials fee or purchase of a textbook or supplies. Additional fees or costs are noted in the course description.

Important Dates for Fall 2022: Registration for Fall 2022 opens September 7 at 10:00 a.m.

For more information, visit www.cpe.vt.edu/lifelonglearning

12. Unpacking Hebrew (Old Testament) Narrative

Many times, Hebrew narratives are appreciated only for the theology that can be derived from them. Because of that, the stories are not given proper attention. Indeed, the story, deeply or closely read, subverts that theology, shows that the theology was eisegesis, that is, placing an interpretation on the narrative that reveals more about the interpreter and his/her bias. We will look at several stories and see how they energize the imagination and lead to multiple meanings.

TOPICS

We will cover Genesis 1 (creation), Genesis 2-3 (Eden), Genesis 37-50, 1 Samuel 25 (early David); 2 Samuel 11 (David's adultery), 2 Samuel 13, and a few others.

INSTRUCTOR

Russell Gregory taught religious studies at Radford University. His concentration for doctoral studies was Hebrew Scriptures.

BACKGROUND READING

Bible (revised standard or new revised version) Robert Alter, *The Art of Biblical Narrative*
Tuesdays, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

6 weeks: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25 **Corporate Research Center, Crescent Room**, 2000 Kraft Dr, Suite 2100 Class limit: 20 **Course fee: \$35**

17. Political Cartooning in Africa

Struggles for freedom of expression in the African continent have been waged in the press by editorial/political cartoonists. This course will focus on the work of representative cartoonists from nations where there have been significant conflicts between governments and media. While cartoonists from across Africa will be included, the major emphasis will be on sub-Saharan Africa.

TOPICS

Each unit will be given approximately three classes each. There will be significant overlap in the presentation of the two major divisions since cartoonists will also be presented in the context of their specific region and nation.

1. Overview of editorial/political cartooning in selected regions and nations in the context of issues such as censorship and ideological clashes. Examples: South Africa, Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria, Egypt.
2. Examination of specific cartoonists. Examples: Zapiro in South Africa, Gado in Kenya, Asukwo in Nigeria, Dudley in Namibia, and Doaa el-Adi [female] in Egypt.

INSTRUCTOR

Edd Sewell is a retired faculty member from the Department of Communication at VT. One of his primary research areas was/is visual humor with special attention to editorial/ political cartooning.

REQUIRED RESOURCE

africacartoons.com

Thursdays, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

6 weeks: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 27 **Corporate Research Center, Concept Room, 1880 Pratt Dr, Suite 2018** Class limit: 32 **Course fee: \$35**



~ Have a great week! ~