

# This Week at Glade

(May 22-28, 2023)

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## Announcement from Pastor Kelly

I have created a group on Facebook called Glade Community Group. It is a place to share prayer requests, information, life events, conversations, relevant memes, articles, or any other appropriate post to share with friends connected to Glade Church. I invited everyone that I am friends with on FB (I think) and anyone already in the group may invite other people.

Office Hours: Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 10-3,  
Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 10-3.

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## Word for the Week

### Accessibility



<sup>24</sup> So Moses went out and told the people the LORD's words. He assembled seventy men from the people's elders and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup> The LORD descended in a cloud, spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and placed it on the seventy elders. When the spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but only this once. <sup>26</sup> Two men had remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the second named Medad, and the spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they hadn't gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup> A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

<sup>28</sup> Joshua, Nun's son and Moses' assistant since his youth, responded, "My master Moses, stop them!"

<sup>29</sup> Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? If only all the LORD's people were prophets with the LORD placing his spirit on them!" <sup>30</sup> Moses and Israel's elders were assembled in the camp.

Numbers 11:24-30

I remember being a teenager and thinking about the Holy Spirit. It seemed so strange. I was not qualified. I was not "right with God." I was damaged. I was unworthy. I was gay, for cryin' out loud! I was not a member of the community of God's people, which at 17 years of age, looked something like Walton's Mountain to me. No, I was definitely not a part of the group, and I had been taught that it was only members of this elite Christian group that God would ever deem worthy for Their Spirit.

So how was it, then, that I had always felt the Holy Spirit with me, so close that sometimes I felt that all I needed do is reach out and I could touch Her. If I was unworthy, how did I feel filled with the Spirit every day? How can this be?

The answer is simple. God doesn't care what your opinion of yourself is. God knows who you *really* are: Their beloved child. God loves you and Their Holy Spirit is here with you right in this moment, ready to guide teach you. All you must do is be willing to receive Her. And then keep the ears of your heart open as She speaks.

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### OTHER VOICES

“Road to Success” by L. Milton Hankins

Consider the possibility  
Lay aside improbability  
Eschew negative futility  
Never mind any hostility  
Exercise your capability  
Employing every utility  
Accept the responsibility  
Enjoy renewed visibility  
Allowing for accessibility

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**LOOKING AHEAD to Sunday:**

**May 28<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost**

**Lectionary Readings:**

*Acts 2:1-21*

*Numbers 11:24-30*

*John 7:37-39*

**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://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88914981619?pwd=Q3E4Rk95d2llZGtONlVqSDcrMm1xdz09/#\\_success](https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88914981619?pwd=Q3E4Rk95d2llZGtONlVqSDcrMm1xdz09/#_success)

Password: 202071

**Need a ride to and from worship?**

Contact Ashley Strand by phone (785- 764-8062) or email ([ashley@strandnet.us](mailto:ashley@strandnet.us)).

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### June birthday celebration is June 4

June birthdays will be celebrated on June 4. **Volunteers are needed to bring treats and set up.** Ashley S. will be out of town that week. If you have a birthday in June, and it is not listed in Breeze, let Janet Murphy know so she can include your name on the slide at the beginning of worship on June 4?

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### The Coffee & Devotion Group

The Coffee & Devotion group meets on Wednesday mornings on Zoom at 10 a.m. This virtual get-together lasts for about an hour. There is informal chat and news-sharing at the beginning followed by scripture and/or devotion shared by a group member. This is followed by discussion sharing joys and concerns, and prayer. Everyone is welcome!

**The Zoom link is:**

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89240288592?pwd=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNUckdPaUNqUT09>

Meeting ID: 892 4028 8592 Passcode: 290014

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### Radical Conversations

Radical Conversations meets at 11:00 each Saturday morning at the church. We are beginning the study of the Gospel of Thomas, one of the “lost gospels” found in 1945 near the village of Nag Hammadi

in Egypt. The first translation did not come out until the late 1950s and since the 1970s has been widely translated and interpreted. Everyone is Welcome!

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## Social Action Opportunities

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### LAUNDRY LOVE

The next Laundry Love will be on Sunday, June 4, from 2:00-4:00 in the afternoon. Volunteers work a one-hour shift either from 2:00-3:00 or 3:00-4:00. Please sign up at: <https://signup.com/go/ssiyfid>

The Laundry Love initiative consists of the opportunity to come along side people in our community and help pay for laundry. We see the laundromat as an inclusive and welcoming place where strangers become friends, people are known by name, and the worth of every human being is acknowledged and celebrated.

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### Volunteers Needed to Help Clean and Weed

Now that spring/summer is hopefully upon us and we no longer have janitorial service, there is always a need for volunteers to clean the church building or weed the flowerbed around the sign? It's a small area, but the grass finds it a place of welcome!

If you are interested in doing some cleaning or weeding, please contact Mike Bircher at [jm57keac@gmail.com](mailto:jm57keac@gmail.com)

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### Pulaski Pride on June 17th

Pulaski is having a Pulaski Pride event on June 17<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 at Jackson Park. This year the general theme is Celebrate Community Connections. They are inviting nonprofits to come and set up information tables. Glade will have a table! Are you interested in helping set up and staff a table?

If you are interested in doing this project, please contact Jill Sible at [jillsible@gmail.com](mailto:jillsible@gmail.com)

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## Glade Church is a congregation of the Shenandoah Association Central Atlantic Conference

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We, as Glade Church, are a congregation in the United Church of Christ, the Central Atlantic Conference, and the Shenandoah Association. Two members of Glade who are involved in the Shenandoah Association: Thayer Chaney and Edd Sewell are on the Church & Ministry Commission that oversees the work of the churches in our association, both in terms of ministers and congregations. At the Central Atlantic Conference level, Edd Sewell is on the New Church Development.

The General Synod of the United Church of Christ will meet June 30-July 4 in Indianapolis with the theme "Making All Things New."