



GLADE TIDINGS

GLADE UNITED CHURCH OF
CHRIST

"Never place a period
where God has placed
a comma." Grace Allen



God is still speaking,



*Our Lives Together for
December 2022 & January 2023*



**Glade United Church of Christ
is hosting our annual**

Holiday Concert

**Wednesday, December 21st
7:00 p.m.**

**"Let the Merry
Bells Ring"**



**Join Linda Lebo, Tim
Kueberth, Bonnie Clowes,
The Glade Tower Handbell
Choir, Bill Powell and friends
for a festive evening of
holiday music!**

**Please bring a food item to share with the
Glade Valley Food Bank**

A Note from Chad

It is Advent time Glade UCC! I can recall being an acolyte one Christmas Eve at the 11 p.m. service, fighting falling asleep, and hearing the pastor (I believe it was Rev. Paul Mehl) at Glade read from the Gospel of John. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” to verse 14 “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.”

What kind of Christmas eve Gospel reading is this I thought, where are the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the manger?

It would take a long time on my faith journey to understand and come to think of this Gospel writers beginning as more important than our traditional Luke narrative for two reasons.

First, Emmanuel – God is with us, as noted by the prophet Isaiah in Chapter 7 verse 14 would tell us that this would occur hundreds of years before it was fulfilled. Just one example of prophecies from the Old Testament regarding Jesus that are fulfilled and thus help me on my faith journey in noting God’s faithfulness to God’s promises.

Secondly, while confusing the young acolyte, I now embrace this beautiful scripture because it demonstrates how much God loves and cares for me and you! God loves us so much that God would become a human being in the form of our savior Jesus Christ. No longer would there be a void between our Creator God and us. Jesus would walk among us, teach us, be our example of how to live.

So ,while I still love Luke for the traditional Christmas narrative, John now holds a special meaning to me. I want to wish everyone a safe, blessed Christmas season! Please take time on Christmas day (when we will not be holding worship service) to think of your favorite Christmas scripture and thank our ever loving ever faithful God for all the blessings we enjoy, for God is with us now and forever!!!!!!

Grace, Peace and Love

Chad



General Fund Financial Report

September 30, 2022

Beginning Balance:	\$25,461.15
Total Income:	\$11,357.74
Total Expenses:	\$12,478.30
Ending Balance:	\$24,340.59

October 31, 2022

Beginning Balance:	\$24,340.59
Total Income:	\$16,043.24
Total Expenses:	\$ 9,338.01
Ending Balance:	\$31,045.82

2022 Calendar Year Giving's

Please note, in accordance with the IRS regulations, all offering, donations and other monetary giving's must be in the office or postmarked December 31st in order to be included in the tax year 2022.

**** NOTICE ****

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 18, 2022

The meeting will be held for the congregation to approve our 2023 budget and to vote on the new consistory members for 2023.

Consistory Report

Minutes of Glade UCC Consistory Meeting Thursday, September 12, 2022—Via Zoom

Consistory Activities— The meeting was held via Zoom. Bonnie Ogg chaired the meeting and Irene Weddle provided the devotion. The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed, Irene Weddle made a motion to approve the minutes and Carole Kreimer seconded the motion.

New Business—We discussed general plans for accomplishing worship for the next few months. Chad suggested we have a “Homecoming Sunday” to try to appeal to members and friends who haven’t been to church in awhile it was agreed we would have the service on November 13th, possibly with a potluck following the service. We would use the church dinner weekend prior to that to invite people who are likely to be at the dinner. A hymn sing is planned for October 23rd. We plan to have Pastor Esther Ziegler provide services the first Sunday of each month to do communion.

We will start organizing a new search committee to proceed with the process after the holidays. Tammie will send Bonnie a copy of our most recent profile to date.

Treasurer’s Report— The financial reports were reviewed.

Church & Ministry Committee—Items discussed above during new business.

Finance & Stewardship—The Stewardship Campaign Committee is meeting September 25th after church, and planning our annual stewardship campaign in November. We have a note in the bulletin now about making offering donations online.

Property— We discussed some “school” issues. The chairs in the classrooms are old and falling apart. Someone associated with the school has been repairing them, but advised it is time to think about getting some replacements. There has not been a date set for the AC install, it will be later this fall.

Guild—Plans are coming along for the church dinner in November, organizing and ordering supplies. There will also be a “Thank Offering” service on Sunday, November 13th, with Diane Flickinger as our guest speaker.

Consistory Continued

Minutes of Glade UCC Consistory Meeting Thursday, October 24, 2022—Via Zoom

Consistory Activities— The meeting was held via Zoom. Irene Weddle Chaired the meeting for Bonnie Ogg who was in attendance but did not have a solid internet connection. Carole Kreimer provided the devotion. The minutes from the September 12th meeting were reviewed, Carole Kreimer made the motion to accept the minutes and Lisa Frederick seconded the motion, and all voted to accept the minutes.

New Business—There was an in depth discussion about discontinuing the weekly Facebook Live broadcast of Sunday worship services. Bill discussed difficulties with ensuring we did not run afoul of music copyrights, and the inability to play a wider variety of music was getting challenging and tiresome. Also mentioning people's names and health status during the prayers & concerns time, and putting that information on the internet for public consumption, could be a problem. Viewership is not high most Sundays, we may have 4-6 people watching live, a recent report from Facebook showed that a recent weekly service had 56 views, but the average length of time watching was around 4.5 minutes (for example this could equate to four people watching for 40 minutes, and 52 people watching for less than a minute). There was a discussion on alternatives to broadcasting the service to maintain a live presence on Facebook we will explore more ideas of posting live music, having the pastor record a weekly devotion, or other ideas like that. Irene Weddle moved to discontinue Facebook Live for the weekly service beginning on Sunday, November 6th, Shannon seconded and the motion was unanimous. We would welcome feedback from the congregation with ideas for the future.

Pastor's Report—Chad explained his ideas about having a Homecoming Sunday" on November 13th, to invite members and friends who have not been in church for a while to come back and visit and stay for a potluck after the service that day. Chad drafted a letter for mailing, or to be handed out to people we may see at the Fall Dinner Nov. 4th & 5th.

Treasurer's Report— The financial reports were reviewed. Tammie is working on getting preliminary 2023 budget numbers to the Finance Committee this week for their review. She hopes to have it back in time for the next Consistory meeting on November 8th—all of which is necessary to prepare the 2023 draft budget and announce the Congregational Meeting for December 18th.

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Consistory Report

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Property—Tammie reported that she has had several groups reach out about using our facility. This includes a person looking for space to hold an exercise class, someone else looking for space for dance classes, and a local group of women recovering from drug/alcohol use. We did not have enough information from any of them to feel comfortable granting permission and discussed the idea of developing (or updating and existing) facility use policy. Shannon offered to try to draft something based on the current facility use agreement we currently use for weddings and other events.

We are in the 3rd week of the new heating/cooling systems installation. So far it is going well. Brooks Widder has made himself available to the contractor for help in understanding the historic construction of the building that might impact the project.

We are researching the purchase of a new ice machine to replace the machine we have now, which is broken. An estimated price is about \$2249, and we are getting prices from other suppliers.

Worship & Fellowship Committee—Bill's annual Christmas concert will take place on the evening of December 21st, with a social time afterwards. We do not plan to hold worship services on Christmas Day (Sunday, Dec. 25th) given we will have had services the evening before, and historically when Christmas Day fell on a Sunday services have typically been very low attendance.

Christian Education—There was no report

Mission & Social Action—Soup Kitchen is November 20th



Finance & Stewardship



2023 Stewardship Campaign From Bread & Cup to Faith & Giving

By the time you read this, the formal portion of our annual stewardship campaign will be over. However, as we all have learned, stewardship is a year-round activity. Adriane Wodey provided an excellent explanation of stewardship during our worship service on Sunday, November 13th, reminding us the Glade UCC congregation has been taking care of business, including our church family and friends, the facilities and cemetery, and has been serving an active role in the life of Walkersville for over 200 years now -- many generations. Right now, it is our turn and our time to maintain that legacy and do what we can to prepare Glade for the next generation. We invite you to be in prayer about your continued participation in continuing Glade's legacy through sharing your time, talents, and money – it takes all three of those things.



Please contact any member of the Finance & Stewardship Committee -- Adriane Wodey, Brooks Widder, Connie Rough or Shannon Jordre – if you have any questions.



Glade Guild

Fall Dinners

I want to express our Heartfelt Thanks to you. We are grateful for each of you. Many tasks were accomplished for a successful fall Oyster, Turkey, and Ham Dinner and Bazaar! We sent flyers by bulk mail to our mailing list, while others were notified by e-mail. Ads were also placed in the local newspapers for the Fall Dinner.

On Friday night we served 464 dinners, and on Saturday 419 dinners were served. 883 dinners served total, 120 of which were carry outs. We used 98 gallons of oysters at a cost of \$80 per gallon. Tip jars on the tables netted \$345 and the bake table's profit was \$1,659.

We are grateful for the use of the beautiful Walkersville Fire Hall, the fire company members who helped us, local Girl Scouts, Walkersville 4-H Club members, Glade Youth, Walkersville UMC members, and all of the leaders who gave many hours of work.

Many people expressed to us that they thoroughly enjoyed our Dinners; especially the delicious fried oysters! You helped make this possible.

Thanks for your support!

With gratitude,
Cathy Widder,
President, Glade Guild



Glade Guild

Walkersville Christkindlmarket And Parade

**December 3, 2021
10 AM—3 PM**



Glade UCC will host artisans and crafters. Homemade soups, sandwiches which include country ham, hot chocolate and baked goods will be available for purchase.

A festive parade will escort Santa and his merry elves to town to greet visitors.

Live centerpieces will be available for purchase.

**Parade Begins
at 10 AM**

Main street,
W. Frederick Street
Fulton Ave
Pennsylvania Ave



Second Mile Giving

DECEMBER

The Religious Coalition for Emergency Needs is a Frederick County non-profit that has been providing residents of Frederick County with emergency financial assistance for over 30 years. The Religious Coalition is the primary provider of emergency services on the basis of human needs, such as shelter, food, medical & dental calls, as well as prescription medications. Coalition networking programs also assist our neighbors in need to avoid eviction, prevent utility cutoffs, as well as funding the eight food banks. The Coalition also manages the Alan P. Linton, Jr. Emergency Shelter, which is the largest and only year-round shelter for the homeless in Frederick.



JANUARY

Second Mile Giving for January supports Church World Service's Blanket Program. Every \$10 you give provides a wool or cotton blanket distributed by CWS to needy people around the world. Due to the continuing major needs in the disaster stricken areas, blankets are needed more than ever. Let's seek to exceed our numbers from previous years by sending even more blankets to the CWS! Our gifts to Second Mile Giving in January will make a difference in Iraq, Afghanistan, and South Asia, and other trouble spots around the world. Please indicate on the memo line of the check "Blanket."

Food Bank

Let's help our neighbors chase away the chill of winter with donations of coffee, low-fat/low-sugar instant creamers, hot chocolate, tea bags, canned soups, and oatmeal. The food bank is also distributing personal care items and would appreciate donations of toothpaste & shampoo.



All non-perishable food items are welcome. Clean plastic grocery bags are always needed. As well as food donations, cash donations are also accepted by the Glade Valley Community Services at P. O. Box 655, Walkersville, MD.



Care Givers



Christmas is fast approaching! The season moves us to think of others. Have your thoughts turned to giving? Have you made a list of what you plan to give others? From a 'care-GIVING' perspective, consider these thoughts and suggestions...And consider carrying the gift- giving practices throughout the new year ahead!

"Christmas is about giving from the heart more than giving from the store."

"Kindness has many unique features which makes it one of the best things to give."

"Sometimes when you don't know what to give, a hug is enough."

"Kind words are presents that you can give people whenever you want."

"It is not how much you give, but how much love you put into the giving."

"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone."

"The greatest gifts are not wrapped in paper, but in love."

"One of the greatest gifts you can give someone is your time."

"The most treasured gifts are the meaningful moments we create with others, They become priceless memories, decorating our lives."

Christmas Blessings!
Becky D.



Mission & Social Action Committee



**MITTEN TREE
GIFT ITEMS DUE
SUNDAY, NOV. 27th**



the COMMUNITY TABLE

Please join us at the newly renamed Community Table (fka the Soup Kitchen) at the Frederick Community Action Agency on All Saints Street. We will be serving on Sunday afternoon, January 15, 2023 at 3:45 pm. We need assistance with food supply and preparation, serving and clean-up. We are once again serving diners directly and using real dishes and silverware, that means more hands are needed to run the dishwasher. Please consider helping out. Ask your friends. They don't need to be from our church to serve. All are welcome.

2023 Mission Trip, June 4-10th, 2023 Sunset Gap, TN

Again this year, Glade UCC will be teaming up with Jefferson UCC and heading back to Sunset Gap, TN. The Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott in Pigeon Forge, TN has once again agreed to host us at a discounted rate of \$100 off per night for the entire week. To reserve your room, call 865-409-5999 and tell them you are with Jefferson United Church of Christ Mission Trip. There are king size rooms and double queen rooms being held for us. Booking now will hold your room and you have up until two weeks before to cancel should you need. Once again, we will be working Monday -Wednesday allowing for the opportunity to sight-see and enjoy the area. More details on projects will be provided once they are finalized. If you have any questions please contact Bonnie Ogg.



Glade UCC Lottery Raffle Fund Raiser



\$10 per ticket

The raffle will be held the entire month of
February 2023.

The daily winner will be determined by the
Maryland Evening Pick 3 Straight Lottery Number.

Winners will be notified by Phone.

Only 1,000 tickets to be sold

Contact Ron Rough, 301-639-3834 if you would like
to help sell tickets or if you are interested in
purchasing tickets.

28 Chances to Win!
They make great Christmas gifts

**** Disclaimer ****

****This raffle is not affiliated with the MD State Lottery Agency****

**For those who are in the process of selling your tickets, all
money or unsold tickets must be turned in to Ron Rough
by January 15, 2023.**

Thanks to all who have supported this fundraiser.

Volunteers and Donations Needed



We will be making live evergreen centerpieces to sell at Christkindlmarket on **Thursday, December 1st** at 5:00 p.m. at Chris Torbeck's house, drinks and pizza will be provided. Please bring greens and cutters. On **Friday, December 2nd** we are in need of help at 5:00 p.m. to set up the church for Christkindlmarket the next day.

Chris's address is:

10530 Dublin Road, Walkersville, MD 21793

Help is needed with serving soup and sandwiches on Saturday, December 3rd for Christkindlmarket. We are also in need of donations of single sized baked goods. Please contact Bonnie Ogg or Chris Torbeck with any questions.



The sign up sheet for providing altar flowers for a Sunday in 2023 is on the table in the back of the church. Please consider signing up to provide them for a Sunday or two in the new year. You may place them in honor or memory of someone who is special to you. Consider selecting a Sunday that coincides with their birthday or another special day. You may wish to give a donation to the altar flower fund instead. Make the check out to "Glade UCC" and on the memo line, write "Altar Flower Fund."



December Birthdays



12/01 Ruth Ann Engel
 12/02 Luke Burrier
 12/03 Vivienne Mershon
 12/05 Jason Goff
 12/06 Janie Angleberger
 William Veith
 12/07 Richard Gilbert
 12/08 Adalyn Schildt
 12/09 Logan Zimmerman
 12/12 JoAnn DiPaolo
 Austin Clarke
 Brett Hamilton
 Caleb Sier
 12/16 Danita Puhl
 12/18 Carole Shoemaker
 12/19 Jenny Veith
 12/20 Arthur Leveronne



12/21 Samantha Shober
 12/22 David O'Planick
 Nancy Sweet
 12/23 Sharon Burrier
 Evan Johnson
 Katherine Johnson
 12/25 James Pencola
 12/27 Ray Hummer III
 12/31 Carol Remsberg

December Anniversaries



12/03 Char & Roger Musser
 12/04 Cathy & Thomas Clarke



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| Sun., Nov. 27 | First Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Greens service
Last day to bring your unwrapped gifts to church for
The GVCS Holiday Toy Shop |
| Sat., Dec. 3 | Walkersville Christkindlmarket & Parade
Parade at 10:00 am
Festivities 10:00 am—3:00 p.m. |
| Wed., Dec. 7 | Walkersville Town Christmas Tree Lighting
Performance by Glade Tower Handbell Choir & other
area groups. |
| Wed., Dec. 21 | Bill Powell's Annual Holiday Concert |
| Sat., Dec. 24 | CHRISTMAS EVE (Church office Closed)
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
8:30 p.m. Musical prelude, 9:00 p.m. Worship service |
| Sun., Dec. 25 | MERRY CHRISTMAS—No Sunday Worship
Enjoy the day with your family |
| Sun., Jan. 1 | HYMN Sing

The Church office will be closed from
Friday, Dec. 23rd—Tuesday Jan 2nd. |



*The Glade UCC office wishes all a very
Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!*

Around the Community



Town of Walkersville Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Will take place on Wednesday, December 7th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Creamery Park. Our Glade Tower Handbell Choir will be performing along with other local churches. The ceremony will include brief remarks by Town officials, a community

WALKERSVILLE ANNUAL FESTIVE CHRISTKINDLMARKET



Saturday, December 3rd

10am - 3pm

Artisans, Vendors, Music, Food

&

Parade & Market

South Glade Road - Fulton Avenue

West Pennsylvania Avenue

Sponsored By: Walkersville Historical Society

*Hosted By: Glade UCC, St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
Walkersville Library & Walkersville Feed Company*



Presents



*Accelerando & Westminster Ringers present their annual winter concert entitled **Christmas Memories**. Come hear your favorite and new holiday favorites as you remember your holiday memories.*

Sunday, December 4th at 4:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church
65 Washington Rd., Westminster,

\$12 Adults—\$10 Seniors

Under 17 FREE



January Birthdays



01/01	Char Musser	01/15	Wanda Strawsburg
01/03	Kevin Saylor	01/16	Deborah Wachter-Harne
01/04	Jeffrey Stevens		Mason Saylor
01/07	Ronald Whitmore	01/20	Kenneth Wisner
01/08	Gerald Hanberry		Elizabeth Jones
	Kenny Whitmore	01/22	Patsy Wiles-Bowers
01/10	Amy Dows		Brooks Ray
	Tony Vernon	01/23	Lauren Pencola
	Wayne Ausherman		Michael Kreimer
01/11	Jeffrey Wisner	01/24	Cody Boyer
01/13	Kyle Abramson	01/26	Joyce Shry
01/14	Jane Wenzel	01/27	Kacie Grimm
	Holly VanNess		Jack Walker
	Erin Boyer	01/28	Ruth Ann Wilson
	Susan Smith	01/30	Ryan O'Planick



January Anniversaries

01/05 Adriane Wodey & Jack Fritz
01/11 Janie & Michael Angleberger
01/14 Dorothy & Ralph Shober





Sun., Jan. 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR—Hymn Sing

Sun., Jan 15 Community Table 4:00 p.m.

Inclement Weather Policy

Sunday morning worship services will be cancelled when the snow emergency plan is in effect at 8:00 a.m. in Frederick County.

In the event there is inclement weather, but a snow emergency has not been declared for Frederick County, please check our Facebook Page, Webpage or call the church office to check our voicemail for further details.

Cancellation announcements will be issued on our Facebook page, our website at www.gladechurch.org, and our phone line 301-845-6775

While we would love to see everyone in church on Sunday morning, we do not want anyone to hurt themselves trying to get to church. If you have any doubts about the driving and walking conditions, please make your personal safety your highest priority.