



***GLADE UNITED  
CHURCH OF CHRIST***

**November 12, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

***Welcome Members, Friends, and Visitors!***

***“to experience and share the love of Jesus Christ”***



# Glade

## United Church of Christ

**WE CENTER OURSELVES ON GOD**

*Welcome to a time of Sabbath, rest, and renewal*

**November 12, 2023**

Glade Matters

*Shared moments of information and inspiration about our church family*

Prelude "*Plein Jeu*"

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

\*Opening Hymn "*Keep Awake, Be Always Ready*"

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\*Call to Worship from Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20

L: The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,

**P: And concern for instruction is love of her,**

L: And love of her is the keeping of her laws,

**P: And giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,**

L: And immortality brings one near to God;

**P: So the desire for wisdom leads to God's kingdom.**

**\*Opening Prayer (Offered by all)**

**God of wisdom, we gather here to worship you. We come seeking instruction in your law and assurance of immortality in you. We open our hearts to draw near to you so that we might gain the wisdom that leads to your kingdom. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Psalm 78-1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

L: The Word of God, for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Anthem "*Canticle of the Turning*"

Rory Cooney

Message

Chad Weddle

\*Hymn "*Let Justice Flow like Streams*"

#588

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray...

Prayer

Stewardship moment

Shannon Jordre

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory “*Basse de Cromorne*”

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

\*Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Hymn “*God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*”

#531

\*Benediction

Postlude “*Caprice sur les Grand Jeux*”

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

\*Please stand as able in body or spirit

**Worship Participants**

<b>Pastor:</b>	Chad Weddle
<b>Music Director:</b>	Dr. William Powell, III
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	Irene Weddle



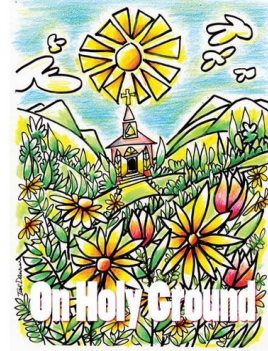
Today's flowers are to the Glory of God and also to everyone that helped with our recent church dinners to make them a great success.

Given by: Ron & Connie Rough

## The Second Mile Giving for November Strengthen the Church

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.



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## Food Bank Items for October

With the holiday's quickly approaching, suggested items for October & November are: Canned pie filling, sweet potatoes, green beans, canned soup, applesauce, corn, stuffing mix & canned cranberry sauce. The food bank is also distributing personal care items and would appreciate donations of toothpaste & shampoo.



**Most needed items at this time are:**

**Canned Pasta**  
**Canned Fruit**  
**Canned Tuna**

**Baked Beans**  
**Spaghetti Sauce**  
**Peanut Butter**

**Boxed Crackers**  
**Macaroni & Cheese**  
**Cereal**

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## **LAST CALL FOR Poinsettia orders due TODAY**



Don't forget to order your Christmas Poinsettia. Orders are due **TODAY**. There is an order form in the back of the latest issue of Glade Tidings on page 31, as well as on the back table in the sanctuary.

The poinsettia's decorate our altar during the Christmas season, please consider placing one for your loved ones during this time.



# THANK OFFERING

**Sunday  
November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**MEMBER APPRECIATION  
POTLUCK LUNCH TO FOLLOW**

On Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> we will once again have our Thank-offering service. This year, we are very pleased to welcome back our very own Becky Hoover, as our guest speaker. Please join us in church for this special worship service.

Following our Thank Offering service we will be having a special member appreciation pot luck lunch.

## Community Table Formerly Soup Kitchen Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

We will be supporting the Community Table formerly the Soup Kitchen on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be preparing our usual ham, mac & cheese, salad and desert .

We will need your support as always for donations and to prepare and serve the food. Please consider donating your time on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign up sheet for donations on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



## Mitten Tree



We will be collecting for the GVCS Holiday Toy Shoppe again this year. The mittens are displayed in the back of the sanctuary. The items will need to be unwrapped and returned to Glade UCC no later than Sunday, November 26th.

We will need someone to deliver the gifts to St. Timothy's on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

## Annual Walkersville Christkindlmarket Christmas Parade

We are currently looking for participants for our Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 2nd. For more information or to sign up contact Chris Torbeck at [chrisuebel@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisuebel@hotmail.com)

We are currently searching for someone to take over the parade entry for Glade. Shannon and Lisa Jordre still have the decorations we used last year and they can be used again. Please contact Chris Torbeck if you would be interested in taking this over.



Please join us in preparing for the Advent season, we will begin decorating the church for Christmas **Next Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** following worship. Please plan to come and help decorate the church for Christmas.

Articles for the December/January 2024 Glade Tidings are due in the office Tomorrow, Monday, November 13th.

Bill Powell will be playing as guest organist at a Organ & Hymns Concert of Celebration on Sunday, November 19th at 3:00 p.m. at Oakdale Church 3425 Emory Church Road, Olney, MD 20832

They will be welcoming the Thanksgiving & Advent holidays with beautiful classics to bring on the richness of the season, Following stay for a time of fellowship & refreshments.

The concert is free, with a love offering being received at the event. All contributions are dedicated to Oakdale's All-In Funding Campaign.



We wanted to update you on the health of, Nancy Sweet. She is currently at home, diligently working on her recovery from health issues and will be homebound for the next month. If you would like to brighten her days with a heartfelt card or call, your kind words can make a meaningful difference during this time of healing.

Nancy's address is: 2501 Catoctin Court, #2B, Frederick, MD 21702

## PRAYER REQUESTS

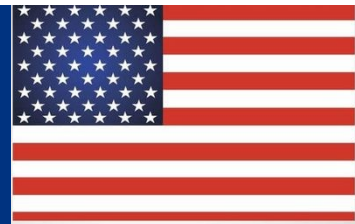
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Jim Ball, health issues</li> <li>*Marlene Turner, Lorigean Turner's aunt, health issues</li> <li>*Wayne Duncan, Leo Duncan's brother, health issues</li> <li>*Roxie Underwood, Frances Cecil's sister, brain surgery</li> <li>*Rod Baumert, Bill Powell's father-in-law, health issues</li> <li>*Pastor Amy Dows, hip &amp; back pain</li> <li>*Sandy Miller, friend of Bonnie Ogg, cancer</li> <li>*Wayne Bruchey, recovery from back surgery</li> <li>*Lynn Stevenson, Marsha Bruchey's cousin, neurological health issues</li> <li>*Lisa Andercyk, Lorigean Turner's college roommate, neurological issues</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Charles Snow, health issues</li> <li>*David O'Planick, health issues</li> <li>*Beverly Shoemaker, health issues</li> <li>*Ralph Whitmore, health issues</li> <li>*Nancy Sweet, health issues</li> <li>*Bonnie Ogg, recovering from fall</li> </ul> |
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Our deepest condolences to Chris & Megan Howk on the passing of Chris' father Ken Howk. If you would like to send a card.

Chris & Megan's Address is: 159 Polaris Drive, Walkersville, MD 21793

## HAPPY VETERANS DAY HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



### This Week at Glade

Sun., November 12	10:30 a.m.	All Worship Service
	3:30 p.m.	LDM, sanctuary, classrooms, nursery
Mon., November 13	8:00 a.m.	FEC Home School Co-Op (SH, FS, Classrooms)
	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Service Team Meeting (SH)
Tue., November 14	7:30 p.m.	Consistory Meeting via Zoom
Wed., November 15	8:00 a.m.	FEC Home School Co-Op (SH, FS, Classrooms)
	6:45 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice (SH)
	7:45 p.m.	Senior Choir Practice (FS)
Thur., November 16	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop Meeting (FS)
Fri., November 17	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Sat., November 18	9:00 a.m.	LDM Activity (Sanctuary & SH)
Sun., November 19	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service/Thank Offering Sunday
	11:30 a.m.	Member Appreciation Luncheon
	3:30 p.m.	LDM, sanctuary, classrooms, nursery

# A Theology of Sufficiency

by Rev. John Dorhauer

Rich Biblical traditions shaped Jesus' vision, including Micah 4: 3-4:

*“God shall judge between many peoples and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”*

It is my personal belief that this concept, one that I call a theology of sufficiency, provides a strategic pathway to the just peace we seek. It is the unjust distribution of wealth that keeps the wheels of war turning. Micah rightly discerns in the heart of God that the beating of swords in plowshares can only be possible when the conditions envisioned by God and described in that final verse come into play. When all on Earth have their own vine and their own fig, just enough to sustain themselves and free from the wanton greed of others who covet their neighbors' goods.

At the heart of God's vision of all nations laying down their weapons and no longer learning the ways of war is the collective distribution of God's bounty to ensure that all are fed and sheltered. These are the underlying conditions that render the sword and the spear obsolete and that mandate their repurposing as implements of agriculture rather than of devastation.

I remember with great fondness and deep appreciation the first Sunday I walked into the church I served right out of seminary, Zion United Church of Christ in Mayview, Missouri. A town of 250 people ten miles from a gallon of gas and a loaf of bread, this farm rich community was deeply dedicated to the work of a just peace. On the wall inside the front door as you entered the sanctuary was a poster that hung for all the years I served there. It was a quote from UCC theologian and biblical scholar Luke T. Johnson and it read quite simply: “Whatever you possess that someone else needs already belongs to them.”

Generosity, as a spiritual practice, provides a way for us to think together as a Church about a theology of sufficiency so that there can be enough resources for all. Together, we can relate to each other so that “all sit under their own vines and their own fig trees, and not one shall make them afraid.”

