



GLADE TIDINGS

GLADE UNITED CHURCH OF
CHRIST

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

;
God is still speaking,



*Our Lives Together for
February & March 2024*



Plan to join Glade UCC for the following Lenten activities

Wednesday, February 14th

Ash Wednesday—No Ash Wednesday Service

Imposition of Ashes 7:30-8:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 18th

First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 24th

Palm Sunday—Cantata Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 28th

**Maundy Thursday—Special video & music on
our Facebook Page**

Friday, March 29th

Good Friday—Special video & music on our Facebook Page

Sunday, March 31st

Easter—Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 7th

Holy Humor Sunday—Skits performed by Chad Weddle & Bill Powell



Easter Flower Orders Due Monday, February 26, 2024

The deadline to submit an order for Easter flowers
this year is **Monday, February 26th**. The order form
is provided on page 23 of this newsletter. Please
consider placing your order early.



The flowers look so beautiful on the altar at Easter.

A Note From Chad

Hello Glade UCC!

It feels like just yesterday we were having our music-inspired Christmas Eve service, and now I am writing about Ash Wednesday and Lent. Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th, with the first Sunday of Lent following on February 18th. On Ash Wednesday, February 14th, the church will be open for the imposition of ashes from 7:30 to 8:00 pm.

Lent is a period of 40-days where we are asked to set aside specific time each day to reflect on Christ's journey toward the cross. As I often mention in service, we should be in "relationship" with God not just one hour each Sunday. I encourage you to try and dedicate a time each day during Lent for prayer, reflection, and being in a relationship with the one who created, sustains, and loves us so much that we have the promise of everlasting life based on that love.

I also ask instead of giving something up for Lent, consider adding a little more time with God each day. This can lead to sharing that relationship and love with others through a written note, call, or a visit. Adding positive actions that God encourages us to do, I believe, is more impactful than foregoing something for those 40 days.

Look on our Facebook page for a message and music on Maundy Thursday, March 28th, as well as a different post on Good Friday, March 29th. Lastly, Dr. Powell will be conducting a Palm Sunday Cantata. We encourage you to invite any musically inclined friends to join us and enjoy our choir. He is also extending an invitation to anyone interested in joining the choir for the Cantata. Please reach out to him or another choir member. They would love for you to be a part of it!

Grace, Peace and Love

Chad



Consistory Report

Minutes of Glade UCC Consistory Meeting Tuesday, November 14, 2023 Via Zoom

The meeting was held via Zoom. Bonnie Ogg opened the meeting and Patty Green offering the devotion. Next month's consistory meeting will be an in-person meeting on Sunday, December 10, 2023, following worship, with a Zoom option for anyone unable to attend in person. Shannon Jordre moved to accept the October meeting minutes, and Irene Weddle seconded, and all members voted in favor.

Chad presented his Pastor's Report, emphasizing the busy schedule for November and December. The discussions centered on November's remaining activities and plans for Christmas preparations. Specific dates were outlined for key events, such as decorating the sanctuary on November 26th, Christkindlmarket on December 2nd, the Christmas concert on December 20th, and the schedule for our Christmas Eve services and the New Year's Eve hymn sing.

Bonnie Ogg and Lorie Jean Turner provided updates on the ongoing communication with the Catoctin Association regarding Chad's licensure, ensuring a smooth continuation of his pastoral services within the congregation.

Patty reported on the Fall dinner, sharing that a total of 902 meals were served, including 91 carryout meals, resulting in a profit of approximately \$15,000. Attendees provided positive feedback, expressing gratitude for the successful event.

Tammie shared progress on various fronts, including the installation of the front security cameras and the back cameras would also be installed by Brooks when his schedule and weather allowed. Additionally, plans for snow removal arrangements were discussed, with Tammie & Bonnie aiming to finalize arrangements for potential snowfall, following the previous year's lack of need for such services. Tammie is planning to talk with the same person that Bonnie had lined up for last year. Tammie also addressed a recent plumbing issue in the building, which has been resolved. She mentioned plans to take time off between Christmas and New Year's, ensuring her tasks are completed in advance.

An upcoming congregational meeting was planned for December 17th to finalize the adoption of the 2024 budget and possibly consider bylaw changes or other business matters. Tammie presented the proposed 2024 budget to the consistory, which closely resembles budgets from previous years. Nancy moved to approve the proposed budget, seconded by Lorie Jean, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned and Chad closed with a prayer.

Consistory Report Continued

Minutes of Glade UCC Consistory Meeting Sunday December 10, 2023 In Person

The meeting was held in person after worship. Bonnie Ogg chaired the meeting Irene Weddle moved to accept the minutes from the November 14th meeting and Patty Green seconded, all voted in favor.

Chad offered his Pastor's report, highlighting the planning and execution of December's holiday activities, including the details for the upcoming Christmas Eve service. He also updated the Consistory on the ongoing process of renewing his ministerium license with the Catoctin Association and outlined plans for a new member installation, to be scheduled this spring.

We welcomed Cathy Widder and Carole Kreimer as incoming Consistory members, expressing gratitude to departing members Irene Weddle and Becky Hommer. Officers were nominated for 2024, with Bonnie Ogg nominated for President, Lorie Jean Turner for Vice-President, and Shannon Jordre for Secretary. The elections for new members and officers are scheduled for the upcoming Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 17th.

Tammie provided updates on snow removal arrangements, having discussions with Grant Zimmerman, and addressed the school's inquiries about next year's rent. The Consistory decided on a slight increase in rental fees, raising them by \$5/day to \$130/day, reflecting the rising costs of maintenance and utilities. A motion by Shannon, seconded by Lorie Jean, was unanimously approved.

The Consistory engaged in a detailed discussion on potential updates to the church's articles of incorporation, constitution, and by-laws. Lorie Jean proposed prioritizing changes, including adjusting the Consistory size to 7 members, modifying quorum requirements, and consolidating the annual congregational meeting to December. The motion was made by Lorie Jean, seconded by Patty, and unanimously approved.

Shannon motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Irene, with all members voting in favor. Chad closed the meeting with a prayer.



Congregation Meeting Minutes

The Glade UCC Annual Congregational Meeting took place on Sunday, December 17, 2023, immediately following the church service. Bonnie Ogg called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the 2024 budget and elect new Consistory members who will begin serving in January 2024.

Shannon Jordre moved, and Lorie Jean Turner seconded, to adopt the 2024 budget as presented, and the motion carried with no objections. Lorie Jean moved, and Nancy Sweet seconded, to accept the new Consistory members and slate of officers (Bonnie as President, Lorie Jean as Vice President, and Shannon as Secretary), with the motion carrying without objections.

Changes to the church Constitution were addressed individually. Shannon moved and Lorie Jean seconded to change the quorum for congregational meetings from 15% to 10%, with the motion carrying without objections. Nancy Sweet moved and Kim Stevens seconded to hold one Annual Congregational Business meeting in December each year, and the motion carried without objections. Shannon moved and Lorie Jean seconded to change the property disposition if the church were to dissolve, and after a brief discussion, the motion carried.

Lisa Jordre moved to adjourn, Patty Green seconded, and the meeting concluded.



Our church directory is due for an update, and we need your help! If you would like to update your information currently in the directory, please reach out to the church office via phone 301-845-6775 or email secretary@gladechurch.org with any additions or corrections. Additionally, kindly state your preferred method of contact in your response. We would appreciate details such as your (name, address, home phone, cell phone, and email address). Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as we strive to maintain an accurate and up-to-date directory for the benefit of our church community. Thank you!

General Fund Financial Report

November 30, 2023

Beginning Balance:	\$57,040.79
Total Income:	\$63,232.56
Total Expenses:	\$24,397.72
Ending Balance:	\$95,875.63

December 31, 2023

Beginning Balance:	\$95,875.63
Total Income:	\$21,441.42
Total Expenses:	\$13,173.15
Ending Balance:	\$104,143.90

Offering Counters for February & March

February - Adriane Wodey & Shannon Jordre

March - Carole Kreimer & Lisa Jordre

Lay Readers

February

4 - Bonnie Ogg
11 - Adriane Wodey
18 - Chad Weddle
25 - Irene Weddle

March

3 - Bob Watson
10 - Patty Green
17 - Irene Weddle
24 - Adriane Wodey
31 - Nancy Sweet

Glade Guild

Glade UCC Lottery Raffle Fund Raiser



Get your ticket stubs out and watch for your lucky number to be drawn. We will be watching as well and notifying our lucky winners. The whole month of February we will hopefully be calling our church members, their family and friends.

We sold approximately 870 tickets. All tickets must be turned in by January 31st. **Hurry, Hurry** if you would like to purchase a ticket.

From our Music Director

Join Our Lenten Cantata Choir!

We're thrilled to announce our choir will be performing the Lenten Cantata "God So Loved the World" by Lloyd Larson for our Palm Sunday service on March 24th at 10:30 a.m. This promises to be a beautiful and meaningful experience, and we invite you to be a part of it! All voices are welcome!

Rehearsals:

When: February and March

Where: Fireside room

Time: Wednesday evenings at 7:45 p.m.

If you're interested in joining us for this exciting musical journey, please reach out to Bill Powell at 240-446-0344 or wdpowelliii@gmail.com. We would love to have many additional voices to make this Cantata truly special. Don't miss out on this opportunity to share your love for music and contribute to a memorable Palm Sunday celebration.

Mission & Social Action Committee



Please join Glade UCC on Sunday, March 17 at the Community Table on E. All Saints Street in downtown Frederick. We will be serving our signature menu of mac & cheese and ham with rolls, salad, green beans and homemade cakes for dessert. We count on our members to provide the food, and they always do, and to serve it with a smile on our faces. We arrive at about 4:15, serve from 5-6:30. Clean-up is usually over by 7 or earlier. We'd love to have you join the team as a server or to provide food. Our home-cooked mac & cheese is a perennial favorite and our guests are appreciative of the time and effort it takes to prepare the meal. For further information, contact Adriane at 301-221-3045 or awodey@aol.com

Food Bank for February & March



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. Cash donations are also accepted by the Glade Valley Community Services at P. O. Box 655, Walkersville, MD 21793.

2024 Mission Trip

Join Glade UCC and Jefferson UCC on our mission trip to Sunset Gap, TN, from June 2-8. Work on the property Mon-Wed, and enjoy Pigeon Forge, TN, on Thu-Fri.

Last year's team had a great time—David, Bonnie, Hailey Ogg, and Loriejean Turner. We would love to invite more friends from Glade to join! Contact Bonnie Ogg for details.



February Second Mile Giving



Our 2nd Mile giving recipient for February is the Church World Service Blanket Program. For over 75 years, Church World Service has been a beacon of hope, bringing God's healing and support to people in the U.S. and around the world.

In times of difficulty, a compassionate and caring response can make a world of difference.

That's the essence of the CWS Blankets program.

Created to provide a tangible and loving response to those facing tough times, it serves as a reminder they are not alone.

And here's the heartwarming part – with every \$10 donation, a blanket is supplied! Let's join hands in supporting this wonderful cause and spreading warmth and comfort to those in need.

March Second Mile Giving

Illuminate Lives with One Great Hour of Sharing!
Our 2nd Mile giving recipient for March.

Join the United Church of Christ's special mission offering, One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), and be a beacon of hope around the globe. Your participation makes a difference in disaster response, refugee/immigration support, and development initiatives worldwide.



When disaster strikes or communities face displacement due to violence or extreme poverty, your contribution to OGHS ensures immediate response and long-term recovery. Engage in holistic development programs covering health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing, and women's empowerment.

As part of the UCC's mutual partnership with churches and organizations through Global Ministries, your support to One Great Hour of Sharing places you at the forefront of worldwide response and recovery networks. Be in the right place at the right time to provide relief, accompaniment, and recovery for the most vulnerable. Your contributions not only address immediate needs but also tackle the root causes that lead to these needs.

Share the light of compassion and change lives with One Great Hour of Sharing. Illuminate the path to a brighter future for those in need.

Care Givers

"There is no lesser or greater gift if the gift is LOVE." --Leo Buscaglia

It's February...Valentine's Day is fast approaching. If you go in stores, red and white displays and candy hearts will vie for your attention. If you browse the internet, you'll find an abundance written about the topic. I discovered this simple poem that makes a 'connection' between the joy of loving and sharing and caring and giving.

Giving is the essence of love
A selfless act pure and true
It's not about what you receive
But what can be given by you.

What thoughtful gift can you give
That shows how much you care
For in giving we receive so much more
Love is so easy to share.

Here are some ways you can be a Glade UCC Care Giver;

Give a hug, a smile, a card, your time (a visit or call), a personal note, a compliment (and, of course, chocolate is always a good choice:-)

Happy Valentine's Day!

In God's Love, Becky D.



Sympathy



Glade UCC sends our love and sympathy to the family of Beverly Mae Shoemaker, 85, of Thurmont, Maryland, who passed from this life on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at Kline Hospice House in Mt. Airy, Maryland with her devoted daughter by her side. She was predeceased by her loving husband, Jack, to whom she was married nearly 60 years.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland she was the daughter of the late Thomas P. and Madeline W. (Smith) Cramer. Beverly graduated in 1956 from Frederick High School although in her young life she attended six schools in six years in Frederick and Montgomery counties. Through this she developed her out-going nature and never knew a stranger. Upon graduating high school, Beverly worked at Farmers and Mechanics Bank until the birth of her daughter, Carole. The friendships she made at that time remained with her throughout her life.

Beverly was a life-long member of Glade United Church of Christ in Walkersville, where she remained active until her passing.

With true giving spirit, Beverly enjoyed life and took on many volunteer positions both in the church and the community. Beverly was proud of forming a support group for TMJ sufferers as she was one of the first in the area to have this surgery. She remained active in the National Association and always took phone calls offering words of support and advice to others who were dealing with this issue.

Beverly was a life member of the Frederick County Farm Museum, Rose Hill, a life member of the Great Frederick Fair where she served as Superintendent of the Farm and Garden Building from 1983-1987. Additionally, she was a member of Frederick County Landmarks and Heritage Farm Community Commons. She served as an election judge for many years in Precinct 26.

Beverly volunteered for the Red Cross Blood Drive programs and the American Cancer Society where she participated in "Daffodil Days". In her home community of Walkersville, she helped at the Glade Valley Food Bank and spent many years assisting with the Walkersville Carnival. She was also a member of Rose Hill Garden Club, Walkersville Homemakers Club, Pleasant Walk Homemakers, Walkersville Rescue Company 24 and Frederick Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Frederick Class of 56 "Card Club," a special friend group whose connections go back to their elementary school days.

Beverly enjoyed travelling, country dancing with her husband, crafts, antiques and sharing her own antique toys and baskets with others. Beverly is survived by her daughter, Carole A. Shoemaker and her soul-mate, Thomas G. Whalen; her cousins, Sharon and Brent Smith (Tina); and all of her husband's siblings, Shirley A. Eyler ("Sam," deceased), Joan F. Lenhart ("Sammy"), Mary C. Frymyer ("Dick," deceased), John "Joe" Shoemaker, Robert S. Shoemaker ("Frannie") and Diane Stine ("Walt," deceased); and numerous nieces, nephews; and great-nieces and great-nephews.



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.

You can find the latest Snow Emergency Plans that are in effect here:

<https://chart.maryland.gov/SnowEmergencyPlan/GetSnowEmergencyPlan>

Text & Phone Updates

As we navigate through the winter season, staying connected and informed becomes crucial, especially regarding weather-related cancellations for church events or services. In an effort to enhance communication, we are exploring the implementation of an auto-texting app for mass notifications.

You will receive Remind messages via text, the web, email, the iOS app, and the Android app, allowing customization of notification preferences. To ensure you receive timely updates until we get the app up and running, we are asking if you would please add your name and number, along with your preferred contact method of call or text, to the ongoing list on the table in the back of the church.

You will always be able to follow our inclement weather policy by phoning the church's main number, checking Facebook, or visiting our website for the latest updates.

Special Thanks

Homewood Foundation sent an acknowledgement of our donation of \$55.00 for the Frederick Benevolent Care through the Homewood Foundation. Our investment in their mission is invaluable and has a profound impact on the lives of those they serve, and their families.

They are grateful for our thoughtful generosity, which creates opportunities for members of their Homewood family to remain there, at home, even after they outlive their resources through no fault of their own. Our support will allow them to continue to deliver vital programs and services that make a lasting difference in our communities.

The Lancaster Theological Seminary thanked Glade UCC for the \$200 gift of support of the ministry of theological education at the seminary. They thank us for supporting their mission to educate and nurture leaders to join in God's redemptive and liberating work. Every day their students spend learning in the classroom, at the chapel, or in prayer or meditation, our prayerful generosity guides them in their journey to becoming compassionate leaders who will make a profound impact in our world.

Mission of Mercy would like to thank us for our support in 2023, with our generous contribution of \$85. Our contributions truly bring the gifts of hope and healing to those they serve, not only during the holidays, but throughout the year!

Their patients are the working poor, the uninsured, underinsured, and seniors, whose income is inadequate to cover their basic needs for food, shelter and other life's essentials. Because of lack of income, they do not seek help from a doctor or dentist. Through our contributions, Mission of Mercy provides at no cost to the men and women who seek help healthcare, dental care and prescription medications .

The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs would like to send their heartfelt gratitude for our generous donation of \$635. With our donation they can take significant steps towards addressing homelessness and poverty in our community. Our support provides shelter and essential tools to help our fellow citizens achieve self-sufficiency and regain their footing in society.

Our kindness and generosity have a remarkable impact on the lives of those we serve, providing comfort and relief in times of crisis.

Special Thanks Continued

Mental Health Association of Frederick County thanks us for our generous donation of \$55. Our donation makes a difference on the lives of so many people. With our donation the call center continues to answer 211 and 988 calls 24/7. We are helping children and their guardians navigate through the school, health, and legal systems to best serve their needs. We are keeping their walk-in behavioral health services open at no cost to those who are in crisis or just need someone to talk to. MHA thanks us on behalf of all those they serve, for making this life changing and lifesaving work possible.

Glade Valley Community Services thanks us for our \$46 donation we raised during our Christmas concert. Our donation will be allocated as needed to support existing programs and/or new programs, as determined by the GVCS to meet the ongoing needs of families and individuals living in our area.



Fri., Feb. 2	GROUNDHOG DAY
Tue., Feb 14	ASH WEDNESDAY/VALENTINE'S DAY 7:30-8:00 p.m.—Imposition of Ashes
Sun., Feb 18	First Sunday in Lent
Mon., Feb 19	PRESIDENT'S DAY—Church Office Closed

The 2023 Annual Report, and the 2024 Budget, will be available on **Sunday, February 11**. You can find them located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. However, if you prefer a digital or mailed copy, please feel free to call the office at 301-845-6775, and we'll be happy to email or mail it to you.



February Birthdays

2/01 Ralph Whitmore
Tom England
Rebecca Strawsburg
2/02 Justin Clarke
Andre Cornelis
2/04 Ellen Garst
2/06 Tammie Shumaker
2/07 Lisa Byrd
Liam Powell
Hadley Howell
2/08 Kara Caprarola
Scott Borison
2/10 Brady Nusbaum
2/11 Paul Yingling
James Harrison
2/12 Stuart Clark
Evie Ball
2/14 Jennifer Ogg
Bryan Saylor
2/15 Terri Grimm



2/16 Mary Scheele
2/17 Blake Ambrose
2/18 Logan DiPaolo
2/19 Craig Davie
Ken Grim
Raegan Smith
Billy Veith
2/21 Dorothy Shober
2/22 Linda Powers
2/23 Daniel Ogg
2/24 Frances Cecil
Stacey Wachter
2/27 Tiffany Kauffman
2/28 Leo Duncan
2/29 Megan Ford

February Anniversaries

Happy
anniversary

2/21 Bonnie & David Ogg



March Birthdays

3/01 Topper Cramer
 3/01 Sierra Fogle-Geer
 3/02 Amanda Engel
 3/03 William Powell Jr.
 3/04 Pamela Saylor
 Dawson Caprarola
 3/06 Brooke Caprarola
 3/07 Brody Roberts
 3/09 Mark Susi
 3/10 Aden Ausherman
 Bipen Butala
 3/11 Patty Green
 Tyler Jordre
 Connor Fogle
 3/13 Kati Davie



3/18 Hailey Ogg
 3/22 Phil Curran
 Alan Wilcom
 3/23 Lori Strawsburg
 3/24 Charles Snow
 3/25 Donald Lenhart
 3/26 Morgan Grimm
 3/28 Jenna Zimmerman
 3/30 Talin Smith
 3/31 Bob Watson
 John Zimmerman, Jr.

happy
 birthday!

March Anniversaries



3/14 Katie Penick & Ken Grim
 3/15 Patty & Paul Green

Happy
 Anniversary

March

dates to Remember

Sun., March 10	Daylight Savings Time begins
Sun., March 17	HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY
Mon., March 18	Glade Tidings Newsletter Articles Due
Tue., March 19	First Day of Spring
Sun., March 24	Palm Sunday—Cantata Worship Service
Sun., March 31	Easter





Join us for Holy Humor Sunday, April 7th a delightful and laughter-filled occasion! Be prepared to witness entertaining skits performed by our very own Chad Weddle and Bill Powell. It promises to be a joyous and light hearted gathering that will lift your spirits. We look forward to sharing laughter and good times with you on Holy Humor Sunday!

HOMEWOOD PARTY CELEBRATION HAS RETURNED

Homewood contacted us to see if we would like to continue helping the residents of Homewood celebrate their birthdays. In the past, we have celebrated the April birthdays. This is a wonderful outreach mission for the church to participate in. The residents truly enjoy the refreshments and visiting with us.



We are scheduled to host the April birthdays at the Homewood Meadows unit at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 20th. We arrive half hour early for set up. We anticipate serving them cake, ice cream and punch. The cake must be purchased and not homemade.

Anyone interested in making a donation for the expenses of the food, etc. please see Connie Rough or place a check in the offering plate with Homewood Birthday in the memo line of your check.

We need volunteers to help host the party as well. Please contact Connie Rough if you are able to help celebrate the April birthdays. The residents love socializing with us.

Easter Flower Order Form - 2024

Please complete this form if you would like to place flowers in the church on Easter Sunday. **Please complete a separate line** for each person you wish to honor or memorialize. Attach your check (made payable to Glade UCC - with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line). Please indicate the number of flowers you wish to purchase and place in the box at the rear of the Sanctuary, or mail to the church office **no later than**

February 26, 2024 For additional information, contact Carole Kreimer 443-547-2985 mkreimer@verizon.net

Lilies: *6.5" pot* **Tulips:** *6.5" pot*

15.00 Qty: ____ **\$10.00** Qty: ____ Assorted Colors (*specific colors can not be guaranteed*)

Flowers are given by:

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In Memory of: _____

or

In Honor of: _____

Flowers are given by:

In Memory of: _____

or

In Honor of: _____