



Changing Lives

Shady Grove UMC Stewardship 2017

Ways in which your contributions to our operating fund are Changing Lives:

- Rev. David Adkins, Senior Pastor and Rev. Beanie Kelly, Associate Pastor and Director of Children and Family Ministries led worship at four services each Sunday, and offered sermon series such as “Games People Play,” “I AM Sayings of Jesus,” “I Love My Church,” and “Next Steps.”
- The Caring Clothes Closet and Bags 4 Kids served over 3,000 clients through its partnerships 18 agencies, including United Methodist Family Services, Department of Social Services, The Sophie House, and Dominion Academy.
- Bible Boot Camp and Methodism 101 were popular Saturday classes offered by Lauren Adkins, Director of Adult Discipleship.
- We celebrated Holy Week with a dramatic presentation of The Upper Room on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday worship led by the sanctuary choir, and six Easter morning services, attended by 1,223 people.
- Twenty-five youth were confirmed in May after eight weeks of study led by Frank Basil, Director of Youth Ministry, and Rev. Beanie Kelly.
- Fifteen adults served for a week in Guyan Valley, WV with Appalachia Service Project, led by Bob Payne.
- Rev. Sylvia Cooper, Minister of Music and Arts, offered a piano concert, Simple Gifts, which raised \$2,000 for the scholarship fund of the Center for Creative Arts at Shady Grove.
- 115 people packed meals for Stop Hunger Now, a mission of youth ministry.
- The Sophie House, a community ministry that supports single women and children, moved into the James Thurman Mission House in May, strengthening a partnership with our missions committee and Caring Clothes Closet.
- Brian Mahne was hired as our new Director of Contemporary Worship, energizing contemporary worship with a revamped praise team.
- 153 kids and 75 youth and adult volunteers participated in Vacation Bible School in June.
- The Capital Campaign Celebration Sunday was held in June with a combined worship service under a tent in the parking lot. 131 families pledged over \$1.6 million towards the construction of phase 1 of the revised Master Plan.
- 132 youth and adults spent a week in mission in Savannah, Georgia and Indianapolis.
- 23 kids and 6 youth and adult volunteers spent three days in mission in our community with Up and Out G-3 mission trip.
- The Shady Grove Book Club began meeting each month, discussing the month’s book over dinner.
- The Center for Creative Arts at Shady Grove expanded after school music lesson offerings to Fridays, now serving 272 students each week, and offered a full line up of summer camps, including two weeks of musical theater camp, for 82 students, directed by Rev. Sylvia Cooper.
- The Shady Grove UMC Preschool expanded class offerings and revamped its Pre-K class with new classroom space. The preschool has 72 children enrolled in six classes.
- We welcomed the community to worship with WELCOME! Sunday in September, led by Debbie Hockemeyer, Director of Hospitality and Evangelism, and the evangelism team.
- A team of adults goes to Gilpin Court each week through the school year to offer afterschool tutoring and provide dinner to kids through STEP.
- The 3rd Annual Wayne Samford Memorial Golf Tournament had 120 golfers participating and donated \$17,000 to the Easter Seals camp.
- Game Night was held as a church-wide fellowship event, featuring bingo and pizza.
- Happen’n Hallows Eve, led by Terri Ellis, Jamie Bittner, and Sarah Hardyman, expanded the event with new activities, inviting the community to our door for a fun family event.
- We participated in a church-wide Advent study, organized by Lauren Adkins.
- 460 shoeboxes were packed and shipped in support of Operation Christmas Child, led by Dottie Chilton.
- Thirty-six children presented the Christmas musical, *Christmas Hang Ups*, in early December. More than 800 members of the congregation, visitors and guests attended the Saturday and Sunday presentations.
- Forty-six members of the sanctuary choir plus an eleven member orchestra presented the Christmas musical drama, *At Last, Noel*, in mid-December. More than 700 members of the congregation, visitors and guests attended the three presentations on Saturday and Sunday.
- We welcomed 1,588 people to our Christmas Eve services.