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Acts 20:7-12 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>7</sup>On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. <sup>8</sup>There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting. <sup>9</sup>Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead. <sup>10</sup>Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “He’s alive!” <sup>11</sup>Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left. <sup>12</sup>The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.

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You will find the words and responses on the screens during the Contemporary worship service. The general order we follow each Sunday is:

- Gathering:** Praise Songs and Greeting
- Gratitude:** Offering and Prayer
- God’s Word:** Scripture and Message
- Going:** Praise Song and Sending

**Songs in Today’s Service:** *Open the Eyes of My Heart* by Michael W. Smith  
*Unstoppable God* by Elevation Worship  
*Not in a Hurry* by Will Reagan  
*I Will Call Upon the Lord* by Michael O’Shields



*These and other praise songs can be found on PER 90.5 FM. Listening will improve your week.*

*We are building our contemporary worship team. If you would like to sing, play, or be part of our audio/visual team, please contact Brian Mahne at [bmahne@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:bmahne@shadygroveumc.net).*

**Building Committee Update**

The Building Committee met with the General Contractor on Wednesday, December 13, to receive and discuss the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) proposal. The GMP proposal represents what it will cost to complete the building expansion as designed.

The conceptual budget for this project was \$2.5 million, the 3-year capital campaign generated commitments of \$1.6 million and the members of Shady Grove approved the financing of the remainder at the Church Conference held on March 5 of this year. Due to current construction market conditions, Henrico County requirements and other building code related items, the GMP proposal is \$3.5 million or \$1 million over budget.

On Tuesday, December 19, the Building Committee met with Church Council to share this information and discuss next steps. Because of the large variance to budget, Church Council and the Building Committee agreed that it would be prudent to perform a more in-depth review of the building project before taking further action or deciding on the best path forward for Shady Grove. To that end, Church Council and the Building Committee will meet again during the 2nd week of January to discern and decide next steps.

The next steps for Shady Grove will require prayerful reflection and discernment. Our continued commitment to you is to keep you informed on the progress of this project. We also ask for your commitment to pray for this chapter in the life of the church and for the courage to serve our community with #morehope, #morepeace, #morejoy, and #morelove.



**Sunday 1/7**

- Virginia Blood Service (Front Parking Lot) 8:00 am-12:00 noon
- Regular Worship Schedule
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
- District Training (Reveille UMC) 1:30-5:00 pm
- Praise Kids (Sanctuary) 4:15-5:00 pm
- Youth Family Bingo Night (FH) 6:30-7:30 pm
- NO G-3

**Monday 1/8**

- Girl Scout Troop 547 (EB 106) 4:00-5:15 pm
- Girl Scout Troop 5355 (EB 202/203) 4:00-5:15 pm
- Church Council and Building Committee Meeting (EB 201) 6:30-7:30 pm

**Tuesday 1/9**

- CCC Manager’s Meeting (DOG House) 8:30 am-12:00 noon
- Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary) 9:30-10:00 am
- Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am
- Cub Scout Pack 735 Bears (EB 209) 6:00-7:00 pm
- Missions Committee Meeting (EB 201) 6:00-7:00 pm
- Trustees Meeting (Library) 6:30-8:00 pm

**Wednesday 1/10**

- Preschool Open House (EB) 10:00-11:00 am
- Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary) 10:30-11:30 am
- Bistro (FH) 5:15-6:15 pm
- Faith Care Infant/Toddler Nursery (EB 111) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Little Hands – Twos (EB 105) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Bible Zone grades 1-5 (EB 209) 6:15-7:15 pm
- SonShine Singers (Sanctuary) 6:15-6:45 pm
- Sprouts – Threes to Fives (EB 106) 6:45-7:15 pm
- Youth Small Group (DOG House) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Rowdy MOMs (EB 201) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Connection Group (EB 206) 6:15-7:15 pm
- NEW! Disciple Fast Track (EB 207) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Gideon’s Call (EB 204) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Disciple Fast Track 2 (EB 203) 6:30-7:30 pm
- Song Leaders Sign-Up (Sanctuary Narthex) 7:15-7:45 pm
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 7:15-8:15 pm
- Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary) 7:15-8:45 pm

**Thursday 1/11**

- UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:45 am
- Girl Scout Troop 5704 (EB 203) 5:30-7:30 pm
- UMM Dinner and Meeting (FH) 6:00-9:00 pm
- Richmond Christian Singles Bible Study (EB 206) 7:00-8:30 pm
- Boy Scouts – Troop 735 (EB 202/203) 7:00-9:00 pm

**Friday 1/12**

- High School Breakfast (Chick-fil-A) 7:45 am
- Women’s Bible Study (Chapel Bldg., C-2) 9:45-11:00 am
- Girl Scout Troop 408 (EB 106) 2:40-4:00 pm

**Sunday 1/14**

- Regular Worship Schedule
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
- Girl Scout Troop 3007 (EB 201) 3:00-4:30 pm
- Praise Kids (Sanctuary) 4:15-5:00 pm
- G-3 (Chapel Bldg.) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Middle School Large Group (DOG House) 6:00-7:00 pm
- High School Large Group (DOG House) 7:30-8:30 pm

Will you be loyal to Shady Grove United Methodist Church and uphold your church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?  
 The church finances are updated monthly on the website, [www.shadygroveumc.net/finance](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/finance), and include finance committee perspectives. We encourage you to review routinely to glean insights on both the operating budget and debt management. Hard copies are available upon request.

**ATTENDANCE for 12/31/2017**

8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	Total	SS	COW
31	148	115	79	373	8	28



Sunday, January 7, 2018

**THIS WEEK AT SHADY GROVE**

**Shady Grove United Methodist Church Short Pump**  
 4825 Pouncey Tract Road  
 Glen Allen VA 23059  
 (804)360-2600  
[www.shadygroveumc.net](http://www.shadygroveumc.net)

**Regular Sunday Schedule**

<u>8:15 am</u>	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
<u>9:30 am</u>	Informal Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery Faith Care (infants-age 2)	Education Building
	3 Years-5th Grade Sunday School	Education Building
	Youth Sunday School	Chapel Building
	Adult Sunday School	Chapel Building
<u>11:00 am</u>	Informal Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Contemporary Worship	Fellowship Hall
	Nursery Faith Care (infants-age 2)	Education Building
	<u>Children’s Own Worship</u>	Chapel



## Announcements for January 7, 2018

We are glad you are here. It is our hope that you will find our worship meaningful and life-giving. If you are searching for a church home or are interested in learning more about Shady Grove UMC, we invite you to attend our next "Lunch with the Pastors" on Sunday, January 21, from 12:15 to 1:30 pm. To RSVP for lunch, please stop by the welcome center today, call the church office at 360-2600, or email Debbie Hockemeyer at [dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net).

### TODAY

We begin our worship series, *Outside My Own Little World*. Some days it feels overwhelming to care for our own. On top of that, it can feel overwhelming to care for our neighbors and share God's love in the world. It's easy to lose our sense of purpose. Matthew West's song "My Own Little World" encourages us to move from our "own little world" to be the hands and feet of Christ. How do we find our purpose personally and as a church? Our message this week is *I Try to Stay Awake*. In order to begin to live "outside our own little world," we are asked to "wake up" to the world around us . . . beyond what we might see right in front of us. Sometimes we simply go through the motions—in our lives and in our worship. Perhaps it is not about staying awake *in* church, but staying awake *as* the church. There are many reasons why we may be choosing to stay unaware . . . the pain in the world is sometimes overwhelming. But the risk of becoming numb, living our lives as if asleep, is that it begins to affect the way we experience the fullness of God's abundant blessings and promises, even and especially in the midst of pain. The good news is that we can wake up.

**Please Give Blood! Shady Grove UMC Blood Drive is today** from 8:00 am to 12:15 pm, stop by the Bloodmobile. Walk-ins welcome. Contact: Kelly Wood at 439-3432.

**Youth Family Bingo Night is today**, at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Bring the family and a dessert or appetizer to share. Contact Frank Basil at [youth@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:youth@shadygroveumc.net).

**The 2018 Altar Flower Calendar is now up** and ready in the narthex. Please sign up for dates that are special to you; in honor, memory, or in celebration. Questions? Email Dana Kelley at [musicadmin@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:musicadmin@shadygroveumc.net). The cost of flowers for 2018 remains at \$22.00 and payment may be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office.

**Gift Cards to Benefit Youth Ministry** – Be sure to check out the gift card table on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary foyer or download an order form from [www.shadygroveumc.net/youth-documents](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/youth-documents) to see many other cards you can purchase. Questions? Contact Frank Basil at [youth@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:youth@shadygroveumc.net).

### THIS WEEK

**Betty Fairbanks Circle meets tomorrow, January 8, 2018** at 1:00 pm in room 201 of the education building. Betty Fairbanks was a United Methodist missionary to India from 1940 until the early 1980's. Betty was born and raised in New England and attended the Kennedy School of Missions, at Hartford Seminary. She came to Richmond, as a teacher at the Richmond Professional Institute (now VCU). The Shady Grove Betty Fairbanks Circle was founded in 1954. If you are new to Shady Grove, this might just be an activity for you! We invite you to come and meet us! Questions? Contact: [nancylove10@comcast.net](mailto:nancylove10@comcast.net) or 804-716-0517.

**Join us Wednesday nights at Shady Grove Bistro** – Dinner is served 5:15 to 6:15 pm in the fellowship hall. RSVP on our website, [www.shadygroveumc.net/shady-grove-bistro](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/shady-grove-bistro) or call 360-3907, ext. 46 by noon Tuesdays. Adults: \$7, Child: \$3, Family (parents & children): \$20. Menu for January 10 – chicken malai curry, butter naan, jasmine rice, saag paneer (spinach), samosas.

**NEW! Wednesday Night Disciple Fast Track starting January 10, 2018** from 6:15-7:15 pm in education building room 207. This NEW meeting time of the long-term study maintains the integrity and principles of the original Disciple Bible Study, but it is modified to better meet the needs of a hectic world. By reading 15-20 minutes every day, you can study the Bible from Genesis to Revelation in 24 weeks! FREE STUDY MANUALS PROVIDED!!! Contact: Cassandra Isley, [ctis5@verizon.net](mailto:ctis5@verizon.net).

**Gideon's Call** – This men's vocal ensemble, will be singing in worship Sunday, February 4. Rehearsals are from 6:15-7:15 pm Wednesdays, January 10 and 24, and are held in the education building, room 204. The final rehearsal is January 31 from 6:15-7:15 pm and will be held in the sanctuary. Boys in grades 9-12 and interested men are encouraged to join us and participate in this ministry opportunity. We will be singing the song *By Our Love* by Mary McDonald. Contact Sylvia Cooper at [scooper@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:scooper@shadygroveumc.net) for more information.

**UMM January Meeting** – Start the New Year off on the right foot by joining the UMM for our first dinner of 2018 on Thursday, January 11. Doors open at 5:30 pm with dinner being served at 6:00 pm. The menu will be chili, cornbread, celery and carrots, and brownies. **RSVP by Tuesday, January 9.** To RSVP or hear more about UMM, please contact Ed Mekalian at [edmekalian@mac.com](mailto:edmekalian@mac.com) or Dave Adkins at [adkinsdx@yahoo.com](mailto:adkinsdx@yahoo.com).

**Friday Women's Bible Study** – All women are invited to join the Friday Women's Bible study as they begin a new book in January. Pastor Beanie will lead a study of *Set Apart: Holy Habits of Prophets and Kings* by Jessica LaGrone. This study on 1 and 2 Kings "examines six holy habits of Old Testament prophets and kings who were set apart by their close walk with God...being consecrated (devoted) to God; listening to God; mentoring; practicing humility; worshiping God; and, discovering God's word." The study will **begin Friday, January 12, 2018.** The group meets at 9:45-11:00 am in Chapel Hall. Questions? Contact Debbie Hockemeyer at [dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net) or 360-2600, ext. 43.

### COMING UP

**Massanutten Tubing Trip** – The Children's Council is planning a family tubing trip to Massanutten Resort on **Monday, January 15.** Cost is \$24 per person for a 2 hour session. We will leave the church parking lot by 9:30 am. Families can bring your lunch or purchase lunch at Massanutten. Please use the Google form at [tinyurl.com/Jan15tubing](http://tinyurl.com/Jan15tubing) to let us know if you are interested in going by January 8. Questions? Contact Debbie Casey at [deborah@shadesofdesigninc.com](mailto:deborah@shadesofdesigninc.com).

**Happy New Year! This month, Knitting and Crochet Ministry meets Thursday, January 25,** at 7:00 pm, at Elaine Ratliff's home, 5009 Belmont Park Road, Glen Allen. We stitch shawls, scarves, and hats to share God's love. Your willingness to knit or crochet is all you need to join us. We will have the equipment available for you to learn! For those at home, let Margaret know if you want to add a stitched item to our ministry! Reach Margaret Phillips at [phillips.mwphillips@gmail.com](mailto:phillips.mwphillips@gmail.com) or 527-7857.

**Agape Ringers** – We welcome children in grades 1-5 to join the Agape Ringers. Rehearsals **begin January 28** and continue each Sunday afternoon. We meet in the education building, room 204, from 3:30-4:15 pm. This year we will ring once a month at both the 9:30 and 11:00 am services: February 18, March 18, and April 29. This ensemble is in addition to the Praise Kids (grades 1-5) and meets right before Praise Kids (Sundays from 4:15-5:00 pm). The ministry includes singing, playing Orff instruments and hand chimes. Contact Sylvia Cooper at [scooper@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:scooper@shadygroveumc.net).

**Sign up now to serve with the Appalachia Service Project** in Brenton, WV, Monday, April 2 - Friday, April 6, 2018. Expected cost is \$410-425. Financial aid is available. Youth age 16 and older with a parent and all adults are invited to serve. Contact for the trip is Mark Tuttle, [mark987@hushmail.com](mailto:mark987@hushmail.com) or 382-6826.

### Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of January 7, 2018

Acts 20:7-12

These questions are to be used as a spring board for discussion. Answers may or may not be found in the sermons.

1. Our series as we begin the New Year is *Outside My Own Little World*. How would you describe your own little world? What gifts do you find in each other's "worlds"?
2. Describe a situation that forced you outside of "your world". What blessings did you discover? What blessings could you offer? What was challenging? Where do you think God was in it?
3. How might God be inviting you to get outside of your own world now? Where would you begin? How? Who could help you?
4. The sermon title is, *I Try to Stay Awake*. In the scripture lesson, Eutyclus's falling asleep is directly connected to losing life . . . but he can wake up again, live again because of what God does. What does this mean for you? Our church?
5. How would you complete this sentence: As Jesus awakens (me, our church) to \_\_\_\_\_ (I, we) come alive!

We pray for the written and unwritten prayers received through the Prayer Request Cards.

