

Today's message is, "A Faith That Works: Taming the Tongue."

James 3:1-12 New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.

<sup>3</sup> We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. <sup>4</sup> And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. <sup>5</sup> In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches.

But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. <sup>6</sup> And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

<sup>7</sup> People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, <sup>8</sup> but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. <sup>10</sup> And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! <sup>11</sup> Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water? <sup>12</sup> Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring.

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You will find the words and responses on the screens during the Contemporary worship service.

*The prayer shawl represents the sharing of God's love and grace and is for you to take for yourself or give to someone who is suffering with despair, loss, or illness.*

- Songs in Today's Service:**
- Lord I Lift Your Name on High* by Petra
  - This Is Amazing Grace* by Phil Wickham
  - I Could Sing of Your Love Forever* by Sonicflood
  - The Power of Your Love* by Hillsong
  - Unstoppable God* by Elevation Worship

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

**2018 Church Goals**

A connected church, a serving church, a church where we grow together in Christ. This is the direction the Church Council, in dialogue with the ministry areas of the church, hears God calling all of us together as Shady Grove United Methodist Church to move toward in this ministry year. So, let's all join together in these church wide goals.

1. Getting connected: Our goal is to have 50% of our membership sign up with Realm. (Send a request today to [realm@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:realm@shadygroveumc.net))
2. Serving inter-generationally: Here we build on a strength by embracing a congregation-wide mission effort through education and the joining of our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.
3. Growing together in Christ: Our goal is to increase the number of members participating in a small group at SGUMC by 20%.

So, let's get connected; let's get serving; let's get growing together in Christ.

*"God who began a good work in us will be faithful to complete it." ~Philippians 1:6*



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 11/18/2018**

8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	Total	SS	COW
59	210	121	68	458	131	15

**Sunday 11/25**

- Regular Worship Schedule
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Chapel) 9:00-9:20 am
- Stage Setup (Sanctuary) 12:15-1:15 pm
- Straight Outta Bethlehem* FULL Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 3:30-5:00 pm
- Youth Ice Skating (The Rink at West Broad Village) 4:00-6:00 pm
- G-3 (Chapel Bldg) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Women's Study (Chapel Bldg., C-3) 5:00-6:00 pm

**Monday 11/26**

- Daisy Troop 547 (EB 106) 4:00-5:15 pm

**Tuesday 11/27**

- Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am
- Richmond Babywearers Meeting (EB 111/112) 4:30-6:00 pm
- Ruritan Dinner Meeting (FH) 6:00-8:00 pm
- Church Council Meeting (Library) 6:30-8:00 pm

**Wednesday 11/28**

- Preschool Open House for Prospective Students (EB) 10:00 am
- Incredible Christmas Eve* Practice (Sanctuary) 4:30-5:30 pm
- FINAL *Straight Outta Bethlehem* Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 4:30-6:15 pm
- Faith Care Infant/Toddler Nursery (EB 111) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Bible Zone Grades 1-5 (EB 209) 6:15-7:15 pm
- SonShine Singers (EB 106) 6:15-6:45 pm
- Sprouts – Threes to Fives (EB 106) 6:45-7:15 pm
- Advent Study: *Christmas Gifts That Won't Break* (EB 203) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Short-Term Study of *Renovate* (EB 201) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Disciple Fast Track 2 (EB 202) 6:30-7:30 pm
- Behold, A Savior!* Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:15-9:00 pm

**Thursday 11/29**

- UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:30 am
- The Golden Notes Rehearsal (EB 204) 10:00-11:00 am
- Girl Scout Troop 5720 (EB 202) 5:30-7:00 pm
- Pack 735 Tiger Den Meeting (EB 209) 6:00-7:00 pm
- Boy Scouts – Troop 735 (FH) 7:00-9:00 pm
- Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting (Home of Elaine Ratliff) 7:00-9:00 pm

**Friday 11/30**

- 5th Friday Middle and High School Breakfast (Chick-fil-A) 7:20-8:30 am
- Decorating for Santa Supper (FH) 8:00 am-5:00 pm

**Saturday 12/1**

- Decorating for Santa Supper (FH) 8:00 am-4:00 pm
- Straight Outta Bethlehem* Presentation (Sanctuary) 4:00-5:00 pm
- Santa Supper (FH) 5:00-6:30 pm

**Sunday 12/2**

- Traditional Worship and Communion (Chapel) 8:15 am
- Straight Outta Bethlehem* Presentation (Sanctuary) 9:30 am & 11:00 am
- Advent Study: *Christmas Gifts That Won't Break* (Chapel Bldg., C-3) 9:30-10:30 am
- Contemporary Worship and Communion (FH) 11:00 am
- Rhapsody Recitals (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00-5:00 pm
- Children's Council Meeting (Library) 3:30-4:45 pm
- G-3 (Chapel Bldg) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Women's Study (Chapel Bldg., C-3) 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



Sunday, November 25, 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
	Children's <u>O</u> wn <u>W</u> orship	Chapel



## **Announcements for November 25, 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, 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**

**Today's message is *A Faith That Works: Taming the Tongue*.** More powerful than a rhino. Quicker than a cheetah. More bothersome than a mosquito. The tongue can do some damage more quickly than we predict. How can we be more responsible in all we say and refrain from saying?

**Stewardship 2019: *Beyond Worth It!*** The Stewardship committee would like to THANK YOU for your contributions of time, service, and finances to help our community of faith know and grow in Christ. Through your generosity, we can reach our community in meaningful and relevant ways as Jesus touches the world through us. We are grateful for the gifts God has planted in each of you and how we see you sharing those gifts through the ministries at Shady Gove. Thank you to all 155 individuals and families who have made a commitment to our operating fund and to participate in the life of this church in 2019. If you have not turned in your commitment card for 2019, there is still time to do so. Our goal is to get a minimum of 225 commitments for our operating fund. Commitment cards can be dropped in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, or made through our Realm® software. Realm can also be used to review your giving history and make donations online. Your financial support helps us to plan accordingly for the year ahead and to meet the needs inside and outside Shady Grove.

**Join us for the Advent Study: *Christmas Gifts That Won't Break*** – We will explore the spirit of Christmas by discussing the meaning of the Advent candles we light in worship. Join other adults in studying this book on Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30 am or Wednesday nights 6:15-7:15 pm. If you plan to participate in one of the sessions, sign up on Realm Events. If you would like to purchase a copy of the book for \$10 to study on your own, email Lauren Adkins at [ladkins@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:ladkins@shadygroveumc.net). Regular and large print **books available in the narthex today.**

**Dinners for Eight 2019!** We had a great start to our 2019 Dinners for Eight signup at Groovin' at the Grove in September. We will continue signups on Sunday mornings in November at the welcome centers in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Dinners for Eight is designed to help us get to know one another a little bit better outside of Sunday mornings. It doesn't matter if you are young or young at heart, couple or single, new to SGUMC or seasoned veteran. We begin with a "Meet and Greet" kick-off in January for the entire group and end with a group picnic typically in May. In between, participants are placed in rotating groups of eight and gather once a month in homes from February to April. Questions? Contact Pam Thompson at [pethompson32@gmail.com](mailto:pethompson32@gmail.com) or 804-360-3162.

**Christmas Poinsettias** – Poinsettias are available in honor and memory of loved ones for \$20 or you may purchase a listing in the Christmas Poinsettia insert for \$10 with all proceeds to benefit youth missions. Plants will be used to decorate the sanctuary and fellowship hall on December 23 and then may be taken home. **Deadline to order is Monday, December 10.** Paper order forms available at the youth gift card table on Sunday mornings or order and pay online at [www.tinyurl.com/poinsettias2018](http://www.tinyurl.com/poinsettias2018).

**Christmas is Coming! Remember the SGUMC Youth Ministry Gift Card program for all your shopping needs!** You can purchase gift cards at face value and the youth ministry receives a percentage of the sale to support youth missions. Check out the selection every Sunday morning in the sanctuary narthex between services or go to [www.shadygroveumc.net/youth-documents](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/youth-documents) for a downloadable order form and access to even more cards.

**Register your Kroger Plus card** to benefit the youth ministry, details at [www.shadygroveumc.net/youth-documents](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/youth-documents).

**STEP Christmas Store** – Provide a Christmas toy or game for families in the STEP program at Gilpin Court to purchase at a discount for their children at Christmas. Choose a tag from the bicycles in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Please return gifts by Monday, December 3. Questions? Contact Gregg Butler at [gbutler@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:gbutler@shadygroveumc.net).

**Advent Candle Lighting Opportunities** – Shady Grove UMC has a tradition of inviting members and their family or church family to participate in worship through lighting an Advent candle at one of the worship services in the month of December. Please contact Gregg Butler in the office at 804-360-2600 or [gbutler@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:gbutler@shadygroveumc.net) if you are interested in participating in worship in this meaningful way.

**Recognition for 100% Apportionments Paid in 2017** – At Charge Conference, held on Sunday, November 4, District Superintendent Peter Moon presented Shady Grove UMC with a certificate of recognition for our church's faithful giving of 100% of the apportionment covenant between Shady Grove UMC and the Virginia Conference. Rev. Dr. Moon recognized that completely fulfilling this obligation is commendable as it represents intentional and sacrificial giving by the congregation and leadership of our church. Copies of the certificate are on display at the welcome centers in the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

### **THIS WEEK**

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry** is a group of ladies who knit or crochet that meets on the last Thursday of each month 7:00-9:00 pm. This ministry can satisfy your creative side while providing shawls to those in need of love and support. The ladies will teach you and even provide the supplies for you to get started. Questions? Contact Margaret Phillips 804-527-7857 or [phillips.mwphillips@gmail.com](mailto:phillips.mwphillips@gmail.com). **Join us on November 29** at the home of Elaine Ratliff, 5009 Belmont Park Road.

**This year's Children's Christmas Musical - *Straight Outta Bethlehem*** will be presented on Saturday, December 1, at 4:00 pm, and on Sunday, December 2, at the 9:30 and 11:00 am sanctuary worship services.

**Santa Supper Saturday, December 1, at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall** – Families, come have supper with Santa and meet Randy Reindeer, Rudolph's first cousin! Kids will enjoy crafts and a visit with Santa after supper. No RSVP needed.

### **COMING UP**

**Next Sunday, December 2, Holy Communion** will be offered at our 8:15 am service held in the chapel and in the 11:00 am contemporary service. The 8:15 am service will also be held in the chapel on **Sunday, December 9 and 16.**

**Fundraiser for Rise Against Hunger at Rock Bottom** – Make plans to come to Rock Bottom, 11800 West Broad Street, Suite 2098 (in Short Pump Town Center), on **Monday, December 3**, from 1:00-7:00 pm to support Youth Missions and Rise Against Hunger. Tell your server you are there to support the Shady Grove United Methodist Church Youth fundraiser and we will receive 10% of the total purchase. Questions? Contact Frank Basil at [youth@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:youth@shadygroveumc.net).

**Join the United Methodist Men for dinner and monthly meeting on Thursday, December 6.** Participate in our Advent Service Project by bringing a coat to donate to the Coat Drive sponsored by the Caring Clothes Closet. Be on the lookout in the announcements as we finalize our speaker. Dinner is \$10 with doors opening at 6:00 pm and dinner served at 6:30 pm. Chef Mike will be serving round steaks, baked potatoes and dressing, roasted corn salad, and lemon bars pie. Childcare can be provided if needed. To RSVP or hear more about UMM, please contact Dave Adkins at [adkinsdx@yahoo.com](mailto:adkinsdx@yahoo.com).

**The Christmas musical drama, *Behold, A Savior!*** will be presented on Saturday, December 15, at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 16, at the 9:30 and 11:00 am sanctuary worship services.

**Baby Shower for Jesus Sunday, December 16, at 4:00 pm in the chapel building** – We invite children, four year olds to fifth grade to a baby shower party. Kids are asked to bring diapers, baby wash cloths, bibs, and wet wipes to be given to young teen moms. We will watch a Christmas movie in our PJs. Bring a sleeping bag and pillow for comfortable movie watching.

**JOY@SGUMC-Christmas Sing Along on Wednesday, December 19!** Bring the story of your favorite Christmas carol or hymn to share as we sing with accompanist Robin Lafon on piano in the fellowship hall. Grinch Gift Exchange optional. Bring a side or dessert to share and we'll bring the roast beast (Christmas Ham)! RSVP to Betsy Katko at [bjkatko@comcast.net](mailto:bjkatko@comcast.net) or 360-5057.

**Save the Date for the Youth Variety Show on Sunday, January 13** – Join us at 3:00 pm in the fellowship hall to enjoy dessert while watching many of our talented youth perform to raise funds for summer mission trips.

**Confirmation is for youth 7th grade and older** who are ready to explore United Methodism and being a faithful disciple of Christ. Classes begin February 24, rehearsal is on Saturday, May 18, at 4:00 pm and youth will be confirmed in worship on Sunday, May 19. A donation of \$75 is requested to defray part of the cost. Register at [www.tinyurl.com/2019confirmation](http://www.tinyurl.com/2019confirmation).

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

