

Today's message is, "Calm and Bright: Hope." This year is the 200th anniversary of the debut of "Silent Night, Holy Night." Our worship series will celebrate the carol's message over the entire season of Advent and highlight its call for our lives that can guide us all year long.

Matthew 1:18-21 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Ephesians 2:14, 19-20 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

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Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope – The Deener Family

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



Songs in Today's Service:

- Calm & Bright* by Marcia McFee
- Breathe* by Michael W. Smith
- You Are My Strength* by William Murphy
- Light of the World* by Lauren Daigle
- Hope of the Nations* by Brian Doerksen

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

Our 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)
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, 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 11/25/2018

8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	Total	SS	COW
51	224	139	72	486	97	7

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

Monday 12/3

- Fundraiser for Rise Against Hunger (Rock Bottom) 1:00-7:00 pm
- Daisy Troop 5857 (EB 105/106) 4:00-5:00 pm
- Girl Scout Troop 5366 (EB 209) 6:00-8:00 pm
- Grey Oaks Villas Association (FH) 6:30-8:00 pm
- Lay Leadership Nominating Committee Meeting (Library) 7:00-8:00 pm

Tuesday 12/4

- Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary) 9:30-10:00 am
- Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 6:00-8:00 pm
- Ruritan Board Meeting (EB 201) 7:00-8:30 pm

Wednesday 12/5

- Alzheimer's Association Support Group (DOG House) 9:30-11:00 am
- Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary) 10:30-11:30 am
- Incredible Christmas Eve Practice* (Sanctuary) 4:30-5:30 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) 7:15-9:30 pm

Thursday 12/6

- UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:30 am
- The Golden Notes Rehearsal (EB 204) 10:00-11:00 am
- UMM Dinner and Meeting (FH) 6:00-9:00 pm
- Boy Scouts – Troop 735 (EB 202/203) 7:00-9:00 pm

Friday 12/7

- Middle School Breakfast (Chick-fil-A) 7:20 am
- Women's Bible Study (Chapel Bldg., C-2) 9:45-11:00 am

Saturday 12/8

- The Center for Creative Arts' Elves Workshop (Chapel Bldg.) 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- The Center for Creative Arts' Recitals (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00 pm & 2:30 pm

Sunday 12/9

- Traditional Worship and Communion (Chapel) 8:15 am
- Informal Traditional Worship (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 (FH) 11:00 am
- Rhapsody Recitals (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00-5:00 pm
- G-3 (Chapel Bldg.) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Women's Study (Chapel Bldg., C-3) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Behold, A Savior!* FULL Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:00-7:30 pm
- Middle School Large Group (DOG House) 6:00-7:00 pm
- High School Large Group (DOG House) 7:30-8:30 pm



Sunday, December 2, 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

Regular Sunday Schedule

- 8:15 am
Traditional Worship Sanctuary
- 9:30 am
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
- 11:00 am
Informal Traditional Worship Sanctuary
Contemporary Worship Fellowship Hall
Nursery Faith Care (infants-age 2) *Education Building*
Children's Own Worship Chapel



Announcements for December 2, 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.

TODAY

Today's message is *Calm and Bright: Hope*. "I hope so." We say it about food choices on a menu; weather possibilities; game results. But at this advent time, what do we truly hope for? Is it a calm amidst the rush? Is it a brightness that pushes the heaviness aside? Can we hope for a relationship with a God that cares enough to walk among us? What does it mean for a wall-breaker to be born into our midst? For the orphans of Bethlehem, the hope was to belong. Perhaps that is our hope today, too. For in Christ, there are no orphans.

Today 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.**

This year's Children's Christmas Musical - *Straight Outta Bethlehem* will be presented today at the 9:30 and 11:00 am sanctuary worship services.

Instead of COW at 11:00 today, we invite children to enjoy the children's musical.

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. 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.

Dinners for Eight 2019! Sign up 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. "Meet and Greet" kick-off is in January for the entire group and we 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 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 are available at the youth gift card table on Sunday mornings or order and pay online at www.tinyurl.com/poinsettias2018.

Come support your SGUMC youth in their Variety Show fundraiser! Sunday, January 13, from 3:00-5:00 pm. Entertainment, desserts, fellowship, and fun! \$20 for adults and \$10 for all those 18 and under. Tickets available at the youth scrip table. Contact Cindy Basil with questions uncredh@hotmail.com.

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 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.

Support the Caring Clothes Closet by choosing tags from the Giving Trees in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Shop for the listed items and return the gifts back under the tree through December 24 or purchase gift cards from the Youth Ministry.

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.

Beyond Worth It – There is still time to turn in your commitment card for 2019! 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. Learn more at www.shadygroveumc.net/stewardship2019.

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

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.

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 (CCC). We are excited to welcome Sara Fender, Executive Director of the CCC, as our guest 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 bar pie. Childcare can be provided if needed. To RSVP or hear more about UMM, please contact Dave Adkins at adkinsdx@yahoo.com.

Elves Gift Making Workshops (for ages 6-12) at The Center for Creative Arts – The workshops will be filled with the Christmas spirit: music, stories, and making fabulous gifts for your family! Each day's gifts will be different. If you have an elf who enjoys arts and crafts, contact The Center at center4creativearts@comcast.net to register for one or more days! Workshops are offered on Saturday, December 8 and 15, from 9:00 am-12:00 noon and on Thursday-Saturday, December 20-22, from 9:00 am-12:00 noon or 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. www.center4creativearts.org

COMING UP

A Blue Christmas – Are you seeing the holidays approaching with a heavy heart this year? Have you lost a family member or are you dealing with a medical diagnosis, relationship or job loss that is making the holiday less than joyful? Pastor Chris and Pastor Beanie invite you to join them for coffee and conversation on **Wednesday, December 12**, 2:00 pm at Caturra on Grove, 5811 Grove Ave, Richmond, VA 23226. RSVP to Gregg Butler at 360-2600 or gbutler@shadygroveumc.net by Tuesday, December 11.

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. Questions? Contact Beanie Kelly at bkelly@shadygroveumc.net.

JOY@SGUMC–Christmas Sing Along on Wednesday, December 19, at 11:00 am! Bring the story of your favorite Christmas carol or hymn to share as we sing with 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 or 360-5057.

Winter Wonderland Workshops at The Center for Creative Arts – Come paint and play at The Center! Each day will feature unique projects including watercolors, tempera, and clay. Workshops are offered Wednesday-Friday, December 26-28. *Draw, Paint, & Play* for ages 5-8 from 9:00 am-12:00 noon. *Acrylics on Canvas & Clay* for ages 9+ from 1:00-5:00 pm. To register, email center4creativearts@comcast.net. For more information visit www.center4creativearts.org.

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.

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

