

Today's message is, "Calm and Bright: Love." 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.

Luke 2:10-20 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

1 John 4:18 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

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Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope – The Bloom Family

Welcome to our newest member, Holly New

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

Songs in Today's Service:

Testify: *Calm & Bright* by Marcia McFee
Sanctuary (Lord, Prepare Me) by Randy Rothwell
Mary Did You Know by 3Wise
Noel by Chris Tomlin feat. Lauren Daigle
The Power of Your Love by Hillsong



Children: *What Can I Give* with *Away in a Manger* by Christy and Daniel Semsen
Orphans of God with *Blake's Epiphany* and *Straight Outta Bethlehem* by Joel Lindsey, Twila J. LaBar and Daniel Semsen

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 12/2/2018

12/1	8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	Total	SS
251	46	265	223	71	605	42

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
 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
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

Monday 12/10

Betty Fairbanks Circle (EB 201) 1:00-2:30 pm
 Girl Scout Troop 5355 (EB 209) 4:00-5:15 pm

Tuesday 12/11

Preschool Open House for Prospective Students (EB) 10:00-11:00 am
 Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am
 Testify Rehearsal (FH) 6:00-8:00 pm
 Trustees Meeting (Library) 6:30-8:00 pm

Wednesday 12/12

Newsletter Folding Team (Church Office) 9:00-10:00 am
 A Blue Christmas (Caturra on Grove) 2:00 pm
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! FINAL Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:15-9:15 pm

Thursday 12/13

UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:30 am
 The Golden Notes Christmas Bells Concert (Symphony Manor of Richmond) 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

Friday 12/14

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

Saturday 12/15

The Center for Creative Arts' Elves Workshop (Chapel Bldg.) 9:00 am-12:00 pm
 The Center for Creative Arts' Recitals (Chapel Bldg.) 1:30 pm; 3:00 pm; 5:00 pm
Behold, A Savior! Warm-Up (Sanctuary) 6:00-6:45 pm
Behold, A Savior! Presentation (Sanctuary) 7:00-8:00 pm

Sunday 12/16

Traditional Worship and Communion (Chapel) 8:15 am
Behold, A Savior! 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 (FH) 11:00 am
 Rhapsody Recitals (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00-4:00 pm
 Baby Shower for Jesus *includes* G-3 (Chapel Bldg.) 4:00-6:00 pm
 Women's Study (Chapel Bldg., C-3) 5:00-6:00 pm
 Youth Service Opportunity-Caroling (TBD)



Sunday, December 9, 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

<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 December 9, 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: Love*. We say, "I love your outfit!" or "I love these brownies!". We are surrounded by mention of love. At this Advent season, what does it mean to give the gift of love? How does the gift of the Christ Child bring love to this world?

This year's Advent offering supports three areas of need in our community and world: UMCOR (United Methodist Committee of Relief) in response to the natural disasters that have affected so many; UMFS (United Methodist Family Services) which provides housing and services to high-risk children and their families; and Youth Mission Trip scholarship fund so that SGUMC youth can serve in mission. Please write Advent in the memo of your check or support online through Realm Giving.

Today's 8:15 service will be held in the chapel. The 8:15 am service will also be held in the chapel **next Sunday, December 16.**

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.

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.

Come support your SGUMC youth in their Variety Show fundraiser! Sunday, January 13, from 3:00-5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. 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, uncrdh@hotmail.com.

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.

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.

Year End Gifts to SGUMC – Please remember that you can make a gift (stock, mutual funds, cash, etc.) to SGUMC; and a) avoid all broker commissions/fees; b) avoid all capital gains taxes; c) take the full market value of the security as a 2018 tax donation (regardless of what you may have originally paid for it); d) possibly satisfy your 2018 Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) if you are over age 70½; and, e) benefit SGUMC with the full market value of the security(s). You may also fulfill some/all of your 2019 pledge and record it as a 2018 deduction. Questions? Contact Pam Sweeney at 360-2600.

THIS WEEK

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. Transportation is available if needed, just let Gregg know.

The Golden Notes, our newly formed senior adult handbell choir presents its first Christmas concert **Thursday, December 13,** at 10:00 am at Symphony Manor of Richmond, 12411 Gayton Road. Directed by Sylvia Cooper, members are Susan Dietz, Debbie Hockemeyer, Susan Hollins, Iva Keller, Norma LaRue, Cindy Reasor, Polly Rowan, and Bob Phillips. The mission of this handbell choir is to spread fellowship and goodwill through music. Come and join us!

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 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. Cost is \$40 per day. www.center4creativearts.org

Behold, A Savior! A Christmas musical drama, will be presented **Saturday, December 15,** at 7:00 pm and also on **Sunday morning, December 16,** at both our 9:30 and 11:00 am worship services. Ten instrumentalists will be accompanying our presentation of 45 voices. Monologues offered by Mary, Joseph, Zechariah, a shepherd, and a wise man, will reveal to us their relationship and thoughts surrounding the birth of Jesus as narrators offer scriptures to support the messages of our songs. Biblical characters will come alive to help tell the story of Jesus' birth.

COMING UP

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, wet wipes, and onesies 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 – *Draw, Paint, & Play* for ages 5-8 from 9:00 am-12:00 noon, cost is \$30 per day. Come paint and play at The Center! Each day will feature unique projects including watercolors, tempera, and clay. *Acrylics on Canvas & Clay* for ages 9+ from 1:00-5:00 pm, cost is \$40 per day. Design your own painting on canvas, work with polymer clay, and make a collage. Workshops are offered Wednesday-Friday, December 26-28. To register, email center4creativearts@comcast.net. For more information visit www.center4creativearts.org.

It Takes A Village – Coming in January a group designed with the challenges of raising teenagers in mind! It Takes A Village (ITAV) will support, encourage, and provide parents and mentors the tools to navigate the middle and high school years. We will discuss relevant issues as a group, hear from parents who have navigated these years successfully, and learn from experts in our community. Come join us on **Sunday, January 13,** 6:00-7:00 pm in the education building, room 201 and every other Sunday.

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.

