

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

Matthew 1:18-23 Common English Bible (CEB): ¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. When Mary his mother was engaged to Joseph, before they were married, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Joseph her husband was a righteous man. Because he didn't want to humiliate her, he decided to call off their engagement quietly. ²⁰As he was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child she carries was conceived by the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you will call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." ²²Now all of this took place so that what the Lord had spoken through the prophet would be fulfilled: ²³*Look! A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will call him, Emmanuel. (Emmanuel means "God with us.")*

Luke 1:26-45 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV): ²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy – The Chowen Family

Welcome to our newest member, Holly New

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SonShine Singers: *I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart* by George Cooke; Amy Agee, director

Songs in Today's Service:

Calm & Bright by Marcia McFee • *Spirit Song: Maranatha! Music* • *What Child Is This* by Third Day
Angels We Have Heard On High (Traditional w/ Reggae Vibe) • *Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)* by Chris Tomlin

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 12/9/2018

8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	Total	SS
38	122	83	80	323	57

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
Children's Council Meeting (Library) 3:00-4:00 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
Middle School Large Group (DOG House) 6:00-7:00 pm
High School Large Group (DOG House) 7:30-8:30 pm

Monday 12/17

Girl Scout Troop 5366 (EB 209) 6:00-8:00 pm
Finance Committee Meeting (Library) 6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday 12/18

Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am
Preschool Christmas Program (Sanctuary) 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Testify Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00-8:00 pm
Staff Parish Relations Committee (Library) 6:30-7:30 pm
Ruritans Meeting (FH) 6:30-8:30 pm

Wednesday 12/19

Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary) 10:30-11:30 am
Preschool Christmas Program (Sanctuary) 11:30 am-12:30 pm
JOY@SGUMC Lunch and Sing-Along (FH) 11:00 am-12:30 pm
Incredible Christmas Eve Practice (Sanctuary) 4:00-5:30 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
Music Rehearsals (Sanctuary) 6:10-7:15 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:15-8:45 pm
Music Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 8:45-9:05 pm

Thursday 12/20

UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:30 am
The Center for Creative Arts' Elves Workshop (Chapel Bldg.) 9:00 am-12:00 pm; 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
Boy Scouts – Troop 735 (FH) 7:00-9:00 pm

Friday 12/21

The Center for Creative Arts' Elves Workshop (Chapel Bldg.) 9:00 am-12:00 pm; 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Sunday 12/23

Regular Worship Schedule
Advent Study: *Christmas Gifts That Won't Break* (Chapel Bldg., C-3) 9:30-10:30 am
Music Rehearsals 12:00-1:00 pm

Christmas Eve Services

Children & Families (Sanctuary) 3:00 pm
Children & Families (Sanctuary) 5:00 pm
Contemporary Candlelight Communion (FH) 7:00 pm
Candlelight Communion (Sanctuary) 7:00 pm
Candlelight Communion (Sanctuary) 9:00 pm
Candlelight Communion (Sanctuary) 11:00 pm



Sunday, December 16, 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 16, 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: Joy*. At this Advent season, we are surrounded by joyful songs on the radio and beautiful decorations of red and green. We are immersed in joyful parties and celebrations. What was the joy that first Christmas? Could Elizabeth and Mary truly grasp the gift of joy that would come that first Christmas? Do we?

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.

Behold, A Savior! a Christmas musical drama, will be presented **today** 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.

Baby Shower for Jesus today 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.

The 2019 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 celebration. Questions? Email Dana Kelley at musicadmin@shadygroveumc.net. The cost of flowers for 2019 remains at \$22.00 and payment may be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office.

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.

Amazon Smile – Did you know that Amazon has a program that gives 0.5% of eligible purchases back to non-profits in the form of a rebate? To take advantage of this program, simply start your shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com>. Log in to your Amazon account as you normally do. Search for the Amazon Smile account labeled, Shady Grove United Methodist Church, Glen Allen, VA. Once selected, this setting remains with your account. For all future Amazon shopping, just be sure to start by going to <https://smile.amazon.com> to login to your account. This is not an endorsement of Amazon by the finance committee. This is a means for those interested to provide additional support to the general fund and ministries at SGUMC. Questions? Contact Gregg Butler at gbutler@shadygroveumc.net.

Christmas is almost here! 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. Please be sure to submit your contributions for the calendar year to the church office by December 31, 2018. All contributions (cash, check, online, and stock) must be received or postmarked by December 31 to be tax deductible as a charitable contribution in the tax year 2018. Also to ensure the deductibility of your church contribution, please do not file your 2018 income tax return until you have received your 2018 contribution statement from the church in January 2019. If you file your tax return before receiving your contribution statement from the church, you risk losing the deduction for your contributions. Questions? Contact Pam Sweeney at 360-3907, ext. 23 or email psweeney@shadygroveumc.net.

THIS WEEK

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.

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! 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 **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

COMING UP

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.

Short-Term Study of Top 10 Methodist Beliefs by Don Adams starting on Wednesday Nights in January 2019! Join Polly Rowan and Cindy Reasor in this study which examines core beliefs in the Wesleyan tradition: scripture as our primary source in faith, followed by reason, tradition, and experience; the ways and means of grace; the focus on loving God and loving others as the key to discipleship. The group will begin meeting on **January 9** from 6:15-7:15 pm in room 201 of the education building with an introductory meeting where books will be available for purchase (\$10). The remaining 6-weeks will be spent discussing weekly readings completed outside of class and a short video viewed in class. This study will be a great way to get started in a positive routine in 2019 and will wrap up right before Lent. Sign up on Realm. Questions? Email Polly Rowan umterp@msn.com, Cindy Reasor cjreasor@verizon.net, or Lauren Adkins ladkins@shadygroveumc.net.

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.

In addition to the names listed below, we pray for the written and unwritten prayers received through the Prayer Request Cards.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Tori Anderson, Dot Angell, Don Bishop (nephew of Laura Keir), Chris Brown, Joan Burger (mother of Mike Burger), Ken Cooksey (brother-in-law of Lisa Jones), Glenn Cooper, Kim Dodson (mother of Shana Miller), Trula Ensley (mother of Martha Stokes), Cheryl Fitzgerald (sister of Donna Noble), Lillian Fowler (sister of Bob Jones), Erin Franklin, Wendy Garrett, Ray Gudum, Iisakki Harkonen, Laura Harkonen, Timo Harkonen, Tommy Harris, Ryan Hartsook (son-in-law of Ruth Powell), Peggy Hill, Terry Hoover (father of Haylee Douglas), Betsy Katko, Frances Leonard (mother of Diane Bennett), Graham Lighthiser (son of Joe and Beth Lighthiser), Aaron Loy, Jane Mackey (mother of Roger Mackey), Shannon Mackey, Harry Mapp (father of Kate Bishop), David Mitchem (brother-in-law of Deborah Workman), Dale Murphy (brother-in-law of Lisa Jones), Rick Robertson (brother of Martha Anne Martin), Amira Safwat, Meghan Sheriff, Sara Walker, Ann White (mother of Pat Edwards)

Homebound

Aleida Bultman-Brookdale, Beverly Robertson (mother of Martha Anne Martin), Shirley Ronquest-Crump Manor, Linda Stone-Our Lady of Hope

Global Missionaries

The Persecution Project-Sudan, Heather and James-location undisclosed, Nico and Natacha Chantel-Europe, Fishers 4 Him-Dominican Republic, Eva and Lindsay Gilliam-Southeast Asia, Laura and Timo Harkonen-US and Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liz Jackson-Philippines, Quynh-Hoa Nguyen-Vietnam, Dave Shuping – US

