

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

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Common English Bible (CEB):

<sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.

<sup>6</sup>A child is born to us, a son is given to us, and authority will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>There will be vast authority and endless peace for David's throne and for his kingdom, establishing and sustaining it with justice and righteousness now and forever.

Isaiah 2:1-4 Common English Bible (CEB):

<sup>1</sup>This is what Isaiah, Amoz's son, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>In the days to come the mountain of the LORD's house will be the highest of the mountains. It will be lifted above the hills; peoples will stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many nations will go and say, "Come, let's go up to the LORD's mountain, to the house of Jacob's God so that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in God's paths." Instruction will come from Zion; the LORD's word from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>God will judge between the nations, and settle disputes of mighty nations. Then they will beat their swords into iron plows and their spears into pruning tools. Nation will not take up sword against nation; they will no longer learn how to make war.

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Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace – The Mackey/Hancock Family

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**Songs in Today's Service:**

*Calm & Bright* by Marcia McFee • *Open Our Eyes* by Maranatha! Music • *Let There Be Peace on Earth*; Traditional  
*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* by Casting Crowns • *This Little Light of Mine*; Traditional

**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](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 12/16/2018**

12/15	8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	Total	SS	COW
143	37	321	255	57	670	97	13

**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

**Monday 12/24 Christmas Eve**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
Christmas Eve Worship  
Children & Families Candlelight (Sanctuary) 3:00 pm  
Children & Families Candlelight (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

**Tuesday 12/25**

*Merry Christmas*

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Wednesday 12/26**

The Center for Creative Arts' Winter Wonderland Workshops  
*Draw, Paint, & Play* (Chapel Bldg.) 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
*Acrylics on Canvas & Clay* (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00-5:00 pm

**Thursday 12/27**

UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:30 am  
The Center for Creative Arts' Winter Wonderland Workshops  
*Draw, Paint, & Play* (Chapel Bldg.) 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
*Acrylics on Canvas & Clay* (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00-5:00 pm

**Friday 12/28**

The Center for Creative Arts' Winter Wonderland Workshops  
*Draw, Paint, & Play* (Chapel Bldg.) 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
*Acrylics on Canvas & Clay* (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00-5:00 pm

**Sunday 12/30**

Regular Worship Schedule

*Christmas Eve Services*

**3:00 pm** – *An Incredible Christmas Eve* for Children and Families with candlelight in the sanctuary, featuring "What Can I Give *with* Away in a Manger" sung by children's choirs and "Joy to the World/O Come All Ye Faithful" played by Peyton Flint on piano.

**5:00 pm** – *An Incredible Christmas Eve* for Children and Families with candlelight in the sanctuary, featuring "What Can I Give *with* Away in a Manger" sung by children's choirs and "Christmas Medley" played by Dylan Palmer on piano.

**7:00 pm** – Contemporary Candlelight Communion in the fellowship hall with TestifyRVA.

**7:00 pm** – Traditional Candlelight Communion in the sanctuary, featuring "Heaven Everywhere" sung by Grace Erasmi and "O Holy Night" sung by Lee Jenkins.

**9:00 pm** – Traditional Candlelight Communion in the sanctuary, featuring "God Rest You Merry, Gentleman" sung by the Sanctuary Choir and a vocal duet of "Do You Hear What I Hear?" with Gayle and Wesley King.

**11:00 pm** – Traditional Candlelight Communion in the sanctuary, featuring Al Allen singing, "A Birthday of a King."



**Sunday, December 23, 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 December 23, 2018**

*We are glad that you are here this morning! It is our hope that you will find today's worship meaningful and life-giving. If you are a first time visitor, we invite you to stop by the welcome desk in the sanctuary foyer or fellowship hall so that we may greet you and offer you a welcome gift.*

### **TODAY**

**Today's message is *Calm and Bright: Peace*.** The night that Christ was born, angels praised God and sang of peace. Where can we find this peace? If this world is to be filled with peace, we must first claim the peace within ourselves.

**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.

**New to Shady Grove UMC?** We welcome the opportunity to get to know you and want to help you feel at home here. Please join us for START HERE, a one-time class offered on the second Sunday of each month from 9:30-10:30 am in room 201 of the education building. We'll enjoy conversation and refreshments as together we map out a few things and get to know each other better. No registration is necessary. Questions? Contact Debbie Hockemeyer at [dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net).

**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.

**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](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).

**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](mailto:uncrdh@hotmail.com).

**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](mailto: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.

**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](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/stewardship2019).

**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](mailto:gbutler@shadygroveumc.net).

**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](mailto:psweeney@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](mailto:pethompson32@gmail.com) or 804-360-3162.

**Building Committee Update: Another Step Forward** – Rex Hockemeyer, Building Committee chair, provides an update on progress made with VDOT and Henrico County on road improvements. Read more at [www.shadygroveumc.net/nextchapter](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/nextchapter) or call the church office at 360-2600.

### **THIS WEEK**

**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](mailto:center4creativearts@comcast.net). For more information visit [www.center4creativearts.org](http://www.center4creativearts.org).

### **COMING UP**

**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](mailto:umterp@msn.com), Cindy Reasor [cjreasor@verizon.net](mailto:cjreasor@verizon.net), or Lauren Adkins [ladkins@shadygroveumc.net](mailto: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](http://www.tinyurl.com/2019confirmation).

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

