

**Today's message is, "Shine Brightly."**

**John 1:1-18 Common English Bible (CEB):** <sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> The Word was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being. What came into being <sup>4</sup> through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

<sup>6</sup> A man named John was sent from God. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. <sup>8</sup> He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> The light was in the world, and the world came into being through the light, but the world didn't recognize the light. <sup>11</sup> The light came to his own people, and his own people didn't welcome him. <sup>12</sup> But those who did welcome him, those who believed in his name, he authorized to become God's children, <sup>13</sup> born not from blood nor from human desire or passion, but born from God. <sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his home among us. We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> John testified about him, crying out, "This is the one of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is greater than me because he existed before me.'"

<sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace; <sup>17</sup> as the Law was given through Moses, so grace and truth came into being through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made God known.

**Revelation 21:1-6 Common English Bible (CEB):** <sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." <sup>5</sup> Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new." He also said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, "All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will freely give water from the life-giving spring.



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**Songs in Today's Service:**

*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (Battle Hymn of the Republic);* Traditional by Julia Howe  
*Jesus is Alive* by Josh Wilson • *Walk in the Light (Jesus, the Light of the World);* arr. by André Thomas  
*These Christmas Lights* by Matt Redman • *Go Tell It on the Mountain* by Toby Keith

*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.*

**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 12/23/2018**

8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	Total	SS	COW
40	211	148	69	468	10	9

**ATTENDANCE for Christmas Eve**

3:00	5:00	7:00	Cont.	9:00	11:00	Total
385	351	326	103	294	94	1553

**Sunday 12/30**

Regular Worship Schedule

**Monday 12/31**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON

**Tuesday 1/1**

*Happy New Year*

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TestifyRVA Rehearsal (FH) 6:00-8:00 pm

**Wednesday 1/2**

Alzheimer's Association Support Group (DOG House) 9:30-11:00 am

College Pizza Night (DOG House) 6:00-7:30 pm

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:15-8:45 pm

**Thursday 1/3**

UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:30 am

Girl Scout Troop 5720 (EB 202) 5:30-7:00 pm

Boy Scouts – Troop 735 (FH) 7:00-9:00 pm

**Friday 1/4**

Middle School Breakfast (Chick-fil-A) 7:20 am

**Saturday 1/5**

Youth Variety Show Rehearsal (FH) 9:00 am-5:00 pm

**Sunday 1/6**

Regular Worship Schedule

The Center for Creative Arts' Recital (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00 pm

Children's Council Meeting (Library) 3:30-4:45 pm

Praise Kids (Sanctuary) 4:15-5:00 pm

G-3 (Chapel Bldg.) 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, December 30, 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**

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 30, 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 *Shine Brightly*.** Will your tree be quick to come down? Is Christmas over so soon? What has been born in us this Christmas, and how are we able to reflect this lasting gift?

**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).

**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.

**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.

**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).

**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**

**College Pizza Night** – Join us at the DOG House on **Wednesday, January 2,** at 6:00 pm for pizza and some fun! Just show up and we will then order pizza and enjoy some time together. Questions? Contact Frank Basil at [youth@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:youth@shadygroveumc.net).

### **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.

**JOY@SGUMC (Just Older Youth at Shady Grove United Methodist Church)** – This month's meeting is **Wednesday, January 16,** at 11:00 am in the fellowship hall. John Philips, Director of Education with the Richmond Coin Club, will join us to talk about the form and function of currency in the U.S. and abroad. Plan to stay for a few hours of faith, fellowship, food, and fun. Our meeting includes a covered dish meal. If it is your BIRTHDAY MONTH, BRING DESSERT to share! Everyone else bring an entree or side to share with the group. RSVP to Betsy Katko at 360-5057 or [bjkatko@comast.net](mailto:bjkatko@comast.net).

**Gideon's Call,** a men's vocal ensemble, will be singing in worship February 3. Rehearsals are on **Wednesdays, January 16, 23, and 30,** at 6:15-7:15 pm in the church sanctuary. Interested boys in high school and men are encouraged to join us and participate in this ministry opportunity. Music and audio of parts as well as the anthem will be made available January 6. Contact Sylvia Cooper at [scooper@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:scooper@shadygroveumc.net) for more information.

**Calling all bibliophiles, bookworms, and ardent readers! Join the Shady Grove Book Club on Thursday, January 17,** at 6:00 pm in the church library. We will meet for fellowship and discussion of *Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People* by Bob Goff. Please contact Dana Kelley with questions and to RSVP for planning purposes at [musicadmin@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:musicadmin@shadygroveumc.net).

**Global Missions Celebration on Sunday, February 17** – We are so excited that Rev. Russell Pierce, Director of Global Ministries for the United Methodist Church, will be our guest preacher, in the sanctuary, for our Global Missions Celebration on February 17. You may support the eight missionary families affiliated with Shady Grove by writing a check to Shady Grove UMC with "global missions" in the memo, or selecting the global missions fund through Realm Giving. Questions about Global Missions at Shady Grove? Contact Teresa Gagliardi at [tbgagliardi2@gmail.com](mailto:tbgagliardi2@gmail.com).

**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.*

