

Today in the fellowship hall, we begin our worship series, *Ripples*. The astounding event on that first Easter morning has sent “ripples that make waves” throughout all of human history. In this post-resurrection season, we will explore what it meant for the early church to draw the circle wider and wider as they spread the good news of liberation from death through Jesus, the Christ. What could it mean for us to continue to draw the circle wide in order to offer the world a vision of the rippling effects of grace and peace, reconciliation and joy?

The message this Sunday is, *Ripples of New Beginnings*. The gospel about Jesus Christ has been called the greatest story ever told. So often in a great story we look for a happy ending, but if we’re looking for a happy ending we’ll miss the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus. In this story, we find a beginning where the end is supposed to be. Are we ready for new beginnings to ripple out of our endings—happy and otherwise?

**John 20:1-18 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.<sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.<sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.<sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.<sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there,<sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.<sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.<sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)<sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

<sup>11</sup>Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb<sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.<sup>13</sup> They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.”<sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.<sup>15</sup> He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.



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 3/25/2018**

8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	Total	SS	COW
39	207	171	164	581	155	28

**Sunday 4/1**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

- Easter Sunrise Service (Outside – sidewalk near cemetery) 6:30 am
- Easter Sunday Breakfast (FH) 7:15 am
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 8:00-9:00 am
- Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am
- Contemporary Worship (FH) 9:30 am, 11:00 am

**Monday 4/2**

- Spring Break Art Workshops at The Center for Creative Arts
  - Draw, Paint, and Play* (Chapel Bldg.) 9:00 am-12:00 noon
  - Acrylics on Canvas & Clay* (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00-4:00 pm

**Tuesday 4/3**

- Spring Break Art Workshops at The Center for Creative Arts
  - Draw, Paint, and Play* (Chapel Bldg.) 9:00 am-12:00 noon
  - Acrylics on Canvas & Clay* (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00-4:00 pm
- Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am
- Ruritan Board Meeting (EB 201) 7:00-8:30 pm

**Wednesday 4/4**

- Spring Break Art Workshops at The Center for Creative Arts
  - Draw, Paint, and Play* (Chapel Bldg.) 9:00 am-12:00 noon
  - Acrylics on Canvas & Clay* (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00-4:00 pm
- Alzheimer’s Association Support Group (DOG House) 9:30-11:00 am

**Thursday 4/5**

- UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:45 am
- Spring Break Art Workshops at The Center for Creative Arts
  - Draw, Paint, and Play* (Chapel Bldg.) 9:00 am-12:00 noon
  - Acrylics on Canvas & Clay* (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00-4:00 pm

**Friday 4/6**

- Spring Break Art Workshops at The Center for Creative Arts
  - Draw, Paint, and Play* (Chapel Bldg.) 9:00 am-12:00 noon
  - Acrylics on Canvas & Clay* (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00-4:00 pm

**Sunday 4/8**

- Virginia Blood Services (Front Parking Lot) 8:00 am-12:30 pm
- Regular Worship Schedule
- Confirmation Class (DOG House) 9:00-10:30 am
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
- Girl Scout Troop 3007 (EB 201) 3:00-4:30 pm
- Agape Ringers (EB 204) 3:30-4:15 pm
- Praise Kids (Sanctuary) 4:15-5:00 pm
- G-3 (Chapel Bldg.) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Rowdy MOMs Bible Study (Chapel Bldg., C-3) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Youth Explosion Choir (Sanctuary) 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, April 1, 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 April 1, 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, we invite you to attend our next "Lunch with the Pastors" on Sunday, April 15, from 12:15 to 1:30 pm. To RSVP for lunch, please stop by the welcome center today, call the church office at 360-2600, or email Debbie Hockemeyer at [dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net).

### TODAY

The stewardship team would like to thank all those who made a financial commitment to our church during the recent campaign. We would also like to thank all those who give to our church with their time and service. We are blessed to be part of a congregation that shares its gifts so freely to help us honor the Glory of God in our community. We wish you a happy and blessed Easter!

Register now for Vacation Bible School, *Rolling River Rampage*, June 18-22 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Register online at [www.shadygroveumc.net/vbs](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/vbs). Questions? Contact Sarah Hardyman at [vbs@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:vbs@shadygroveumc.net).

### THIS WEEK

Spring Break Art Workshops at The Center! *Draw, Paint, and Play*: ages 5-7, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. Each day features unique projects – cartoon drawing, watercolors, polymer clay, plus game time or outdoor recess. *Acrylics on Canvas & Clay*: ages 8+, 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Older students let their imaginations soar as they explore watercolors, acrylics on canvas, pen and ink, pastels, and polymer clay. Details at [www.center4creativearts.org](http://www.center4creativearts.org). Email The Center to register at [center4creativearts@comcast.net](mailto:center4creativearts@comcast.net).

Geranium Sale – United Methodist Urban Ministries of Richmond is selling geraniums at \$4.50 each (4 ½" pot) in red, salmon, coral, hot pink, and white. (We will take orders for specific colors but cannot guarantee.) To order, contact Sandi Shriner at 405-3351 or [sds210s@verizon.net](mailto:sds210s@verizon.net). Last day to order is Sunday, April 8. Geraniums will arrive Friday, April 13.

Church Accompanist – SGUMC is seeking a part-time (10-15 hours per week) Church Accompanist. To apply, please email your resume by Sunday, April 15, to [jobs@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:jobs@shadygroveumc.net). Learn more at [www.shadygroveumc.net/jobs](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/jobs).

United Methodist Men's Scholarship – We are now accepting applications for the 2018 UMM Scholarship Program. At least one \$500 merit-based scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior or college student who will be attending a two-year or four-year college. The deadline to apply is Monday, May 7. To access the application or learn more about the scholarship program, please see the scholarship website (<http://www.shadygroveumc.net/umm-scholarship>) or contact the church office at 360-2600.

### COMING UP

Please give blood! Virginia Blood Services will be here Sunday, April 8, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Bloodmobile in the front parking lot. Contact: Kelly Wood at 439-3432. Sign up online at <https://vador.org>. Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome.

Youth Explosion Choir will resume rehearsal from 5:00-6:00 pm in the sanctuary on Sunday, April 8 and 15. This choir is for youth in grades 6-12. We will be singing in worship April 22. Hope to see you! For more information contact Sylvia Cooper at [scooper@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:scooper@shadygroveumc.net).

Betty Fairbanks Circle meets on the second Monday of every month at 1:00 pm in room 201 of the education building. Our next meeting will be April 9. All women in the Shady Grove community of faith are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact [nancyloewe10@comcast.net](mailto:nancyloewe10@comcast.net) or 804-716-0517.

Wednesday Night Connections Group will resume meeting on April 11 from 6:15-7:15 pm in education building, room 206. Come prepared for fellowship and discussion of the week's Connection's Group Questions found in the bulletin. Contact Jeff Samford at [jeffs@businesspartnerric.com](mailto:jeffs@businesspartnerric.com) with questions.

NEW Studies Starting after Spring Break! Contact Lauren Adkins at [ladkins@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:ladkins@shadygroveumc.net) or listed group leader to join!

- *Anxious for Nothing* by Max Lucado: This 6-week study will meet on Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:30 pm, starting on April 17. Contact leader Cindy Russo at [russocr@aol.com](mailto:russocr@aol.com) or 804-301-4870.
- *The Miracles of Jesus* by Jessica LaGrone: Join the Friday Morning Women's Bible Study from 9:45-11:00 am starting on April 13 in the chapel building, C-2. Contact Debbie Hockemeyer at [dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net).
- *A Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel: Adult Sunday School invites you to join them from 9:30-10:30 am in the chapel building, C-3 starting on April 15. Email Dana Kelley at [musicadmin@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:musicadmin@shadygroveumc.net) to get a book (\$5) while supplies last.
- Rowdy Mom's Sunday Night Bible Study will also be studying *Anxious for Nothing* by Max Lucado on Sunday nights from 5:00-6:00 pm in the chapel building, C-3 starting on April 15. Contact Sarah Hardyman at [thetrap4@hotmail.com](mailto:thetrap4@hotmail.com).
- *The Wesleyan Way: A Faith That Matters* by Bishop Scott J. Jones: This 8-week study will meet from 9:30-10:30 am in the education building, room 201 starting on Sunday, April 22. Email Lauren Adkins at [ladkins@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:ladkins@shadygroveumc.net) to sign-up and get a study book. Learn more about the study: [abingdonpress.com/thewesleyanway/](http://abingdonpress.com/thewesleyanway/).

The Sophie House yard sale and Butterfly Babies car wash will take place Saturday, April 14, from 7:00 am to 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall and front parking lot. Stop by to shop and get your car washed to show your support for these mission partners. Questions? Visit [www.TheSophieHouse.org](http://www.TheSophieHouse.org) or call 804-658-5214.

Bishop's Convocation on Race and Reconciliation – Bishop Lewis invites all to Annandale UMC on Saturday, April 14. Register and learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/VAUMCrace-reconciliation0418>. Please let Gregg Butler, [gbutler@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:gbutler@shadygroveumc.net), know if you are attending and would like to share a ride.

UMM April Flying Squirrels – The UMM is going to the ballpark and all are invited! Join us on Sunday, April 15, at the Diamond for an afternoon of fun and fellowship with the whole family. We will meet in front of the stadium at 12:50 pm. Please RSVP to Dave Adkins by Thursday, April 12, with the number of people attending from your family. Tickets will be \$5.50 assuming we have at least 20 people from our group. Contact Dave at 651-1487 or [adkinsdx@yahoo.com](mailto:adkinsdx@yahoo.com).

Saturday of Service is April 21 – Make plans now to participate in the Saturday of Service offered by the Missions Committee. Serve at Shalom Farms or stay close by with the church work day on campus or packing health kits in the fellowship hall. The day starts at 8:00 am in the front parking lot. Sign up and see details at [tinyurl.com/SGUMCSaturdayofService](http://tinyurl.com/SGUMCSaturdayofService) or contact Gregg Butler, 360-2600 or [gbutler@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:gbutler@shadygroveumc.net).

The adult mission trip scheduled for spring break has been moved to May 6-10. William Butler is putting together a team now to travel to Guyan Valley, WV with Appalachia Service Project to work on home building and repair projects. All skill levels welcome. Contact William at 804-616-8917 or [whbgoduke@yahoo.com](mailto:whbgoduke@yahoo.com).

Bible Boot Camp returns Saturday, May 19! Join us for this intense, six-hour workshop as we walk (or run!) through the general content and historical context of the entire Bible. This seminar is appropriate for all levels of Biblical knowledge and doubt! Adult and mature youth welcome. Please plan to arrive at 8:30 am, with the programming running from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, with a break for a catered lunch. Cost: \$20. Learn more and register online at <http://shadygroveumc.net/biblebootcamp>.

Mark your calendars now! Shady Grove is hosting a FREE Community Health and Wellness Fair on Saturday, June 2, from 8:00-11:00 am. The Sophie House 5k will start and finish on our campus while this brand new community outreach event is happening! We are partnering with The Sophie House to bring local health and wellness practitioners to campus to provide information about having strong minds, bodies, and spirits. Do you have a passion for health and wellness? Get involved:

- Join the committee planning the event. Email Debbie Hockemeyer at [dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net).
- Join the SGUMC Run/Walk Team by training for and/or participating in The Sophie House 5k. Email Lauren Adkins at [ladkins@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:ladkins@shadygroveumc.net) or complete a google form: <https://tinyurl.com/runwalkSGUMC>.
- Refer yourself or another practitioner to host a vendor table at the health and wellness fair at no cost. Email Lauren Adkins at [ladkins@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:ladkins@shadygroveumc.net).
- Prayerfully consider volunteering the day of the event; look for volunteer sign-up closer to the event!

Summer Camp Play and Pray offers three opportunities at Shady Grove. *Jungle Jam* for ages 3-preK June 4-8; *Pirate Party* for ages 3-rising 1st grade July 9-13; *Frosty Frolics* for ages 3-rising 1st grade July 30-August 3. Each session costs \$145 and runs from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Registration forms are available at [www.shadygroveumc.net/children](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/children) and at the church office. Questions? Contact Kate Bishop at [kbishop@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:kbishop@shadygroveumc.net).

Children's Summer Mission – Rising 3rd through rising 6th graders, mark your calendars now for our Up and Out mission in the Richmond area August 6-7. Contact Beanie Kelly about this overnight mission experience at [bkelly@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:bkelly@shadygroveumc.net).

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

