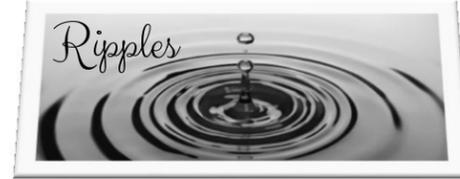


WORSHIP SERIES

We continue 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 Grace*. Paul, a persecutor of the early church, became one of the most effective apostles. He counts his success to be through the grace of God. How do we understand this grace? What does it mean to live in that grace?



Acts 9:1-19a New Living Translation (NLT)

¹ Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord’s followers. So he went to the high priest. ² He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains. ³ As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?” ⁵ “Who are you, lord?” Saul asked. And the voice replied, “I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting!” ⁶ Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” ⁷ The men with Saul stood speechless, for they heard the sound of someone’s voice but saw no one! ⁸ Saul picked himself up off the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. So his companions led him by the hand to Damascus. ⁹ He remained there blind for three days and did not eat or drink.

¹⁰ Now there was a believer in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, calling, “Ananias!” “Yes, Lord!” he replied. ¹¹ The Lord said, “Go over to Straight Street, to the house of Judas. When you get there, ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying to me right now. ¹² I have shown him a vision of a man named Ananias coming in and laying hands on him so he can see again.” ¹³ “But Lord,” exclaimed Ananias, “I’ve heard many people talk about the terrible things this man has done to the believers in Jerusalem!” ¹⁴ And he is authorized by the leading priests to arrest everyone who calls upon your name.” ¹⁵ But the Lord said, “Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ And I will show him how much he must suffer for my name’s sake.” ¹⁷ So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ Instantly something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized. ¹⁹ Afterward he ate some food and regained his strength.

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

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.

Songs in Today’s Service: *This is Amazing Grace* by Phil Wickham; *Mighty to Save* by Hillsong; *Healing Song* by TestifyRVA; *Transfiguration* by Hillsong
These and other praise songs may be found on PER 90.5 FM. Listening will improve your week.

CONTEMPORARY

Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of April 29, 2018

Acts 9:1-19a

These questions are to be used as a spring board for discussion. Answers may or may not be found in the sermons.

1. What is grace? Name some examples of God’s grace in this scripture passage.
2. Can you see examples of God’s grace in daily life?
3. What is the connection between grace and change?
4. Why is the church in the “change business”?
5. How ought the church be structured to encourage and invite the change that God brings?

Sunday 4/29

Regular Worship Schedule
 Confirmation Class (DOG House) 9:00-10:30 am
 Testify Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
The Wesleyan Way Study (EB 201) 9:30-10:30 am
Soul on Fire Rehearsal (FH) 3:30-5:00 pm
 G-3 (Chapel Bldg.) 5:00-6:00 pm
 Rowdy MOMs Bible Study (Chapel Bldg., C-3) 5:00-6:00 pm
 Rise Against Hunger Dinner (FH) 6:00-7:00 pm

Monday 4/30

Girl Scout Troop 5366 (EB 209) 6:15-8:00 pm

Tuesday 5/1

Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am
 Beginners Guide to Journaling (Library) 7:00-8:30 pm
 Ruritan Board Meeting (EB 201) 7:00-8:30 pm

Wednesday 5/2

Alzheimer’s Association Support Group (DOG House) 9:30-11:00 am
Soul on Fire Tech Rehearsal (FH) 4:15-7:15 pm
 Faith Care Infant/Toddler Nursery (EB 111) 6:15-7:15 pm
 Little Hands – Twos (EB 105) 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
 Rowdy MOMs (EB 207) 6:15-7:15 pm
 Connection Group (EB 206) 6:15-7:15 pm
 Disciple Fast Track (EB 201) 6:15-7:15 pm
 Disciple Fast Track II (EB 203) 6:30-7:30 pm
 Testify Rehearsal (FH) 7:15-8:15 pm
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:15-8:45 pm

Thursday 5/3

UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:45 am
 Girl Scout Troop 5704 (EB 203) 5:30-7:30 pm
 UMM Dinner and Meeting (FH) 6:00-9:00 pm
 Boy Scouts – Troop 735 (EB 202/203) 7:00-9:00 pm

Friday 5/4

Middle School Breakfast (Chick-fil-A) 7:20 am
 Women’s Bible Study (Chapel Bldg., C-2) 9:45-11:00 am

Saturday 5/5

Soul on Fire Musical Presentation (FH) 5:00 pm

Sunday 5/6

Regular Worship Schedule
 Adult Mission Trip (ASP) Depart 9:00 am
 Testify Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
The Wesleyan Way Study (EB 201) 9:30-10:30 am
Soul on Fire Musical Presentation (FH) 11:00 am
 Children’s Council (Library) 3:30-4:45 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
 Middle School Large Group (DOG House) 6:00-7:00 pm
 High School Large Group (DOG House) 7:30-8:30 pm

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 4/22/2018

8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	Total	SS	COW
47	155	134	46	382	130	10



Sunday, April 29, 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
	Children’s <u>O</u> wn <u>W</u> orship	Chapel



Announcements for April 29, 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

Connect with Realm – SGUMC has moved to a new kind of church record keeping software called Realm® Connect. It primarily serves the administrative needs of our staff, but it also offers some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in our church. We are starting to issue invitations to join Realm on a rolling basis. If you would like to join sooner than later, please send an email to realm@shadygroveumc.net. Learn more at www.shadygroveumc.net/realm.

Rise Against Hunger Dinner – Join us for our annual dinner **today**, at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall to help us raise funds and our awareness of hunger in the world. Our goal is to package 25,000 meals so this dinner is extremely important to funding the packaging event. There is no charge for dinner, but an opportunity to give from \$1 to \$100 through our envelope fundraising campaign to help us raise \$5,050 in 15 minutes. This event is open to families and friends; without support, we will not reach our goal. Email Frank Basil at youth@shadygroveumc.net to RSVP so we can plan accordingly.

Prayer Partners for Youth Summer Missions – Fill a prayer bag for a specific individual with some fun goodies and pray during our trips. Prayer Bags will be available for pick up at worship on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week. **Please return filled prayer bag by Sunday, June 24.** Questions? Contact Frank Basil at youth@shadygroveumc.net.

Gift Cards to Benefit Youth Ministry – Be sure to check out the gift card table on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary foyer or download an order form from www.shadygroveumc.net/youth-documents to see many other cards you can purchase. Questions? Contact Frank Basil at youth@shadygroveumc.net.

Have you got hospitality? If yes, we have a great opportunity for you to serve here at Shady Grove! The Welcome Center plays a central role on Sunday mornings in welcoming and assisting visitors. Fifteen minutes before and after each worship service a host is available to greet and offer friendly assistance with campus directions and general church information. If you would like to know more about being a host, please contact the Welcome Center Coordinator, Beth Chowen at bdchowen@msn.com; or Debbie Hockemeyer, Director of Hospitality & Evangelism at dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net.

Adult Mission Trip Survey – The Missions Committee would like input from the congregation on the types of adult mission trip opportunities that are desired. Please take 2 minutes to complete this short survey: tinyurl.com/SGUMCadultmissiontripsurvey. Thank you for your time and input! Learn more about missions at www.shadygroveumc.net/missions.

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. Questions? Contact Sarah Hardyman at vbs@shadygroveumc.net.

The blue pinwheels in the narthex remind us it is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

THIS WEEK

Youth Orchestra rehearsals begin Monday, April 30, and continue Wednesday, May 9 and 16, at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary. Any middle school or high school band or orchestra student with at least one year of playing experience is invited to join the SGUMC youth orchestra, directed by Gregg Butler, to play in worship on Sunday, May 20. Please contact Gregg at 360-2600 or gbutler@shadygroveumc.net to let her know you are interested so that music can be prepared for you. Friends are always welcome, just let Gregg know what instrument they play so she will have parts for them!

Wednesday Night Connections Group meets 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@businesspartneric.com with questions.

Join the UMM (United Methodist Men) for our monthly dinner and meeting on Thursday, May 3, in the fellowship hall. Regan Gifford, Community Outreach Manager for the Doorways, will be our guest speaker for the night. Doors will open at 6:00 pm with dinner being served at 6:30 pm. Chef Mike will be cooking his famous BBQ ribs with baked beans and dessert. Childcare can be provided if needed. Please **RSVP by Tuesday, May 1**, to Dave Adkins at adkinsdx@yahoo.com.

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, see the scholarship website, www.shadygroveumc.net/umm-scholarship, or contact the church office at 360-2600.

Soul on Fire Musical – Children and youth will present a dramatic musical, *Soul on Fire*, **Saturday, May 5**, at 5:00 pm and **Sunday, May 6**, at 11:00 am in the fellowship hall. Chief Edwards and Lieutenant Bree run a different kind of fire station not to fight fires but rather to call on Jesus to ignite a holy fire in each of our souls. Music includes Third Day's "Soul on Fire" and Mandisa's "Good News".

COMING UP

CCC Anniversary Celebration! Since its inception, the Caring Clothes Closet (CCC) has served over 5000 clients! Please join us in celebrating the fantastic work of Caring Clothes Closet on **Sunday, May 6**, after each worship service. Stop in and tour the CCC building (between the fellowship hall and the church office) and enjoy light refreshments and a kid's craft opportunity. We'll also be giving away door prizes! www.caringclothescloset.org

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. Plan to arrive at 8:30 am, with the programming running 9:00 am-3:00 pm, and a break for a catered lunch. Cost: \$20. Learn more and register online at www.shadygroveumc.net/biblebootcamp.

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event is on Sunday, May 20, from 2:00-4:00 pm – The youth ministry will be leading efforts to package 25,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger. We need a total of 120 volunteers and there are jobs for all ages. For questions or to sign up to package meals, email Frank Basil at youth@shadygroveumc.net.

Save the date! Shady Grove is hosting a FREE Community Wellness Expo 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.
- Join the SGUMC Run/Walk Team by training for and/or participating in The Sophie House 5k. Email Lauren Adkins at ladkins@shadygroveumc.net or complete a google form: <https://tinyurl.com/runwalkSGUMC>.
- Refer a practitioner to host a vendor table at the expo at no cost. Email Lauren Adkins at ladkins@shadygroveumc.net.
- Sign up for The Sophie House 5k. Visit thesophiehouse.org/event/sophie-house-5k/ to register.

High School and College Graduates - June 3 at 9:30 and 11:00 am – We will be honoring our 2018 high school and college graduates during worship on June 3. We will also be having a lunch for high school graduates and their immediate families following the service. If you are graduating this year, please go to www.shadygroveumc.net/youth and click the link to complete the "Graduate Info" form so we will have all the pertinent information needed. If you plan to attend the lunch after the service, please email Frank Basil at youth@shadygroveumc.net and drop off at the church office a baby picture; a senior picture; and details about your activities, interests, awards, mission trips attended, etc. **Please be sure to reply by May 28.**

Summer opportunities for children – Learn about Camp Play and Pray and G-3 Up and Out Missions at www.shadygroveumc.net/children.

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

