

Matthew 5:5 New Revised Standard Version (NRVS)

⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Acts 15:1-12 New International Version (NIV)

¹ Certain people came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the believers: "Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved." ² This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them. So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question. ³ The church sent them on their way, and as they traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, they told how the Gentiles had been converted. This news made all the believers very glad. ⁴ When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them.

⁵ Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, "The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses."

⁶ The apostles and elders met to consider this question. ⁷ After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: "Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. ⁸ God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. ⁹ He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. ¹⁰ Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear? ¹¹ No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are."

¹² The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them.

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



Songs in Today's Service:

- Unstoppable God* by Elevation Worship
- Open the Eyes of My Heart* by Michael W. Smith
- Cornerstone* by Hillsong
- Real Love* by Blanca; Joanna Devisser, soloist
- Happy Day* by Tim Hughes

These and other praise songs may be found on PER 90.5 FM. Listening will improve your week.

2018 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 9/16/2018

8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	Total	SS	COW
46	213	171	90	520	157	14

Sunday 9/23

- Regular Worship Schedule
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
- Children's Christmas Musical Auditions (Sanctuary) 1:15-4:30 pm
- G-3 (Chapel Bldg.) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Women's Study (Chapel Bldg., C-3) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Youth Kickoff (FH & Front Parking Lot) 5:00-7:00 pm
- Into the Fold – Hanging in Mission (CCC) 6:00-7:00 pm

Monday 9/24

- Daisy Troop 547 (EB 106) 4:00-5:15 pm
- Girl Scout Troop 5355 (EB 209) 4:00-5:15 pm
- Quartet Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00-7:00 pm
- Grey Oaks Villas Association (FH) 6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday 9/25

- Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am
- Richmond Babywearers Meeting (EB 111/112) 4:30-6:00 pm
- Young Lives Shopping Event (DOG House, CCC, EB Nursery) 5:00-8:30 pm
- Ruritan Dinner Meeting (FH) 6:00-8:00 pm
- Cub Scout Pack 735 Den 4 (EB 201) 7:00-8:00 pm

Wednesday 9/26

- Bistro (FH) 5:15-6:15 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
- Middle School Small Group (DOG House) 6:15-7:15 pm
- High School Small Group (DOG House) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Into the Fold – Hanging in Mission (CCC) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Rowdy MOMs (EB 207) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Short-Term Study of *The Wesley Challenge* (Church Office) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Short-Term Study of *Defying Gravity* (EB 201) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Fall Study of *Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life* (Library) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Connection Group (EB 206) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Disciple Fast Track 1 (EB 202) 6:15-7:30 pm
- Disciple Fast Track 2 (EB 203) 6:30-7:30 pm
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 7:15-8:15 pm
- Behold, A Savior!* Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:15-8:15 pm
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 8:15-9:00 pm

Thursday 9/27

- UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:30 am
- The Golden Notes Rehearsal (EB 204) 10:00-11:00 am
- Spirit Night (Corner Bakery) 4:00-7:00 pm
- The Center for Creative Arts Board Meeting (Chapel Bldg.) 7:00-8:00 pm
- Boy Scouts – Troop 735 (FH) 7:00-9:00 pm
- Knitting and Crochet Ministry (Home of Elaine Ratliff) 7:00-9:00 pm

Friday 9/28

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

Sunday 9/30

- Regular Worship Schedule
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
- Youth Ministry Council (DOG House) 3:30-5:00 pm
- Praise Kids (Sanctuary) 4:15-5:00 pm
- G-3 (Chapel Bldg.) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Women's Study (Chapel Bldg., C-3) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Youth Explosion Choir (Sanctuary) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Into the Fold – Hanging in Mission (CCC) 6:00-7:00 pm
- Middle School Large Group (DOG House) 6:00-7:00 pm
- High School Large Group (DOG House) 7:30-8:30 pm



Sunday, September 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

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 September 23, 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 *Be the Change: Stay Low*. The early church had to resolve difficult problems and settle disagreements with each other. The key to their success was not just the conclusions they reached but in the way they entered the conversation. Come learn the secrets they discovered.

Cleaning Buckets and Saturday of Service - October 13 – Consider packing a cleaning bucket for delivery to the UMCOR warehouse to replenish their supplies. The missions committee is offering instruction sheets in the foyer of the sanctuary and fellowship hall. You may pack a bucket on your own, or sign up to bring supplies to the Saturday of Service, or sign up to participate in the Saturday of Service projects using the Sign Up Genius: tinyurl.com/y7p85tje. Questions? Contact Gregg Butler in the office at 360-2600 or gbutler@shadygroveumc.net or Rick Dodge at thedodges4@comcast.net.

Name tags – Anyone wishing to order a SGUMC name tag may sign up on the clipboards at each of the welcome centers. Cost is \$8.00 each. Payment may be in cash or a check made out to SGUMC with "name tags" in the memo section. Orders are usually filled within a few weeks. Questions? Contact Donna Noble at donnanoble19@gmail.com.

Register your Kroger Plus card to benefit the Youth Ministry, details at www.shadygroveumc.net/youth-documents.

Youth Kickoff is TODAY from 5:00-7:00 pm in the main parking lot. Join us for lots of fun, games, food, and more! Friends are always welcome. There is no cost for this event, but we will collect donations for Barnebas, our Compassion International child. Question? Contact Frank Basil at youth@shadygroveumc.net.

Please register your children, infant through grade 5, for Sunday school and other children's ministry activities: tinyurl.com/18-19SGUMCregistration.

Share the love of Jesus with our Shady Grove kids by volunteering to be a Sunday School Teacher for ages 3 years old through fourth grade. Contact Kate Bishop at kbishop@shadygroveumc.net for details.

THIS WEEK

Bistro – Join us for dinner at the Shady Grove Bistro from 5:15 to 6:15 pm in the fellowship hall. RSVP on our website by clicking the link "RSVP for Dinner" at www.shadygroveumc.net/shady-grove-bistro, or call 360-2600, ext. 46 by noon Tuesdays. Adults: \$7, Child: \$3, Family (parents & children): \$20. **Menu for September 26** – pulled chicken barbeque, grilled street corn pasta salad, edamame succotash, dessert. Kids' menu – hot dogs or chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, fruit.

Fall Adult Discipleship Classes in Full Swing this week! It's not too late to sign up for one of our many tried-and-true and some brand-new small groups and bible studies. Visit our website to read all about what groups and classes are available this fall at SGUMC! <http://shadygroveumc.net/adultdiscipleship>

Miss the Connections Questions? Email Lauren Adkins at ladkins@shadygroveumc.net to receive the questions in a new format in your inbox!

SonShine Singers for ages 3-Kindergarten **continue rehearsals Wednesday, September 26**, from 6:15-6:45 pm in the education building, room 106. Packets for the year are available in the church office or you may take one home after rehearsal. Questions? Contact Sylvia Cooper at scooper@shadygroveumc.net.

Join us on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:15 pm as we rehearse for our Christmas musical drama, *Behold, A Savior!* Youth and adults are encouraged to be a part of this short term choir opportunity. The musical will include monologues as well as nativity non-speaking drama. If you would like to be a part of the choir or drama, contact Sylvia at scooper@shadygroveumc.net. *Behold, A Savior!* will be presented on Saturday, December 15, at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 16, at 9:30 and 11:00 am sanctuary worship services. Rehearsals for the Christmas musical choir offer child care and continue through December 12.

The Golden Notes Rehearsal on Thursdays – 10:00-11:00 am in the education building, room 204. The Golden Notes is a senior adult handbell choir for ages 55 and older. This handbell choir will focus on outreach in our community, bringing the joy of music to local assisted living programs. Its mission is to spread fellowship and goodwill through music. No musical experience necessary. Contact Sylvia Cooper at 360-2600, ext. 40 or scooper@shadygroveumc.net.

Knitting and Crochet Ministry meets Thursday, September 27, from 7:00-9:00 pm at Elaine Ratliff's home, 5009 Belmont Park Road, Glen Allen. Even though stitching a shawl, a scarf, or a hat is a small thing to do, God uses each to offer comfort, love, and warmth. Prayer shawls are available from the altar on the last Sunday of each month. Questions? Contact Margaret Phillips at 527-7857 or phillips.mwphillips@gmail.com.

Spirit Night at Corner Bakery Cafe – Make plans to come to the Corner Baker Cafe, 11000 West Broad Street, on **Thursday, September 27**, from 4:00-7:00 pm to support Youth Mission and Rise Against Hunger. Just mention Shady Grove UMC Youth and we will receive 15% of the total purchase. Questions? Contact Frank Basil at youth@shadygroveumc.net.

COMING UP

Third Grade Bible Presentation has been moved to next Sunday, September 30 – Third graders will be presented their Bibles during the 9:30 worship service in the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Beanie Kelly at bkelly@shadygroveumc.net.

Youth Explosion Choir for youth in grades 6-12 begins next Sunday, September 30, at 5:00-6:00 pm in the sanctuary. This choir will sing in worship on October 14 and also prepare for Youth Choir Jam weekend beginning at 4:30 pm Friday, November 16 and concluding Saturday, November 17, with a 3:00 pm free public concert. Youth Choir Jam will be held at River Road Baptist Church. Contact Sylvia Cooper at scooper@shadygroveumc.net to join. More information: <http://www.youthchoirjam.org/>.

This year's Children's Christmas Musical - *Straight Outta Bethlehem* will be presented on Saturday, December 1, at 4:00 pm, and on Sunday, December 2, at the 9:30 and 11:00 am worship services. Praise Kids (grade 1-5) begin rehearsals Sunday, October 7, 4:15-5:00 pm. SonShine Singers (children ages 3-5 years old) will sing choruses of all the songs, and begin rehearsals Sunday, October 28. Drama rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:45 pm and begin October 3. Questions? Contact Sylvia Cooper at scooper@shadygroveumc.net or Beanie Kelly at bkelly@shadygroveumc.net.

Join the United Methodist Men for our monthly meeting on Thursday, October 4. Pastor Chris and Mike Matthews will be giving us an overview of the Strategic Planning Committee and what they are hoping to accomplish through their efforts. Dinner is \$10.00 with doors opening at 6:00 pm and dinner served at 6:30. Chef Mike will be serving BBQ ribs, sides, and dessert. Childcare provided if needed. To RSVP or hear more about the UMM, contact Dave Adkins at adkinsdx@yahoo.com.

Information Session on A Way Forward is Sunday, October 7, 2:00-3:30 pm. Join the UMC members of Shady Grove, Reveille, and Welborne at River Road UMC, 8800 River Road, Richmond, VA 23229, for an information session on the work of the Commission On A Way Forward. The United Methodist Church's Council of Bishops has called a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the Commission On A Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. The 32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church. Learn more about this topic at www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2019-special-session.

Support Shalom Farms with the purchase of pansies. The Missions Committee offers you the opportunity to purchase pansies in a multi-colored flat (32 plants) for \$20 from the United Methodist Urban Ministries of Richmond Auxiliary. Contact Sandi Shriner to place your **order by Thursday, October 11**, sds210s@verizon.net or 405-3351. Flats will be available for pick up on Saturday and Sunday, October 20 and 21.

It is starting to feel like fall in the air so you know Happen'n Hallows Eve is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 27**, 4:00-7:00 pm. There will be something for everyone - trunk or treat, cakewalk, music, games, food and much more. There will be a few new events - musical chairs, mummy wrapping and a youth scavenger hunt. Look for more information to come along with donation and volunteer opportunities. Looking forward to a great festival!

Due to weather the 5th Annual Wayne Samford Memorial Golf Tournament has been rescheduled for **Monday, November 5**, at the Dominion Club. See www.shadygroveumc.net/golf for details. Our beneficiaries this year are The First Tee of Richmond and Flying Squirrels Charities. Questions? Contact Jeff Samford at 612-0582 or jeffs@businesspartnerric.com.

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

