

**We continue our worship series “Belong, Behave, Believe.”
We welcome Abi Solanke bringing this morning’s message “In Defense of Doubt.”**

John 20:19-31 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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 **Songs in Today’s Service**

I Will Call Upon the Lord by Michael O’Shields • *Open Our Eyes, Lord* by Maranatha Singers
The Power of Your Love by Hillsong • *We Believe* by Newsboys • *Trading My Sorrows* by Darrell Evans

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Text Giving is now available! Text serve to **73256** to give to the General Operating Fund using your text messaging. Standard text message rates do apply.

HELP NEEDED – There is currently a need for ushers and welcome center hosts at the contemporary service. Both of these opportunities to serve on a Sunday morning are vital to our church’s ability to offer a welcoming presence and worship experience. Training is available. If you would like to serve, please contact Keith Larkin at antler0816@yahoo.com for ushering and Beth Chowen bdchowen@msn.com for hosting at the welcome center.

MARCH 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

Operating Performance – Through March we are ~25% through the year for 2019. Actual revenue through March was just 22% of our annual budget, partially offset by actual expenses at only 23% of the budget YTD. This yielded an actual YTD net loss of ~\$(4,000), which is \$11,000 under budget. If you are behind in your pledged/planned giving, please catch-up your donations as soon as you are able, to help us maintain a balanced budget. Also please download the “Guide to Christian Giving” at www.shadygroveumc.net/finance for information on giving tax strategies, corporate matching, etc.

Building/Capital Campaign – As of March 31, 2019, we are 92% through the 36-month Capital Campaign and we have only collected 87% of what was originally pledged in 2016. Please keep those pledge dollars coming in, as the end of the campaign collection period is only 3 months away, in June 2019.

Your Role – You can help SGUMC by submitting an annual pledge which is critical to help us plan and better maintain balanced budgets. Currently less than 75% of our annual budget is covered by pledges. You can also help by giving routinely (weekly, monthly, etc.) Automatic payments may be set up through your Realm account or the church office.

Amazon Smile – You can support SGUMC as you shop on Amazon. Start your shopping at smile.amazon.com and choose our church as your supported charity.

More detailed financial files are available by logging into your account at Realm <https://e.onrealm.org> and looking under Groups/Shady Grove United Methodist Church. If you have not set up a Realm account, please do so, by emailing Gregg Butler, our Church Office Manager, at realm@shadygroveumc.net.

Sunday 4/28

- Regular Worship Schedule
- Confirmation Class (DOG House) 9:00-10:30 am
- Agape Ringers (EB 204) 3:30-4:15 pm
- Praise Kids (Sanctuary) 4:15-5:00 pm
- Let It Go* Women’s Study (Chapel Bldg., C-3) 4:45-6:15 pm
- G-3 (Chapel Bldg.) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Youth Explosion Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Rise Against Hunger Dinner (FH) 6:00-7:00 pm

Monday 4/29

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

Tuesday 4/30

- Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am

Wednesday 5/1

- Sewing Seeds of Hope (FH) 9:00 am-12:00 noon
- Alzheimer’s Association Support Group (DOG House) 9:30-11:00 am
- We Are United* Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 4:30-6:30 pm
- Music Rehearsal – DeLayne Chowen (FH) 5:00-10:00 pm
- Faith Care Infant/Toddler Nursery (EB 111) 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
- Belong, Behave, Believe* Study (EB 201) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Rowdy MOMs (EB 207) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Adult Drama Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:30-7:00 pm
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:15-8:45 pm

Thursday 5/2

- UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:30 am
- The Golden Notes Spring Concert
(Brookdale West End Richmond) 10:00-11:00 am
- Pack 735 Tiger Den Meeting (EB 209) 6:00-7:00 pm
- Boy Scouts – Troop 735 (FH) 7:00-9:00 pm

Friday 5/3

- Middle School Breakfast (Chick-fil-A) 7:20 am
- He Chose the Nails* Women’s Bible Study (Chapel Bldg., C-2) 9:45-11:00 am
- Eagle Scout Car Wash (Front Parking Lot) 5:00-7:00 pm

Saturday 5/4

- The Center for Creative Arts Recitals (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00 pm; 4:00 pm
- Indian Gospel Melodies (FH) 2:00-5:00 pm

Sunday 5/5

- Regular Worship Schedule
- Confirmation Class (DOG House) 9:00-10:30 am
- Voices from the Holy Land Film Series
Screening of *Life in Occupied Palestine* (FH) 1:00-4:00 pm
- Children’s Council Meeting (Library) 3:30-4:45 pm
- Let It Go* Women’s Study (Chapel Bldg., C-3) 4:45-6:15 pm
- G-3 (Chapel Bldg.) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Youth Explosion Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:00-6:00 pm
- It Takes A Village (EB 201) 6:00-7:00 pm
- Large Group – Combined (FH) 6:00-8:00 pm



Sunday, April 28, 2019

**THIS WEEK
AT SHADY GROVE**

**Shady Grove
United Methodist Church
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Regular Sunday Schedule

8:15 am	Traditional Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9:30 am	Informal Traditional Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	Nursery Faith Care (infants-age 2)	<i>Education Building</i>
	3 Years-5th Grade Sunday School	<i>Education Building</i>
	Youth Sunday School	<i>Chapel Building</i>
	Adult Sunday School	<i>Chapel Building</i>
11:00 am	Informal Traditional Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	Contemporary Worship	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	Nursery Faith Care (infants-age 2)	<i>Education Building</i>
	Children’s Own Worship	<i>Chapel</i>

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?

ATTENDANCE for 4/21/2019

6:30	8:00	9:30	11:00	Cont.	9:30 / 11:00	Total	SS	COW
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Announcements for April 28, 2019

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 "In Defense of Doubt." Thomas missed out. The risen Christ visited the disciples but Thomas was gone. Thomas is one of us; we look for a personal encounter. There is no judgement in asking questions.

We thank The Golden Notes, our senior adult handbell choir, for sharing in three worship services today! They will present their third concert and program **Thursday, May 2**, at 10:00 am at Brookdale West End Richmond, 1800 Gaskins Rd, Richmond, VA 23238. Directed by Sylvia Cooper, members are Susan Dietz, Ginny Gartland, Debbie Hockemeyer, Susan Hollins, Iva Keller, Norma LaRue, Cindy Reasor, Polly Rowan, and Bob Phillips. The mission of this handbell choir is to spread fellowship and goodwill through music. Come and join us! Questions? Contact Sylvia at scooper@shadygroveumc.net.

Dates Available for Sanctuary Altar Flowers – To honor a special person or significant date in your life, consider putting flowers in the sanctuary and providing a message that will be printed in the bulletin. The cost is \$22. There are openings on the flower calendar for May 26, several weeks in June, and through the rest of the summer. Sign up in person on the flower calendar posted in the side room of the sanctuary foyer, or call or email Dana Kelley at 360-2600, ext. 122, or musicadmin@shadygroveumc.net.

Sunday School Study *How God Takes Our Little and Makes It Much* by James Moore – In this six session, video-based study, Dr. Moore uses key scriptures that distinctly shape the beliefs of United Methodists. Two sessions focus on the Old Testament, four sessions focus on the New Testament. Join the group **starting TODAY** from 9:30-10:30 am in the chapel building, room C-3. Contact Jeff Samford for more information: jeffs@businesspartnerric.com.

Sunday Night Women's Study *Let It Go: How to Stop Running the Show and Start Walking in Faith* by Karen Ehman Women are wired to control life's details. This book brings women practical, biblically based steps for letting go of the need to control, dictate, and even manipulate the people and situations around them, and instead, trust that God has their best interests in mind. Join the group **starting TODAY** from 4:45-6:15 pm in the chapel building, room C-3. Contact Adrienne Knox for more information: adrienne.knox@gmail.com.

Join us for our annual Rise Against Hunger Dinner TODAY at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall to help us raise funds and our awareness of hunger in the world. There is no charge for dinner, donations will be accepted.

SGUMC Youth Ministry Gift Card program – 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 for an 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.

Sign up to help at the Education Building Welcome Center – It can be hard to find your way around if you are new to our buildings. Help newcomers feel welcome and informed on Sunday mornings. For more information, look for the Sign Up Genius at www.shadygroveumc.net/children. Questions? Contact Sarah Hardyman at thetrap4@hotmail.com.

THIS WEEK

UMM Scholarship Program – The United Methodist Men are accepting applications for the 2019 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 Tuesday, April 30.** Learn more about the scholarship program at www.shadygroveumc.net/umm-scholarship or contact the church office at 360-2600.

Sewing Seeds of Hope is making pillowcase dresses to be shipped abroad to orphaned girls. All are welcome to cut, iron, and sew as we serve, pray, and grow. The group meets Wednesdays in the fellowship hall from 9:00 am until around noon. Contact Lynn Alberti with donations, questions, or to RSVP at 240-4391 or lynnalberti@gmail.com.

The children and youth spring musical drama, *We Are United*, will be presented Saturday, June 8, at 5:00 pm and Sunday, June 9, at 11:00 am worship in the fellowship hall. Island castaways compete to win but recognize it is best to work together as one in Christ. Practices run Wednesdays, 4:30-6:30 pm. Children in grade 1-5 are invited to join the chorus. Questions? Contact Jamie Bittner at jamie.lynn.bittner@gmail.com.

NEW Sermon Based Small Group: *Belong, Behave, Believe* – As Christians we experience multiple entry points to faithful living with God. For the season of Easter, come explore scriptural examples of Jesus' call to belonging on your path to belief. Join Lauren Adkins for discussion of the week's sermon from 6:15-7:15 pm in room 201 of the education building on Wednesdays: May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Contact Lauren at ladkins@shadygroveumc.net.

Friday Morning Women's Study *He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart* by Max Lucado – You are invited to examine the cross, contemplate its purpose, and celebrate its significance in *He Chose the Nails*. Join Pastor Beanie in lingering on the hill of Calvary, seeing just how much God did to win your heart. This study continues from 9:45-11:00 am in the chapel building, room C-2. Contact Debbie Hockemeyer for more information: dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net.

Support The Sophie House 5K Race for Mom on Saturday, May 18, at Deep Run High School. The Sophie House is a non-profit organization on our campus whose mission is to provide encouragement and supportive services for single women and mothers that moves them from instability to stability. Chick-fil-A will be on site sponsoring the kids' fun run, as well as vendors and more! Sign up at tinyurl.com/tsh5K2019.

Vacation Bible School will run June 17-21 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Explore where God's power can take you with our VBS: *To Mars and Beyond*. Visit www.shadygroveumc.net/vbs for online registration. Cost is \$40. The *To Mars and Beyond* on campus program is for ages three through fourth graders. Fifth graders will be involved in a separate VBS experience that involves going off campus throughout the week. Questions? Contact Kate Bishop at kbishop@shadygroveumc.net.

Summer camp registration is in full swing at The Center: visit our website to see the full array of art, robotics, dance, chess, jazz ensembles, and music recording camps. Some camps, including some robotics and all three musical theater camps are already full — sign up soon! View the details for all camps at www.center4creativearts.org.

Register now for Camp Play and Pray! Sign up now for one, two, or three weeks of camp designed for your three-year-old through rising first grader. June 3-7, July 8-12, or July 29-August 2; 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Cost is \$145. Learn more and download registration form at www.shadygroveumc.net/playandpray.

COMING UP

SGUMC welcomes the *Voices from the Holy Land Film Series!* This film series explores relationships between neighbors who have been struggling to find peace in the Holy Land for three decades. **On Sunday, May 5,** at 2:00 pm we will be screening *Life in Occupied Palestine* in the fellowship hall. Visit voicesfromtheholylan.org/calendar to learn about additional film screenings in May and June of 2019 in Richmond, Maryland, and Washington, DC. Our thanks to Pat Haddad for partnering with Adult Discipleship at Shady Grove to bring this film series to our congregation and community at large through her work with Richmonders for Peace in Israel-Palestine (RPIP). Please contact Lauren Adkins with questions, ladkins@shadygroveumc.net.

Please give blood! American Red Cross will be here **Sunday, May 12,** from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Bloodmobile in the front parking lot. To sign up for an appointment time contact Kelly Wood at kellybsn92@gmail.com. Walk-ins are welcome.

New to Shady Grove UMC? We welcome the opportunity to get to know you and want to help you feel at home here. Join us for START HERE, offered **Sunday, May 12,** from 9:30-10:30 am in the education building, room 201. 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.

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event is on Sunday, May 19, from 2:00-4:00 pm in the fellowship hall. The youth ministry will be heading up efforts to package 25,000 meals. We need a total of 120 volunteers and there are jobs for all ages. To register, <http://events.stophungernow.org/SGUMC19>. Questions? Email Frank Basil at youth@shadygroveumc.net.

We will be honoring our 2019 high school and college graduates during worship on June 2 at 9:30 and 11:00 am. We will also be having a lunch for high school graduates and their immediate families following the service. If you are graduating this year, 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, email Frank Basil at youth@shadygroveumc.net or 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 27.**

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

