

Today in the fellowship hall, join us as we conclude our worship series, *We Live, We Love*. Our sermon is entitled *Reconciled*. Life and love in the reign of God has forward movement toward goodness. Even in the midst of difficult relationships and hard times, grace can surprise us with reconciliation. Redemption is always right around the corner. Joseph chooses forgiveness rather than resentment, restoration of relationship rather than rejection.

Genesis 45:1-15 New International Version (NIV):

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it. ³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. ⁸ "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. ⁹ Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. ¹⁰ You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.' ¹² "You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. ¹³ Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly." ¹⁴ Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

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You will find the words and responses on the screens during the Contemporary worship service. The general order we follow each Sunday is:

- Gathering:** Praise Songs and Greeting
- Gratitude:** Offering and Prayer
- God's Word:** Scripture and Message
- Going:** Praise Song and Sending

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:**
- Sing Sing Sing* by Chris Tomlin
 - You Are Good* by Jeremy Riddle
 - Your Are There* by TestifyRVA original; Joanna Devisser, soloist
 - You Never Are* by Francesca Battistelli; Tara Cornett, soloist
 - Reconciled* by TestifyRVA original

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

We are building our contemporary worship team. If you would like to sing, play, or be part of our audio/visual team, please contact Brian Mahne at bmahne@shadygroveumc.net.

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 11/19/2017

8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	Total	SS	COW
73	177	146	94	490	123	20

Sunday 11/26

- Regular Worship Schedule
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
- Stage Set-Up (Sanctuary) 12:15-1:15 pm
- An Out-of-the-Box Christmas* FULL DRESS Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 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
- Youth Large Group Combined Mission Activity (DOG House) 6:00-7:00 pm

Monday 11/27

- Girl Scout Troop 547 (EB 106) 4:00-5:15 pm
- Girl Scout Troop 5355 (EB 202/203) 4:00-5:15 pm

Tuesday 11/28

- Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am
- Richmond Babywearers Meeting (EB 111/112) 4:30-6:00 pm
- Cub Scout Pack 735 Bears (EB 209) 6:00-7:00 pm
- Ruritans Meeting (FH) 6:30-8:30 pm

Wednesday 11/29

- Preschool Open House (EB) 10:00-11:00 am
- An Out-of-the-Box Christmas* FINAL DRESS Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 4:30-6:15 pm
- Connection Group (EB 206) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Gideon's Call (Sanctuary) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 7:15-8:15 pm
- How Should a King Come* Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:15-9:00 pm

Thursday 11/30

- UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:45 am
- Girl Scout Troop 5720 (EB 202) 5:30-6:30 pm
- Girl Scout Troop 5704 (EB 203) 5:30-7:30 pm
- Church Council Meeting (Library) 6:30-8:30 pm
- Death Café (FH) 6:30-8:30 pm
- Richmond Christian Singles Bible Study (EB 206) 7:00-8:30 pm
- Boy Scouts – Troop 735 (EB 201) 7:00-9:00 pm
- Knitting and Crochet Ministry Meeting (Home of Elaine Ratliff) 7:00-9:00 pm

Friday 12/1

- Middle School Breakfast (Chick-fil-A) 7:20 am
- The Center for Creative Arts Recitals (Chapel Bldg.) 6:00-9:00 pm

Saturday 12/2

- The Center for Creative Arts Recitals (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00-6:00 pm
- An Out-of-the-Box Christmas* Sound Check (Sanctuary) 3:30-4:00 pm
- An Out-of-the-Box Christmas* Presentation (Sanctuary) 4:00-5:00 pm
- Santa Supper (FH) 5:00-6:30 pm

Sunday 12/3

- Traditional Worship and Communion (Chapel) 8:15 am
- An Out-of-the-Box Christmas* Presentation (Sanctuary) 9:30 & 11:00 am
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
- Rhapsody Recitals (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00-6:00 pm
- G-3 Movie Field Trip & Pizza (Meet Chapel Bldg.) 3:00-6:15 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



Sunday, November 26, 2017

THIS WEEK AT SHADY GROVE

Shady Grove United Methodist Church Short Pump

4825 Pouncey Tract Road
Glen Allen VA 23059
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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 Own Worship	Chapel

Announcements for November 26, 2017

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

We conclude our worship series, *We Live, We Love*. Our message this week is *Reconciled*. Life and love in the reign of God has forward movement toward goodness. Even in the midst of difficult relationships and hard times, grace can surprise us with reconciliation. Redemption is always right around the corner. Joseph chooses forgiveness rather than resentment, restoration of relationship rather than rejection.

Your help is needed! Please take a few minutes to complete a survey which will give us valuable insight about the church and help form our future strategies and plans. Responses are anonymous. If you are 12 years of age or older, and a member or regular guest at Shady Grove UMC, please visit tinyurl.com/SGUMCSurvey by tomorrow Monday, November 27, to complete the survey. Hard copies are available at the welcome centers or church office for individuals without computer access. Thank you for your time and input! Questions? Contact Alli Bolyard at allibolyard@yahoo.com.

Support STEP's Christmas shopping program. The missions committee invites you to support residents at Gilpin Court by purchasing Christmas presents and delivering to SGUMC by Wednesday, December 6. Choose a tag from the bicycles in the sanctuary and fellowship. Questions? Contact Gregg Butler at gbutler@shadygroveumc.net or 360-2600.

Start your Christmas Shopping! Gift cards make great gifts for all your shopping needs and with thousands of options, including restaurants, retailers, automotive, grocery, and more, there is something for everyone! You can purchase gift cards at face value and the youth ministry receives a percentage of the sale. 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. Orders placed by December 11 should arrive in time for pickup on December 17. There is also a selection of coasters, water bottles, and mission trip shirts available. Questions? Contact Frank Basil at youth@shadygroveumc.net.

Dinners for Eight is designed to help us get to know one another a little bit better outside of Sunday morning. It doesn't matter if you are young or young at heart, couple or single, new to SGUMC or seasoned veteran. Consider joining together this winter with other SGUMC friendly faces to enjoy some good food and fellowship. After the kick-off on January 20 for the entire group, participants are placed in rotating groups of eight and gather once a month in homes from February to April. **Sign-up at the welcome center** in either the narthex (foyer) of the sanctuary or the fellowship hall entry of the contemporary service. Questions? Contact Pam Thompson at jeffmthomp@gmail.com or 804-360-3162 (home).

We thank our Strikers soccer neighbors who are providing staff at the entrances to our back parking lot on Sunday morning, making sure that soccer families are only parking in the Strikers lot on Sunday mornings.

THIS WEEK

Knitting and Crochet Ministry – How thankful we are for small talents that God does use! This month, Knitting and Crochet Ministry meets at 7:00 pm, **Thursday, November 30**, at Elaine Ratliff's home at 5009 Belmont Park Road, Glen Allen. We stitch shawls, scarves, and hats to share God's love. Your willingness to knit or crochet is all you need to join us. We will have the equipment available for you to learn! For those at home, let Margaret know if you want to add a stitched item to our ministry! Margaret Phillips can be reached at phillips.mwphillips@gmail.com or 527-7857.

Feeling a tug to serve in the church, but not sure how? The Richmond District offers leadership training each year. This year's District Conference and Leadership Training will be held Sunday, January 7, 2018, 1:30-5:00 pm at Reveille UMC, 4200 Cary Street Road. You may be interested in a class on food justice, social media highway, ways to reach our neighbors and identifying our community. Learn more at tinyurl.com/richdisttraining2018. Let Gregg Butler in the office know by **November 30** if you wish to attend, 360-2600 or gbutler@shadygroveumc.net. No cost to participants.

Santa Supper – Santa is coming to Shady Grove! Families, come have supper with Santa on **Saturday, December 2**, at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. AND meet Randy Reindeer, Rudolph's first cousin! Kids will enjoy crafts and a visit with Santa, after a spaghetti supper. No RSVP needed.

Join us December 2 and 3 for this year's children's Christmas musical, *An Out-of-the-Box Christmas*, directed by Sylvia Cooper and Beanie Kelly, with assistance in drama from Kate Bishop, Jamie Bittner, and Sally Martin. We will have three presentations: Saturday, December 2, at 4:00 pm (sanctuary), followed by a Santa Supper party from 5:00-6:30 pm (fellowship hall) and Sunday, December 3, presented at the 9:30 and 11:00 morning worship services in the sanctuary. Over 40 children ages 3 years old through grade 5 hope that their presentation radiates the love we find in Baby Jesus.

COMING UP

Next Sunday, December 3, Holy Communion will be offered at our 8:15 am service held in the chapel and in the 11:00 am contemporary service.

Mark your calendars for our Christmas Cantata, *How Should a King Come*, being presented Saturday, December 16, at 7:00 pm and Sunday morning, December 17, at our 9:30 and 11:00 worship services. Accompanied by orchestra, the musical will include narration as well as nativity non-speaking drama: the Holy Family, wise men, and shepherds. If you would like to be a part of the drama, please contact Sylvia Cooper at scooper@shadygroveumc.net.

Alzheimer's Support Group – We are pleased to host the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Richmond who is launching a brand new support group geared towards younger adults caring for and supporting loved ones with Alzheimer's or other dementias. The meeting will be held on the first Wednesday of the month, **December 6**, 9:30-11:00 am in the D.O.G. House (4703 Shady Grove Road). NOTE: Child care is not provided, but it is a child-friendly environment. Call 967-2583 for more information or email Jessica Samet at jsamet@alz.org.

The new Bistro season begins January 10! Join us for dinner at the Shady Grove Bistro from 5:15 to 6:15 pm in the fellowship hall as Chef Missy and the Bistro team return with some favorites from last season and some new menu items! Our Bistro theme and menu for the season is being planned but you can RSVP on our website, www.shadygroveumc.net/shady-grove-bistro, or call 360-3907, ext. 46 by noon Tuesdays. Adults: \$7, Child: \$3, Family (parents & children): \$20. Please remember if you are making a standing reservation for the entire season to let us know if you will not be there any week so we can be faithful stewards in all that God has given.

NEW! Wednesday Night Disciple Fast Track starting January 10, 2018 from 6:15-7:15 pm in education building room 207. This NEW meeting time of the long-term study maintains the integrity and principles of the original Disciple Bible Study, but it is modified to better meet the needs of a hectic world. By reading 15-20 minutes every day, you can study the Bible from Genesis to Revelation in 24 weeks! FREE STUDY MANUALS PROVIDED!!! Contact Cassandra Isley at ctis5@verizon.net.

Sign up now to serve with the Appalachia Service Project in Brenton, WV, Monday, April 2 - Friday, April 6, 2018. Expected cost is \$410-425. Financial aid is available. Youth age 16 and older with a parent and all adults are invited to serve. Contact for the trip is Mark Tuttle, mark987@hushmail.com or 382-6826.

Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of November 26, 2017

Genesis 45:1-15

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

1. How do you understand reconciliation?
2. How would you write a "best practices" article on reconciliation?
3. What does reconciliation demand from the parties involved?
4. What kind of reconciliation was called for between Joseph and his brothers?
5. Was their reconciliation complete? Why or why not?
6. Is reconciliation something that can happen in a moment or is it a process? Why?
7. What is the gift of reconciliation? In other words, what difference can reconciliation make in a life? What difference has it made in yours?

In addition to the names listed below, we pray for the written and unwritten prayers received through the Prayer Request Cards.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Rev. David Adkins, Cam Akers, Tori Anderson, Rachael Bradfield (daughter-in-law of Glenn and Sylvia Cooper), Lucy Chenery, Caitlin Daley, Nicholas Daley, Annie Davenport (aunt of Crystal Foster), Kim Dodson (mother of Shana Miller), Pat Edwards, Joan England (mother of Allyson Drake), Rose Farmer, Lachlan Fender (nephew of Jeff and Sara Fender), Betty Finley, Cheryl Fitzgerald (sister of Donna Noble), Judie Foster (mother of Steven Foster), Ann Gooch (mother of Anita Schunk), Ray Gudum, Tommy Harris, Ryan Hartsook (son-in-law of Ruth Powell), Peggy Hill, John Holmes (Uncle of Crystal Foster), Terry Hoover (father of Haylee Douglas), Betsy Katko, Kelsey Lewia (daughter of Rick and Debbie Bragga), Jane Mackey (mother of Roger Mackey), Pam Melton (daughter of Sylvia Chartier), Diane Morrison, Ginger Perkin (daughter of Dave and Diane Bennett), Rick Robertson (brother of Martha Anne Martin), Betty Ross (grandmother of Crystal Foster), Amira Safwat, Mildred Shafer (mother of John Shafer), Rob Troisi, Sara Walker, David Webster (cousin of Carrie LeCrom), Ann White (mother of Pat Edwards)

Homebound

Aleida Bultman-Brookdale, Beverly Robertson (mother of Martha Anne Martin), Shirley Ronquest-Crump Manor, Linda Stone-Our Lady of Hope

Global Missionaries

Heather and James-Location undisclosed, Nico Chantel-Europe, Fishers 4 Him-Dominican Republic, Eva and Lindsay Gilliam-Southeast Asia, Laura and Timo Harkonen-US and Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liz Jackson-Philippines, Quynh-Hoa Nguyen-Vietnam

