

Today in the fellowship hall, join us as we begin our worship series, *Angels Among Us*. Have you ever had a moment in your life after which you knew nothing would ever be the same? It was just another day at the temple for Zechariah. It was his priestly turn to make sure everything was done properly and in good order. But it turned into something quite different when an angel showed up at the altar. In the midst of great change, hope is always welcome. Advent can remind us that God makes us ready for whatever unknown may come our way and calls us to be messengers of *#morehope* in an ever-changing world.

Luke 1:5-25, 57-80 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

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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

-  **Songs in Today's Service:** *Angels Among Us* by Alabama
We Could Change the World by Matt Redman
I See Heaven by Brian and Katie Torwalt; Tara Cornett, soloist
How Great Thou Art by Paul Baloche

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.

Today the Cummings Family lights our Advent candle.



SERMON SERIES: ANGELS AMONG US

"Do not be afraid." ~The Angels

The angels that appear in the story of Jesus' birth would have been very comfortable in our world of tweets and hashtags. Their messages were often short and to the point—their favorite line being *#DoNotBeAfraid*. As we look at the stories of these winged messengers to Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the Shepherds and their reactions to them, we will contemplate what messages we can offer that will counteract a culture of fear and bring *#morehope*, *#morepeace*, *#morejoy*, and *#morelove* to the world.

Angel painting created by our own Kate Bishop.

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

Monday 12/4

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

Tuesday 12/5

- Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary) 9:30-10:00 am
- Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am
- Ruritans Board Meeting (EB 201) 7:00-8:30 pm

Wednesday 12/6

- Alzheimer's Association Support Group (DOG House) 9:30-11:00 am
- Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary) 10:30-11:30 am
- 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 12/7

- UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:45 am
- Girl Scout Troop 5720 (EB 202) 5:30-6:30 pm
- UMM Dinner and Meeting (FH) 6:00-9:00 pm
- Boy Scouts – Troop 735 (EB 202/203) 7:00-9:00 pm

Friday 12/8

- High School Breakfast (Chick-fil-A) 7:45 am
- Girl Scout Troop 408 (EB 106) 2:40-4:00 pm
- Testify RVA Dinner (FH) 5:00-8:00 pm

Saturday 12/9

- The Center for Creative Arts Elves Workshop (Chapel Bldg.) 9:00 am-1:00 pm
- The Center for Creative Arts Recitals (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00-6:00 pm

Sunday 12/10

- Traditional Worship and Communion (Chapel) 8:15 am
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
- Girl Scout Troop 3007 (EB 201) 3:00-4:30 pm
- Children's Council (Chapel Hall) 3:15-4:00 pm
- Baby Shower for Jesus (Chapel Hall) 4:15-6:15 pm
- Rowdy MOMs Bible Study (Chapel Bldg. C-3) 5:00-6:00 pm
- How Should a King Come* Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:00-7:30 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 11/26/2017

8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	Total	SS	COW
50	197	122	112	481	99	12



Sunday, December 3, 2017

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 December 3, 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

Today Holy Communion will be offered at our 8:15 am service held in the chapel and in the 11:00 am contemporary service.

We begin our worship series, *Angels Among Us*. Our message this week is *Make Ready a People: #morehope*. Have you ever had a moment in your life after which you knew nothing would ever be the same? It was just another day at the temple for Zechariah. It was his priestly turn to make sure everything was done properly and in good order. But it turned into something quite different when an angel showed up at the altar. In the midst of great change, hope is always welcome. Advent can remind us that God makes us ready for whatever unknown may come our way and calls us to be messengers of *#morehope* in an ever-changing world.

Share #morehope, #morepeace, #morejoy, and #morelove in our community this Advent season by participating in these outreach opportunities:

#morehope

- Provide a warm coat for youth living in the cottages at United Methodist Family Services. Sign up at tinyurl.com/UMFScoats. Coats are due back to the Caring Clothes Closet **by Tuesday, December 12**.
- Children ages 4-grade 5 are encouraged to bring gifts of diapers, baby wash cloths, bibs, and wet wipes to be given to young teen moms through the Butterfly Babies ministry at the Baby Shower for Jesus **on Sunday, December 10**, at 4:15-6:15 pm in Chapel Hall. Bring a sleeping bag and pillow and wear PJs to watch a movie. Contact Kate Bishop at kbishop@shadygroveumc.net.

#morepeace

- Commit to a team that will help bring communion to our shut-ins. Meet at 2:00 pm **on December 10** in the sanctuary for supplies and instructions. Sign up by calling the church office, 360-2600, or email gbutler@shadygroveumc.net.

#morejoy

- Provide a Christmas toy or game for families in the STEP program at Gilpin Court to purchase at a discount for their children at Christmas. Choose a tag from the bicycles in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Please return gifts **by Wednesday, December 6**. Contact Gregg Butler at gbutler@shadygroveumc.net.
- Come ice skate with youth ministry and experience joy! Meet at the rink at West Broad Village at 4:00 pm **on Sunday, December 17**. Contact Frank Basil at youth@shadygroveumc.net.

#morelove

- Choose tags from the Giving Trees in the sanctuary and fellowship hall to provide gifts to help the Caring Clothes Closet give more love to those in need in our community. Gifts can be brought to church or dropped off at the CCC **through Sunday, December 24**.
- This year's Advent offering will go to support SGUMC's Samaritan Fund, which meets critical needs and paves a path to sustainability for families in our community, and to the scholarship fund for youth and adult mission trips, so that all have the opportunity to serve, regardless of cost. Write ADVENT in memo of check.

Join us today for this year's children's Christmas musical, *An Out-of-the-Box Christmas*, presented at the 9:30 and 11:00 morning worship services in the sanctuary by over 40 children ages 3 years old through grade 5.

Poinsettia Orders – Orders for Christmas Poinsettias may be turned in **through Monday, December 11**, to guarantee a poinsettia. Additional poinsettias may be available on a first come, first serve basis after that date. You may go to www.shadygroveumc.net/youth-documents to download the order form or pickup in the narthex on Sunday mornings. Flowers are available for \$20 or you may purchase a listing in the Christmas Poinsettia bulletin insert for \$10. Flowers will be placed in worship to decorate and then may be taken home. Questions? Contact Frank Basil at youth@shadygroveumc.net.

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 – 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 the sanctuary or the fellowship hall. Contact Pam Thompson at jeffmthomp@gmail.com or 360-3162.

Building Committee Update – Work continues! General Contractor sent the bid invitation out to the market on October 27. On-site meeting and walk-thru with subs was held on November 13. General Contractor hoped to have GMP (guaranteed maximum price) Proposal ready for presentation and review during week following Thanksgiving; however, bids are coming in much slower than expected, so this date has been moved to the week of December 11. Building Committee will meet during the week of December 11 to receive and review the proposal from the General Contractor. Contact Rex Hockemeyer at rex.hockemeyer@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK

Alzheimer's Support Group geared towards younger adults caring for and supporting loved ones with Alzheimer's or other dementias. The meeting is **Wednesday, December 6**, 9:30-11:00 am in the D.O.G. House. Contact Jessica Samet at 967-2583 or jsamet@alz.org.

All men and high school boys of the church are invited to attend the United Methodist Men's gathering **Thursday, December 7**, for dinner and the monthly meeting. Our own Rick Dodge will be our speaker and will be giving us an overview of SGUMC missions work as well as sharing ways that UMM members can help. Gather at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00, we will be having Chef Mike's famous BBQ ribs. Childcare is provided. RSVP to Ed Mekalian at edmekalian@mac.com **by Tuesday, December 5**.

COMING UP

Senior Brunch and Program Wednesday, December 13 – Come get into the Christmas spirit! Join us at 10:30 am in Chapel Hall for a brunch. Please bring a dish to share and come visit with your friends. The duet RETRO will perform a Christmas program for our group. Please RSVP **by Monday, December 11**, to Betsy Katko at bjkatko@comcast.net or 360-5057.

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 am worship services.

The new Bistro season begins January 10! Menus will be coming soon!

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.

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, Jane Mackey (mother of Roger Mackey), Harry Mapp (father of Kate Bishop), Dale Murphy (brother-in-law of Lisa Jones), 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

