

Today in the fellowship hall, join us as we continue our worship series, *Angels Among Us*. Have you ever struggled with finding your purpose and being at peace with it? When Mary was visited by an angel, she was perplexed and troubled. She questioned, "How can this happen?" Surprisingly she said, "Let it be so."

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Luke 1:26-42 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." <sup>34</sup>"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup>For no word from God will ever fail." <sup>38</sup>"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her. <sup>39</sup>At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, <sup>40</sup>where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup>In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!

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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:**

- Mighty to Save* by Hillsong
- Hallelujah, Your Love is Amazing* by Brenton Brown
- O Come, O Come Emmanuel* by Matt Maher
- Discipleship* by TestifyRVA
- Love the Lord* by Lincoln Brewster

*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](mailto:bmahne@shadygroveumc.net).*

**Today the Shriner 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 12/10**

- Traditional Worship and Communion (Chapel) 8:15 am
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
- Communion to Shut-ins (Sanctuary) 2:00 pm
- 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

**Monday 12/11**

- Betty Fairbanks Circle (Pickel Barrel) 11:30 am
- Girl Scout Troop 547 (EB 106) 4:00-5:15 pm
- Girl Scout Troop 5355 (EB 202/203) 4:00-5:15 pm

**Tuesday 12/12**

- Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am
- Cub Scout Pack 735 Bears (EB 209) 6:00-7:00 pm
- Missions Committee Meeting (EB 201) 6:00-7:00 pm
- Trustees Meeting (Library) 6:30-8:00 pm

**Wednesday 12/13**

- Newsletter Folding Team (Church Office) 9:00-10:00 am
- Building Committee Meeting (DOG House) 10:00 am-12:00 noon
- Seniors Brunch and Program (Chapel Hall) 10:30 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
- Disciple Fast Track (EB 203) 6:30-7:30 pm
- How Should a King Come* FINAL Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:15-9:15 pm

**Thursday 12/14**

- UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:45 am
- CCC Capital One Team Meeting (DOG House) 9:30-11:30 am
- SGUMC Preschool Christmas Party (FH) 11:00 am-12:00 noon
- Girl Scout Troop 5720 (EB 202) 5:30-6:30 pm
- Girl Scout Troop 5704 (EB 203) 5:30-7:30 pm
- SGUMC Book Club (Church Office) 6:00-7:30 pm
- Richmond Christian Singles Bible Study (EB 206) 7:00-8:30 pm
- Boy Scouts – Troop 735 (FH) 7:00-9:00 pm

**Friday 12/15**

- Middle School Breakfast (Chick-fil-A) 7:20 am
- SGUMC Preschool Christmas Party (FH) 11:00 am-12:00 noon
- Girl Scout Troop 408 (EB 106) 2:40-4:00 pm
- Cub Scout Pack 735 Lock-In (FH) 5:00 pm-8:00 am

**Saturday 12/16**

- 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
- How Should a King Come* Call (Sanctuary) 6:00-7:00 pm
- How Should a King Come* Presentation (Sanctuary) 7:00-8:00 pm

**Sunday 12/17**

- Traditional Worship and Communion (Chapel) 8:15 am
- How Should a King Come* Presentation (Sanctuary) 9:30 am & 11:00 am
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
- Rhapsody Recitals (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00-6:00 pm
- Ice Skating #morejoy (The Rink at West Broad Village) 4:00 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](http://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 12/3/2017**

	12/2	8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	Total	SS
	293	44	299	261	70	674	49



**Sunday, December 10, 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](http://www.shadygroveumc.net)

**Today's Schedule**

- 8:15 am**  
Traditional Worship Chapel
- 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 10, 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](mailto:dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net).

### TODAY

**Today the Sanctuary Choir** is singing the anthem, *Waiting*, by Pepper Choplin commissioned by Shady Grove's Music and Arts Ministry and presented in 2006 in appreciation of Elizabeth Scribner and her fourteen years of inspired ministry.

**We continue our worship series, *Angels Among Us*.** Our message this week is *Nothing is Impossible: #morepeace*. Have you ever struggled with finding your purpose and being at peace with it? When Mary was visited by an angel, she was perplexed and troubled. She questioned, "How can this happen?" Surprisingly she said, "Let it be so." Where did her peace come from? If we were able to say, "Let it be so," how would that bring about *#morepeace* in our lives and *#morepeace* in the world?

**Share #morehope, #morepeace, #morejoy, and #morelove** 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](http://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 at the Baby Shower for Jesus **TODAY** 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](mailto:kbishop@shadygroveumc.net).

#### #morepeace

- Commit to a team that will help bring communion to our shut-ins. Meet at 2:00 pm **TODAY** in the sanctuary for supplies and instructions. Sign up by calling the church office, 360-2600, or email [gbutler@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:gbutler@shadygroveumc.net).
- Attend a dinner for grief care at the holidays. All who are grieving this season are invited to the D.O.G. House at 5:00 pm on **Wednesday, December 20**. Facilitated by Allyson Drake and Pastor Chris. RSVP to [gbutler@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:gbutler@shadygroveumc.net).

#### #morejoy

- Provide a Christmas toy or new clothing item to children in The Sophie House program. Return gifts to The Sophie House, 4771 Shady Grove Road, **by Tuesday, December 12**. Sign up at [tinyurl.com/TSHCHRISTMAS](http://tinyurl.com/TSHCHRISTMAS).
- 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](mailto: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 **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.

**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](http://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](mailto:youth@shadygroveumc.net).

**Gift cards make great Christmas gifts** for all your shopping needs, there is something for everyone! 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](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/youth-documents). 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](mailto:youth@shadygroveumc.net).

**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. Building Committee will meet during the week of December 11 to receive and review the proposal from the General Contractor. Contact: [rex.hockemeyer@gmail.com](mailto:rex.hockemeyer@gmail.com).

**An opportunity to serve Shady Grove UMC is available. The Sanctuary Set Up team** has an opening for the second Thursday of the month. The team of two straightens the pews and fills the guest books and pew racks, creating a welcoming place for those who worship, which takes about one hour to complete. We can pair you with another volunteer if needed or you can come with a friend as a team. Questions? Contact Dana Kelley [musicadmin@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:musicadmin@shadygroveumc.net) or office 360-2600.

**Year End Gifts to SGUMC** – Please remember that you can make a gift (stock, mutual funds, cash, etc.) to SGUMC; and a) avoid all broker commissions / fees; b) avoid all capital gains taxes; c) take the full market value of the security as a 2017 tax donation (regardless of what you may have originally paid for it); d) possibly satisfy your 2017 Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) if you are over age 70½; and, e) benefit SGUMC with the full market value of the security(s). You may also fulfill some/all of your 2018 pledge and record it as a 2017 deduction. Contact Pam Sweeney or Elena Komarov at 360-2600.

The Cemetery Committee would like to announce that a **columbarium** (a structure to house cremated remains) has recently been added to our cemetery. There are 48 niches and each niche can accommodate one or two urns. There are also over 150 plots still available for sale. If you have any interest in a niche or plot, or would just like more information, please contact Chuck Noble at [chucknoble19@gmail.com](mailto:chucknoble19@gmail.com) or 396-5557.

### THIS WEEK

**Betty Fairbanks Circle** – Our next meeting **Monday, December 11**, will be our Christmas Luncheon at 11:30 am. We will be going to The Pickel Barrel (12912 Plaza Drive, Richmond VA.) Please RSVP to Ruth Henley or Nancy Lowe. For more info or questions: Contact: [nancylowe10@comcast.net](mailto:nancylowe10@comcast.net) or 716-0517.

**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 and program from the duet RETRO. Please bring a dish to share. RSVP **by Monday, December 11**, to Betsy Katko at [bjkatko@comcast.net](mailto:bjkatko@comcast.net) or 360-5057.

**Join us 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.

**Give the gift of music this season!** Support Music and Arts Ministry at Shady Grove with your purchase of the Gideon's Call CD that was produced earlier this year. Make your purchase in person on Sunday, December 17 in the foyer of the sanctuary or email Olga Komarov at [office@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:office@shadygroveumc.net) to place an order for pick up before Christmas. Cost is \$15, cash or check.

### COMING UP

**Winter Break at the Center!** Children ages 6+ create unique gifts for their families in creative mornings full of excitement at the **Elves Workshops, Saturday December 16, and Monday - Friday December 18-22**, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. **Winter Wonderland** art workshops for students ages 5-8 in the mornings, and students ages 9+ in the afternoons mix art and play while exploring drawing, painting on canvas, and making jewelry and miniature sculptures from polymer clay. **Chess workshops** will be offered for children from kindergarten – 3rd grade on **Monday and Tuesday December 18 & 19**, from 9:00 - noon; and for children in 4th-6th grade on **Wednesday and Thursday December 20 & 21**. All levels welcome! See the details at [www.center4creativearts.org](http://www.center4creativearts.org) or call 360-CNTR for more information.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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), Ruth Duncan, 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 Hartsok (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), Harold Parker, 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

