

Today in the fellowship hall, join us as we continue our worship series, *Angels Among Us*. How do you encourage others to push through their hesitation and discover the joy that God is inviting them to do? Every angel seems to use “do not be afraid” as an opening line . . . something Joseph really needed to hear. What was happening to him was the stuff that ruins lives. He couldn’t follow God and keep up appearances. Let us be messengers of encouragement who help others claim *#morejoy* in what God can and is doing.

Matthew 1:18-25 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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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: *Jesus Messiah* by Chris Tomlin
Lord I Need You by Matt Maher
Light of the World by Lauren Daigle; Joanna Devisser, soloist
Hosanna by Paul Baloche
You Are Good by Jeremy Riddle

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 Deener 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 12/17

- Traditional Worship and Communion (Chapel) 8:15 am
- How Should A King Come* Call (Sanctuary) 8:45-9:30 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

Monday 12/18

- The Center for Creative Arts Elves Workshops (Chapel Bldg.) 8:00 am-12:30 pm
- Finance Committee Meeting (Library) 6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday 12/19

- The Center for Creative Arts Elves Workshops (Chapel Bldg.) 8:00 am-12:30 pm
- Church Council Meeting (EB 201) 6:00-7:00 pm
- Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting (Library) 6:30-7:30 pm
- Ruritans Christmas Party (FH) 6:30-9:00 pm

Wednesday 12/20

- The Center for Creative Arts Elves Workshops (Chapel Bldg.) 8:00 am-12:30 pm
- Christmas Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 2:00-5:00 pm
- Grief Care Dinner (Chapel Hall) 5:00 pm
- Youth Pizza and Movie (DOG House) 6:00-8:30 pm
- Gideon’s Call (Sanctuary) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Disciple Fast Track (EB 203) 6:30-7:30 pm
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 7:15-8:15 pm
- Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary) 7:15-8:45 pm

Thursday 12/21

- UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:45 am
- The Center for Creative Arts Elves Workshops (Chapel Bldg.) 8:00 am-12:30 pm
- Christmas Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 2:00-5:30 PM
- Boy Scouts – Troop 735 (FH) 7:00-9:00 pm

Friday 12/22

- The Center for Creative Arts Elves Workshops (Chapel Bldg.) 8:00 am-12:30 pm

Sunday 12/24

- Christmas Eve Worship
- Combined Contemporary/Informal Traditional (Sanctuary) 10:00 am
- Children & Families (Sanctuary) 3:00 pm
- Children & Families (Sanctuary) 5:00 pm
- Contemporary Candlelight Communion (FH) 7:00 pm
- Candlelight Communion (Sanctuary) 7:00 pm
- Candlelight Communion (Sanctuary) 9:00 pm
- Candlelight Communion (Sanctuary) 11:00 pm



Sunday, December 17, 2017

THIS WEEK AT SHADY GROVE

Shady Grove United Methodist Church Short Pump

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 Glen Allen VA 23059
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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

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 12/10/2017

8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	Total	SS	COW
31	154	140	81	406	115	15

Announcements for December 17, 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 continue our worship series, *Angels Among Us*. Our message this week is *Do Not Be Afraid: #morejoy*. How do you encourage others to push through their hesitation and discover the joy that God is inviting them to do? Every angel seems to use “do not be afraid” as an opening line . . . something Joseph really needed to hear. What was happening to him was the stuff that ruins lives. He couldn’t follow God and keep up appearances. Let us be messengers of encouragement who help others claim *#morejoy* in what God can and is doing.

Join us for our Christmas Cantata, *How Should A King Come*, being presented at our 9:30 and 11:00 am worship services.

Staff Recognition – This year eight staff members have reached years of service that are a multiple of five. Shady Grove UMC is proud to recognize the following staff for their loyal service: Dana Kelley and Bob Phillips - 5 years; Troy Bishop, Robyn Burns, and Rev. Sylvia Cooper - 10 years; Denise Farmer - 40 years; Rose Farmer and Margaret Shaw - 55 years. We are thankful for them!

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

- Attend a dinner for grief care at the holidays. All who are grieving this season are invited to the Chapel Hall at 5:00 pm on **Wednesday, December 20**. Facilitated by Allyson Drake and Pastor Chris. RSVP to Gregg Butler at gbutler@shadygroveumc.net. **#morepeace**
- Come ice skate with youth ministry and experience joy! Meet at the rink at West Broad Village at 4:00 pm **TODAY**. Contact Frank Basil at youth@shadygroveumc.net. **#morejoy**
- 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 December 24**. **#morehope #morelove**
- 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. **#morehope #morelove**

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 today in the foyer of the sanctuary or email Olga Komarov at office@shadygroveumc.net to place an order for pick up before Christmas. Cost is \$15, cash or check.

Poinsettia Orders – Orders for Christmas Poinsettias may be turned in **through Monday, December 18**. You may pick up an order form in the narthex. 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.

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 in the sanctuary foyer. There is also a selection of coasters, water bottles, and mission trip shirts available. Questions? Contact Frank Basil at youth@shadygroveumc.net.

Building Committee Update – The building committee has received a proposal from the general contractor that includes bids from the subcontractors. The building committee will meet with Church Council on December 19 to review and discuss the proposal. Contact Rex Hockemeyer at 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 in the sanctuary, 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 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 or 396-5557.

THIS WEEK

Winter Break at the Center! Children ages 6+ create unique gifts for their families in creative mornings full of excitement at the **Elves Workshops, 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 or call 360-CNTR for more information.

COMING UP

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, 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, 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 Hartsook (son-in-law of Ruth Powell), Peggy Hill, Gil Hires, 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

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Shirley Parker and Deanna Jernigan and family upon the death of Harold Parker, husband of Shirley and father of Deanna.

