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Would you be able to leave everything behind to follow Jesus?

Matthew 2 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

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Today we welcome DeLayne Chowen as our Worshp Leader.

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:**
- Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)* by Chris Tomlin
 - Salvation is Here* by Lincoln Brewster
 - Made New* by Lincoln Brewster
 - Light of the World* by Lauren Daigle
 - God Side of Life* by DeLayne Chowen
 - Write Your Story* by Francesca Battistelli

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.



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.

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 12/17/2017

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12/16	8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	SS	COW
148	46	361	236	77	51	9

10:00	COW	3:00	5:00	7:00	Cont.	9:00	11:00
236	18	347	321	307	114	363	93

Sunday 12/31

Regular Worship Schedule
Testify Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am

Monday 1/1

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday 1/2

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

Wednesday 1/3

Alzheimer's Association Support Group (DOG House) 9:30-11:00 am
Wedding Meeting (Sanctuary) 5:30-6:30 pm
College Pizza Night (DOG House) 6:00-7:30 pm
Disciple Fast Track (EB 203) 6:30-7:30 pm
Bringing Life to Death (FH) 6:30-8:30 pm
Testify Rehearsal (FH) 7:15-8:15 pm
Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary) 7:15-8:45 pm

Thursday 1/4

UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:45 am
Girl Scout Troop 5704 (EB 203) 5:30-7:30 pm
UMM Dinner and Meeting (FH) 6:00-9:00 pm
Boy Scouts – Troop 735 (EB 202/203) 7:00-9:00 pm

Friday 1/5

Middle School Breakfast (Chick-fil-A) 7:20 am

Sunday 1/7

Virginia Blood Service (Front Parking Lot) 8:00 am-12:00 noon
Regular Worship Schedule
Testify Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
District Training (Woodlake UMC) 1:30-5:00 pm
Praise Kids (Sanctuary) 4:15-5:00 pm
Youth Family Bingo Night (FH) 6:30-7:30 pm
NO G-3

Building Committee Update

The Building Committee met with the General Contractor on Wednesday, December 13, to receive and discuss the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) proposal. The GMP proposal represents what it will cost to complete the building expansion as designed.



The conceptual budget for this project was \$2.5 million, the 3-year capital campaign generated commitments of \$1.6 million and the members of Shady Grove approved the financing of the remainder at the Church Conference held on March 5 of this year. Due to current construction market conditions, Henrico County requirements and other building code related items, the GMP proposal is \$3.5 million or \$1 million over budget.

On Tuesday, December 19, the Building Committee met with Church Council to share this information and discuss next steps. Because of the large variance to budget, Church Council and the Building Committee agreed that it would be prudent to perform a more in-depth review of the building project before taking further action or deciding on the best path forward for Shady Grove. To that end, Church Council and the Building Committee will meet again during the 2nd week of January to discern and decide next steps.

The next steps for Shady Grove will require prayerful reflection and discernment. Our continued commitment to you is to keep you informed on the progress of this project. We also ask for your commitment to pray for this chapter in the life of the church and for the courage to serve our community with #morehope, #morepeace, #morejoy, and #morelove.



Sunday, December 31, 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

Regular Sunday 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 31, 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

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The 2018 Altar Flower Calendar is now up and ready in the narthex. Please sign up for dates that are special to you; in honor, memory, or in celebration. Questions? Email Dana Kelley at musicadmin@shadygroveumc.net. The cost of flowers for 2018 remains at \$22.00 and payment may be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office.

Gift Cards to Benefit Youth Ministry – 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. Questions? Contact Frank Basil at youth@shadygroveumc.net.

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.

THIS WEEK

College Pizza Night – Join us at the DOG House on **Wednesday, January 3**, at 6:00 pm for pizza and some fun! Just show up and we will then order pizza and enjoy some time together. Questions? Contact Frank Basil at youth@shadygroveumc.net.

Bringing Life to Death Wednesday, January 3 – Please join us in the fellowship hall for a spaghetti dinner followed by the screening of the documentary *Being Mortal* by Atul Guwande, MD, which explores the relationships doctors have with patients who are nearing the end of life. We will then have a discussion on the film followed by a workshop on writing your own personal advanced directives. \$12 per person/\$20 per couple (or your healthcare decision maker). Checks can be made out to Shady Grove UMC. Childcare will be provided. Please register at tinyurl.com/Jan3LifetoDeath by **Monday, January 1**. The evening of fellowship and dinner will be from 5:30-6:15 pm. The screening of the film *Being Mortal* will begin promptly at 6:30 pm. The advanced directive workshop will be held just after the documentary from 7:30-8:30 pm. (Please note that if you only wish to attend the screening from 6:30-7:30 there is no charge). RSVP to ladkins@shadygroveumc.net. For more information on the evening, please visit Peacefulpassings.info or call 804-502-3667.

UMM January Meeting – Start the New Year off on the right foot by joining the UMM for our first dinner of 2018 on **Thursday, January 4**. Doors open at 5:30 pm with dinner being served at 6:00 pm. The menu will be chili, cornbread, celery and carrots, and brownies. **RSVP by Tuesday, January 2**. To RSVP or hear more about UMM, please contact Ed Mekalian at edmekalian@mac.com or Dave Adkins at adkinsdx@yahoo.com.

COMING UP

Please Give Blood! Shady Grove UMC Blood Drive is Sunday, January 7, from 8:00 am to 12:15 pm, stop by the Bloodmobile. Contact: Kelly Wood at 439-3432. Sign up online at <https://vador.org>. Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome.

Youth Family Bingo Night next Sunday, January 7, at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Bring the family and a dessert or appetizer to share. Contact Frank Basil at youth@shadygroveumc.net.

Betty Fairbanks Circle meets on the second Monday of every month at 1:00 pm in room 201 of the education building. Our next meeting will be **January 8, 2018**. Everyone in the Shady Grove community of faith is welcome to attend. Questions? Contact: nancyloew10@comcast.net or 804-716-0517.

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.

Gideon's Call – This men's vocal ensemble, will be singing in worship Sunday, February 4. Rehearsals are from 6:15-7:15 pm Wednesdays, January 10 and 24, and are held in the education building, room 204. The final rehearsal is January 31 from 6:15-7:15 pm and will be held in the sanctuary. Boys in grades 9-12 and interested men are encouraged to join us and participate in this ministry opportunity. We will be singing the song *By Our Love* by Mary McDonald. Contact Sylvia Cooper at scooper@shadygroveumc.net for more information.

Friday Women's Bible Study – All women are invited to join the Friday Women's Bible study as they begin a new book in January. Pastor Beanie will lead a study of *Set Apart: Holy Habits of Prophets and Kings* by Jessica LaGrone. This study on 1 and 2 Kings "examines six holy habits of Old Testament prophets and kings who were set apart by their close walk with God...being consecrated (devoted) to God; listening to God; mentoring; practicing humility; worshiping God; and, discovering God's word." The study will **begin Friday, January 12, 2018**. The group meets at 9:45-11:00 am in Chapel Hall. Questions? Contact Debbie Hockemeyer at dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net or 360-2600, ext. 43.

Massanutten Tubing Trip – The Children's Council is planning a family tubing trip to Massanutten Resort on **Monday, January 15**. Please use the Google form at tinyurl.com/Jan15tubing to let us know if you are interested in going. Questions? Contact Debbie Casey at deborah@shadesofdesigninc.com.

Happy New Year! This month, Knitting and Crochet Ministry meets Thursday, January 25, at 7:00 pm, at Elaine Ratliff's home, 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! Reach Margaret Phillips at phillips.mwphillips@gmail.com or 527-7857.

Agape Ringers – We welcome children in grades 1-5 to join the Agape Ringers. Rehearsals **begin January 28** and continue each Sunday afternoon. We meet in the education building, room 204, from 3:30-4:15 pm. This year we will ring once a month at both the 9:30 and 11:00 am services: February 18, March 18, and April 29. This ensemble is in addition to the Praise Kids (grades 1-5) and meets right before Praise Kids (Sundays from 4:15-5:00 pm). The ministry includes singing, playing Orff instruments and hand chimes. Contact Sylvia Cooper for more information at scooper@shadygroveumc.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 December 31, 2017

Matthew 2

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

1. The Wise Ones and Joseph are visited by angelic messengers four times in this week's scripture passage. Each time they chose to obey the directives and warnings in order to save Jesus' life. How would you have responded to such instructions? Can you imagine leaving all you have behind to follow Jesus?
2. As you reflect on the early years of Jesus' life when he, Mary and Joseph were refugees moving from country to country for safety, where are the places of similar circumstances today?
3. How do you respond to the description that the church is "a community of people who are broken and needy, who in their weakness trust in the grace of God. This is the kind of church that Jesus the outcast created."
4. How might we be messengers of hope, peace, joy, love, and more life in a culture of fear?
5. In just seven short weeks we will move from advent and the Nativity story to Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent. Jesus goes from being a baby to pre-teen to a 30-year old starting his earthly public ministry. What do you think the angel messengers may have been saying to Jesus, his family, friends and religious leaders during all the years in between?

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

