

Today in the fellowship hall, join us as we begin our sermon series called *Once Upon a Parable*. This morning we examine planting and paths in "Well Worn Paths and Squishy Dirt." We will hear from our high school mission team returning from Niagra Falls, New York as they share their planting and walking adventures.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 New Living Translation (NLT):

Later that same day Jesus left the house and sat beside the lake. ²A large crowd soon gathered around him, so he got into a boat. Then he sat there and taught as the people stood on the shore. ³He told many stories in the form of parables, such as this one:

"Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. ⁴As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. ⁵Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. ⁶But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn't have deep roots, they died. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. ⁸Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! ⁹Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."

¹⁸ "Now listen to the explanation of the parable about the farmer planting seeds: ¹⁹The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don't understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts. ²⁰The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. ²¹But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word. ²²The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced. ²³The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"

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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:**
- I Will Call Upon the Lord* by Petra
 - Come Now is the Time to Worship* by Brian Doerksen
 - Pray* by Testify
 - Live Forever* by Drew Holcomb
 - 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.



As we prepare for *The Next Chapter* in the life of the church at SGUMC, let us employ scripture to pause, pray, and feel peace in the assurance of God's perfect plan for our lives. Our church staff and leaders are busy planning amazing opportunities for all ages and stages to know and grow at SGUMC. Please pray that our human plans honor and glorify our divine God.

Proverbs 16:1, 3, 9 (CEB)

To people belong the plans of the heart, but the answer of the tongue comes from the Lord.

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.

People plan their path, but the Lord secures their steps.

PRAYER

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, you remind us in Proverbs 16, that when we make plans from the desires of our hearts, we must still look to you to find the answers to our questions when making those plans. Your word tells us to commit all of the work we are doing to you, and our plans will succeed. We pray that as we plan for the future of ministries, missions, programming, and buildings of your church, that you secure our steps, so that we may honor and glorify you in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Sunday 7/16

Sunday Summer Schedule

- Nursery (EB 111) 9:30-10:30 am
- Toddlers & Twos (EB 112) 9:30-10:30 am
- Threes (EB 109) 9:30-10:30 am
- Fours, Pre-K, Kindergarten (EB 103) 9:30-10:30 am
- 1st-3rd Graders (EB 209) 9:30-10:30 am
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
- God's Urgent Call Summer Bible Study (Chapel Bldg., C-4) 9:30-10:30 am
- Operation Christmas Child Wrapping Party & Ice Cream Social (FH) 12:15-2:00 pm

Monday 7/17

- CharacterWorks Theater Camp (EB 201, 209 & FH)
- The Sophie House Spirit Night (Carytown Burgers & Fries) 4:00-8:30 pm
- Finance Committee Meeting (Library) 6:30-8:00 pm
- Music and Arts Meeting (Church Office) 7:00-8:30 pm

Tuesday 7/18

- CharacterWorks Theater Camp (EB 201, 209 & FH)
- Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am
- Boys' Day (EB 209) 10:00 am
- Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting (Library) 6:30-7:30 pm
- 100 Women Who Care (Sanctuary) 7:00-8:00 pm

Wednesday 7/19

- CharacterWorks Theater Camp (EB 201, 209 & FH)
- Bag Lunch with Beanie & Krafts with Kate (EB 209) 12:30-1:45 pm
- God's Urgent Call Summer Bible Study (EB 201) 6:30-7:30 pm
- Youth Summer Fun (Ray's on Lauderdale) 7:00-8:00 pm
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 7:15-8:15 pm

Thursday 7/20

- CharacterWorks Theater Camp (EB 201, 209 & FH)
- UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:45 am
- Agriberry Pop Up Market (Front Parking Lot) 10:00 am-2:00 pm
- Boy Scouts – Troop 735 (EB 202/203) 7:00-9:00 pm

Friday 7/21

- CharacterWorks Theater Camp (EB 201, 209 & FH)

Sunday 7/23

- Middle School Mission Trip (Raleigh, NC)
- Sunday Summer Schedule
- Nursery (EB 111) 9:30-10:30 am
- Toddlers & Twos (EB 112) 9:30-10:30 am
- Threes (EB 109) 9:30-10:30 am
- Fours, Pre-K, Kindergarten (EB 103) 9:30-10:30 am
- 1st-3rd Graders (EB 209) 9:30-10:30 am
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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 7/9/2017

8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	Total	SS	COW
62	178	114	93	447	49	16



Sunday, July 16, 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

Sunday Summer Schedule

- 8:15 am
Traditional Worship Sanctuary
- 9:30 am
Informal Traditional Worship Sanctuary
Nursery Faith Care (infants-age 2) Education Building
3 Years-3rd Grade Sunday School Education 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 July 16, 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 call the church office at 360-2600 or email dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net.

TODAY

Today we begin our new sermon series: *Once Upon a Parable* – It has been said that Jesus' parables are like imaginary gardens with real toads in them. In other words, Jesus uses story to engage the imaginations, desires, and expectations of his listeners on a journey to uncover the reality of God through startling turns (croak!) or unexpected comforts (ribbit!) How can these uncovered truths told "once upon a parable" help us uncover the story of God with us, inviting new life every day? "That same day, Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the shore, and he told them many things in parables." -Matthew 13:1-2

Operation Christmas Child Wrapping Party is today at 12:15 pm in the fellowship hall. Stop by to wrap a few shoeboxes and enjoy an ice cream sundae as we celebrate Christmas in July! Drop off shoeboxes, new or used, Christmas wrapping paper, and used t-shirts (to be recycled into jump ropes to pack in the boxes in November) in the boxes in the foyer of the sanctuary or the fellowship hall by today. Questions? Contact Dottie Chilton at dottie.chilton@comcast.net.

July Building Update – The Building Committee continues to work with our engineers, architects, and general contractor through the county permitting and preliminary site planning processes. In addition, the Finance Committee is working with our proposed lenders to finalize the relevant loans. Although you may not be seeing much visible progress yet, there is much building-related activity behind the scenes. Although dates continue to be fluid, we expect to be on the county's August planning commission meeting and to break ground on the new building sometime in the fall.

S.O.W. What? Summer of Worship Sunday School – Children are in the following rooms of the education building: nursery in room 111; toddlers and twos in room 112; three year olds in room 109; fours, pre-k, and kindergarten in room 103; first through third graders in room 209. Fourth through fifth graders attend worship with their family. Fourth through fifth graders have the opportunity to train to be worship leaders sign up at tinyurl.com/summerofworship, to serve as scripture reader, usher, greeter, or acolyte. Questions? Contact Beanie Kelly at bkelly@shadygroveumc.net.

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.

Gideon's Call Project CDs still available! Twelve men recorded 12 songs. CD cost is \$15. Proceeds will benefit the music and arts ministry. Orders can be taken by emailing office@shadygroveumc.net. Checks payable to SGUMC, with "Music CD" in the memo line can be mailed, dropped by the church office, or put in the offering plate. Order forms are at the welcome center.

Have a friendly smile and welcoming heart? Then YOU are just the person to be part of the **NEW greeter ministry** forming that will welcome and extend Christian hospitality to those entering our church campus on Sunday mornings. We all can find 15-20 minutes in our Sunday morning routine to serve this ministry several times a year. ALL ages are encouraged to participate, just remember to bring along an adult if you are under the age of 15. Help make Shady Grove the most welcoming place around! Contact Rick Dodge at thedodges4@comcast.net or Debbie Hockemeyer at dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net to learn more.

THIS WEEK

Support The Sophie House pantry with the following items: razors and soap, canned spaghetti sauce, spaghetti pasta, paper towels, canned fruit and fruit cups, jelly, full size shampoo, cereal, canned tuna and chicken, canned peas, macaroni and cheese. Also please consider donating your gently worn shoes. The Sophie House is partnering with Funds2Orgs to collect shoes and ship them to families in developing nations. The Sophie House receives a contribution for the shoes they collect. You can drop off your pantry items and gently used shoes on the front porch of The Sophie House at 4771 Shady Grove Road. Learn more at www.thesophiehouse.org. On **Monday, July 17**, SGUMC is invited to a spirit night at Carytown Burgers & Fries in Short Pump from 4:00-8:30 pm. The Sophie House will receive 15% of sales. RSVP at www.groupraise.com/events/33273.

Boys' Day – Tuesday, July 18. Celebrate a boys' life! All day fun begins at 10:00 am in room 209 of the education building for rising second through sixth graders. Register now by contacting Beanie Kelly, bkelly@shadygroveumc.net.

Bag Lunch with Beanie and Krafts with Kate – Wednesdays July 19 and 26, 12:30 to 1:45 pm in the education building, room 209. Bring a bag lunch. Get ready for some fun! Ages 5-11. Contact Beanie Kelly at bkelly@shadygroveumc.net or Kate Bishop at kbishop@shadygroveumc.net.

Register now for summer Camp Play and Pray – July 31-August 4 *On the Dock* ages three - rising first grade. Cost is \$130 for the week. For more information or to download a registration form, go to www.shadygroveumc.net/children. Contact Kate Bishop at kbishop@shadygroveumc.net.

COMING UP

Seniors Lunch at Tarrant's West – Join us for lunch at Tarrant's West, 11129 Three Chopt Road, on **Thursday, July 27**, at 11:30 am. See menu at tarrantswestva.com. Please RSVP to Betsy Katko **by Monday, July 24**, at bjkatko@comcast.net or 360-5057.

Knitting and Crochet Ministry meets at 7:00 pm, Thursday, July 27, at Elaine Ratliff's home at 5009 Belmont Park Road, Glen Allen. We stitch shawls, scarves, and hats to share God's love. Bring your willingness to knit and crochet or learn with us in a relaxed environment. We will have the equipment available for you to keep as you learn. If you knit or crochet at home, we hope you will add it to our ministry. Contact Margaret Phillips at 527-7857 or at phillips.mwphillips@gmail.com.

Girls' Overnight – Tuesday, August 2, 4:00 pm-Wednesday, August 3, 8:30 am. Rising second graders through rising sixth graders celebrate being girls. We will spend the night in the education building. More details to come. Contact: Beanie Kelly, bkelly@shadygroveumc.net.

Up and Out Missions Tuesday, August 15 - Wednesday, August 16 – Save the date. This hands-on local community mission event is open to rising 3rd graders through rising 6th graders. Spend the night in the education building. Details to follow. Contact Beanie Kelly now to reserve a spot, bkelly@shadygroveumc.net.

Golf Tournament – Registration and sponsorships are now open for the 4th Annual Wayne Samford Memorial Golf Tournament, which benefits Sportable and SGUMC missions. The tournament will be **held Monday, September 18**, at The Dominion Club. Learn more at www.shadygroveumc.net/golf. Questions? Contact Jeff Samford at 612-0582 or jeffs@businesspartnerric.com.

Mission Opportunities for adults and youth age 16 and older, with their parent. **Thursday, October 19 - Saturday, October 22**, United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Disaster Recovery effort in Virginia Beach. There is housing with bunk beds and a shower trailer at St. Luke's UMC in Virginia Beach. Arrive Thursday evening; work Friday and Saturday; leave after work on Saturday. Only fee is the cost of meals. **Monday, April 2 - Friday, April 6, 2018**, Appalachia Service Project in Brenton, West Virginia. Expected cost is \$410-\$425. Financial help available if needed. If interested, contact Bob Payne at rbpayne60@comcast.net.

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Cam Akers, Tori Anderson, Chris Bergeron, Rick Bragga, Jan Burger, Kim Dodson (mother of Shana Miller), Lachlan Fender (nephew of Jeff and Sara Fender), Betty Finley, Cheryl Fitzgerald (sister of Donna Noble), Pat Gammon (mother of Karen Nicely), Ann Gooch (mother of Anita Schrunk), Ray Gudum, Ann Gussett (mother of Laura Ann Kump), Laura Harkonen-missionary in Congo, Tommy Harris, Ryan Hartsook (son-in-law of Ruth Powell), Peggy Hill, Bev Hires, Rev. W. Ernest Hogge, Terry Hoover (father of Haylee Douglas), Lisa Jones, Betsy Katko, Susie Kottcamp, Jane Mackey (mother of Roger Mackey), Sara Mackey (sister of Elizabeth Compton), Robert McNamara, Pam Melton (daughter of Sylvia Chartier), Diane Morrison, Betty Rogers Nelson (mother of Mae Spruill), Ginger Perkin (daughter of Dave and Diane Bennett), Caiden Purkey (grandson of Bob and Lisa Jones), Mike Purkey (son-in-law of Bob and Lisa Jones), Rick Robertson (brother of Martha Anne Martin), Amira Safwat, Rachel Smith, Rob Troisi, Sara Walker

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-Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liz Jackson-Philippines, Quynh-Hoa Nguyen-Vietnam

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Ida Todd and family upon the death of her husband, Mike Todd.
We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Paul and Caran Kelly upon the death of their grandfather, Dick Kelly.

