

Today in the fellowship hall, join us as we continue our worship series *Living on a Prayer*.  
 If prayer is about a lived relationship with God, do prayers always need to be new?  
 Or can we use old prayers? Can we pray a prayer someone else composed first?  
 When? And how long do we pray a prayer? Let's experience *Prayer: The When*.

Psalm 102:18-22; Luke 18:1-7 Common English Bible (CEB):

<sup>18</sup> Let this be written down for the next generation so that people not yet created will praise the Lord:  
<sup>19</sup> The Lord looked down from his holy summit, surveyed the earth from heaven, <sup>20</sup> to hear the prisoners' groans, to set free those condemned to death, <sup>21</sup> that the Lord's name may be declared in Zion and his praise declared in Jerusalem, <sup>22</sup> when all people are gathered together—all kingdoms—to serve the Lord.  
 ~Psalm 102:18-22

Jesus was telling them a parable about their need to pray continuously and not to be discouraged. <sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. <sup>3</sup> In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him, asking, 'Give me justice in this case against my adversary.' <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused but finally said to himself, I don't fear God or respect people, <sup>5</sup> but I will give this widow justice because she keeps bothering me. Otherwise, there will be no end to her coming here and embarrassing me." <sup>6</sup> The Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> Won't God provide justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he be slow to help them?" ~Luke 18:1-7

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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:** *This Is Amazing Grace* by Phil Wickman  
*Jesus Is Love* by Lionel Richie  
*Don't Worry Be Happy* by Bobby McFerrin  
*I Will Call Upon the Lord* by Petra

Special Guest Vocalists: Kool Kats singers (Cat Pearson, David Lacks, Alyse Sanders)

*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).*

**Connection Group Discussion Questions**

**For the week of September 17, 2017    Psalm 102:18-22; Luke 18:1-7**

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

1. Can a prayer be prayed more than once? Why or why not?
2. Can you pray someone else's prayer? What meaning would that have?
3. Prayers don't expire. Why not?
4. What prayers have others handed down to you? What meaning do they have?
5. The Psalms have been called the "prayer book of the Bible." Is there a psalm which is particularly meaningful to you? What makes it so meaningful?
6. As a group, choose a psalm. Imagine Jesus praying it. When might he have? What would it mean in that context?
7. Choose another person from the Bible to imagine praying the psalm. What does it mean from the lips of this character? What does it mean for you to pray it?
8. Try writing a prayer as a class and practice praying it this week.

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 9/10/2017**

8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	Total	SS	COW
43	189	119	80	431	155	15

**Sunday 9/17**

Regular Worship Schedule  
 Testify Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am  
 Praise Kids (Sanctuary) 4:15-5:00 pm  
 G-3 (Chapel Bldg.) 5:00-6:00 pm  
 Rowdy MOMs Bible Study (Chapel Bldg. C-3) 5:00-6:00 pm  
 Youth Ministry Kick-Off (Front Parking Lot) 5:00-7:00 pm

**Monday 9/18**

4th Annual Wayne Samford Memorial Golf Tournament (The Dominion Club)  
 Girl Scout Troop 5366 (EB 209) 6:15-8:00 pm  
 Finance Committee Meeting (Library) 6:30-8:00 pm  
 Music and Arts Meeting (EB 201) 7:00-8:30 pm

**Tuesday 9/19**

Calendar Planning Session (DOG House) 9:00 am-1:30 pm  
 Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting (Library) 6:30-7:30 pm

**Wednesday 9/20**

Bistro (FH) 5:15-6:15 pm  
 Faith Care Infant/Toddler Nursery (EB 111) 6:15-7:15 pm  
 Little Hands – Twos (EB 105) 6:15-7:15 pm  
 Bible Zone grades 1-5 (EB 209) 6:15-7:15 pm  
 SonShine Singers (Sanctuary) 6:15-6:45 pm  
 Sprouts – Threes to Fives (EB 106) 6:45-7:15 pm  
 Youth Small Group (DOG House) 6:15-7:15 pm  
 Rowdy MOMs (EB 201) 6:15-7:15 pm  
 Man to Men (EB 202) 6:15-7:15 pm  
 Disciple Fast Track II (EB 203) 6:15-7:15 pm  
 Connection Group (EB 206) 6:15-7:15 pm  
 Intercessory Prayer Study (Library) 6:15-7:15 pm  
 How Should a King Come Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:15-8:15 pm  
 Testify Rehearsal (FH) 7:15-8:15 pm  
 Meditation with Kate (Library) 7:30-8:15 pm  
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 8:15-9:00 pm

**Thursday 9/21**

UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:45 am  
 AgriBerry Pop Up Market (Front Parking Lot) 10:00 am-2:00 pm  
 Leadership Nominating Committee Meeting (Library) 5:30-6:30 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 9/22**

High School Breakfast (Chick-fil-A) 7:45 am  
 Women's Bible Study (Chapel Bldg. C-2) 9:45-11:00 am

**Sunday 9/24**

Regular Worship Schedule  
 Testify Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am  
 4th Sunday Youth Worship and Lunch (Off Campus) 12:00-1:00 pm  
 Praise Kids (Sanctuary) 4:15-5:00 pm  
 G-3 (Chapel Bldg.) 5:00-6:00 pm  
 Youth Explosion Choir (Sanctuary) 5:00-6:00 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



**Sunday, September 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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**Regular Sunday Schedule**

<b>8:15 am</b>	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
<b>9:30 am</b>	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
<b>11:00 am</b>	Informal Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Contemporary Worship	Fellowship Hall
	Nursery Faith Care (infants-age 2)	Education Building
	<b>Children's Own Worship</b>	Chapel



## Announcements for September 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 call the church office at 360-2600 or email [dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net).

### TODAY

**“Living On a Prayer” Worship Series** – What gets you up every morning? What keeps you going? Sometimes the things we're living on get us "half way there" . . . then, we're "living on a prayer." What is prayer? How do we pray? What happens when we pray? Let's delve into these questions and more as we experience and explore the mystery of living life with God in our worship series, "Living on a Prayer."

**Youth Ministry Kick-Off** – Join us for our kick-off **today from 5:00-7:00 pm** on the Shady Grove campus main parking lot for lots of fun, games, food, and more! We will have Extreme Air Jumper, Rock Wall, Water Tag, Gladiator Joust, and a chance to get some of your favorite adults wet at Beat the Bucket along with other games and end the fun with a water balloon fight and gift card raffle! Friends are always welcome. Questions? Contact Frank Basil at [youth@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:youth@shadygroveumc.net).

**Rowdy MOMs Sunday Bible Study will resume meeting today from 5:00-6:00 pm.** Join this faithful and supportive group in reading *Becoming a Woman of Excellence* by Cynthia Heald. Contact Sarah Hardymon at [thetrap4@hotmail.com](mailto:thetrap4@hotmail.com).

**Saturday of Service is October 7** – Make plans now to participate in the Saturday of Service offered by the Missions Committee. Serve at Habitat or Shalom Farms or stay close by with the church work day, Operation Christmas Child in the fellowship hall or projects at The Sophie House or Caring Clothes Closet. The day starts at 8:00 am in the front parking lot. Sign up and see details at [tinyurl.com/SGUMC-SoS-Oct7](http://tinyurl.com/SGUMC-SoS-Oct7) or contact Gregg Butler, 360-2600 or [gbutler@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:gbutler@shadygroveumc.net).

**Impact a life. Lead children's Sunday school!** Our kids need Sunday school teachers in several age groups. Each grade level has a team of 4 to 5 teachers who rotate Sundays, teaching either a couple Sundays a month or every other month. Easy to follow curriculum is provided and user friendly resources are available. Please contact Kate Bishop at [kbishop@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:kbishop@shadygroveumc.net).

**Take a few moments now to register your children and youth** for activities this fall, including Sunday school, G-3, COW, small groups, and large group! Visit [tinyurl.com/sgumcchildrenregistration](http://tinyurl.com/sgumcchildrenregistration) and [tinyurl.com/sgumcyouthregistration](http://tinyurl.com/sgumcyouthregistration).

**Team up with Mr. Hospitality!** Each Sunday morning there are families and individuals who choose to attend our church for the very first time. It is easy for those of us that know our way around to forget that multiple buildings, parking lots, and worship services can be overwhelming if you are new! Help us warmly welcome and assist our guests by becoming part of the Greeter Ministry. Contact Rick Dodge, [thedodges4@comcast.net](mailto:thedodges4@comcast.net) or call 512-3039, to learn more about how you can help make Shady Grove UMC the most welcoming place around!

**Name tags** – Anyone wishing to order a SGUMC name tag may sign up on the clipboards at each of the welcome centers. Cost is \$8.00 each. Payment may be in cash or a check made out to SGUMC with "name tags" in the memo section. Orders are usually filled within a few weeks. Questions? Contact Donna Noble at [donnanoble19@gmail.com](mailto:donnanoble19@gmail.com).

**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](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/youth-documents) to see many other cards you can purchase. Questions? Contact Frank Basil at [youth@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:youth@shadygroveumc.net).

**Gideon's Call Premiere CD, Light Shine** – You can purchase a CD for \$15. Proceeds will benefit the music and arts ministry. Orders can also be taken by emailing Olga Komarov ([office@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:office@shadygroveumc.net)). Make checks payable to SGUMC, with "Music CD" in the memo line. Checks can be mailed, dropped by the church office, or put in the offering plate. Order forms can also be found at the welcome centers.

### THIS WEEK

**Golf Tournament** – Registration is full for the 4th Annual Wayne Samford Memorial tournament on **Monday, September 18**. Our beneficiaries this year are Sportable and SGUMC missions. Visit [www.shadygroveumc.net/golf](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/golf) or contact Jeff Samford at 612-0582 or [jeffs@BusinessPartnerRIC.com](mailto:jeffs@BusinessPartnerRIC.com).

**This year's children's Christmas musical, An Out-of-the-Box Christmas**, directed by Sylvia Cooper and Beanie Kelly, will have three presentations: Saturday, December 2, at 4:00 pm followed by a Santa Supper party; Sunday, December 3, at the 9:30 and 11:00 morning worship services in the church sanctuary. Auditions are **one day only** next Sunday, September 24, from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Auditions are for children in kindergarten through grade 5. Please sign up at [tinyurl.com/outofthebox2017](http://tinyurl.com/outofthebox2017). **The sign-up will close Wednesday, September 20.** Audition packets are available at [tinyurl.com/SGUMCootbChristmas17](http://tinyurl.com/SGUMCootbChristmas17) or at the church office. Questions? Contact Sylvia Cooper at [scooper@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:scooper@shadygroveumc.net).

**Join us Wednesday nights at Shady Grove Bistro** – Dinner is served 5:15 to 6:15 pm in the fellowship hall. RSVP on our website, [www.shadygroveumc.net/shady-grove-bistro](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/shady-grove-bistro) or call 360-3907, ext. 46 by noon Tuesdays. Adults: \$7, Child: \$3, Family (parents & children): \$20. Menu for September 20 – “Bienvenido” Mexican meal of cheese or chicken enchiladas, chips and fresh salsa, yellow rice, and beans.

**New season of Wednesday night programming** – Fall classes include a 7-week intercessory prayer study of the book *Pray for Me* by Kenneth Carter offered by Pastor Chris McLain; "Man to Men" for males age 14 and up offered by Chris Bergeron; and Disciple Fast Track II offered by Lauren Adkins, Director of Adult Discipleship. Favorite groups such as Rowdy MOMs and the Wednesday Connection Group will resume meeting as well and always welcome new members. Adult, youth, and children's classes and programming meet 6:15 to 7:15 pm followed by rehearsals for Sanctuary Choir and Testify at 7:15 pm.

**Join the Christmas Cantata, How Should a King Come, Choir Rehearsal from 7:15-8:15 pm.** Youth and adults are encouraged to be a part of this short term choir opportunity. Accompanied by orchestra, the musical will include narration as well as nativity non-speaking drama: the Holy Family, wise men, and shepherds. If you would like to be a part of the drama, please contact Sylvia at [scooper@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:scooper@shadygroveumc.net). *How Should a King Come* will be presented on Saturday, December 16, at 7:00 pm and Sunday morning, December 17, at 9:30 and 11:00 am worship services.

**SGUMC's Book Club meets Thursday, September 21**, from 6:00-7:30 pm. We will be discussing *Alexander Hamilton* by Ron Chernow. Bring a BROWN BAG DINNER, and enjoy fellowship and discussion around the kitchen table in the church office. October 19, 2017: *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Questions? Contact Dana Kelley, [musicadmin@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:musicadmin@shadygroveumc.net).

**Friday Women's Bible Study begins September 22.** Rev. Beanie Kelly leads this group of ladies in discipleship, fellowship, and support. The group will study Karen Kingsbury's *The Friends of Jesus*. Book is \$12 and available from the church office. Questions? Contact Debbie Hockemeyer at [dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net).

**The Center for Creative Arts invites you to see an exhibit of Kate Bishop's oil paintings!** Kate is a prolific painter, and her show includes colorful animal portraits, landscapes, and a series of angel paintings. Kate's paintings will be on display until October 1 in Chapel Hall.

**Fall registration for Center** art classes, private music lessons, chess class, and preschool ballet is open. See the full array of lessons, and studio art classes and workshops for preschoolers through adults at [www.center4creativearts.org](http://www.center4creativearts.org).

**Support Shalom Farms with the purchase of pansies.** The Missions Committee offers you the opportunity to purchase pansies in a multi-colored flat (32 plants) for \$20 from the United Methodist Urban Ministries of Richmond Auxiliary. Contact Sandi Shriner to place your **order by Sunday, October 1**, [sds210s@verizon.net](mailto:sds210s@verizon.net) or 405-3351. Flats will be available for pick up on Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8.

### COMING UP

**Knitting and Crochet Ministry** – The new school year has started, what a good time to start something new! This month, Knitting and Crochet Ministry meets at 7:00 pm, **Thursday, September 28, 2017** at Elaine Ratliff's home at 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. 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!* Margaret Phillips can be reached at [phillips.mwphillips@gmail.com](mailto:phillips.mwphillips@gmail.com) or 527-7857.

**Seniors Brunch and Speaker, Wednesday, October 4** – Join us at 10:30 am in Chapel Hall for a covered dish brunch, followed by a presentation from a speaker from the Valentine Museum, sharing the history of religious diversity in this area. Bring a dish to share! **RSVP by Friday, September 29**, to Betsy Katko at 360-5057 or [bjkatko@comcast.net](mailto:bjkatko@comcast.net).

**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. Contact Bob Payne at [rpayne60@comcast.net](mailto:rpayne60@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

Rev. David Adkins, Cam Akers, Kerry Alberti, Tori Anderson, Rick Bragga, Lucy Chenery, Annie Davenport (aunt of Crystal Foster), Kim Dodson (mother of Shana Miller), Pat Edwards, 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, 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), Barbara Jennings (mother of Sarah Hardymon), Betsy Katko, Kelsey Lewia (daughter of Rick and Debbie Bragga), Jane Mackey (mother of Roger Mackey), Robert McNamara, Pam Melton (daughter of Sylvia Chartier), Diane Morrison, Ginger Perkin (daughter of Dave and Diane Bennett), Rick Robertson (brother of Martha Anne Martin), Betty Ross (grandmother of Crystal Foster), Amira Safwat, Rob Troisi, Sara Walker, 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-Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liz Jackson-Philippines, Quynh-Hoa Nguyen-Vietnam

