

This Week at Shady Grove

Monday, September 1

7:00 am Kitty's Kids - G120, 106, 211, 213, 215, 217
9:30 am Pickleball - Gym
10:15 am FIT - G110
12:00 pm Pickleball - Gym
2:00 pm Heritage Committee - E203
7:00 pm Pack 542 and 544 Leadership Meeting - G111

Tuesday, September 2

7:00 am Kitty's Kids - G120, 106, 211, 213, 215, 217
7:00 pm BSA Troop 542 - G211, G213, G215, G217
7:00 pm BSA Troop 544 - Gym, G111

Wednesday, September 3

7:00 am Kitty's Kids - G120, 106, 211, 213, 215, 217
9:30 am Pickleball - Gym
10:15 am FIT - G110
11:30 am Senior Adult Luncheon - Gym, Kitchen, G110
5:30 pm Special Olympics Pickleball - Gym, Kitchen, G110, G114
6:30 pm Capital Campaign - Chapel
7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room/Sanctuary

Thursday, September 4

7:00 am Kitty's Kids - G120, 106, 211, 213, 215, 217
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry - G114
11:00 am Men's Bible Study - G111
7:00 pm BSA 544 Den Meeting - G110, 111, 120, 213, 217

Friday, September 5

7:00 am Kitty's Kids - G120, 106, 211, 213, 215, 217
9:30 am Pickleball - Gym
10:15 am FIT - G110
12:00 pm Pickleball - Gym

Sunday, September 7

8:00 am Nursery - G102
8:15 am Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 am 1st - 3rd Grade SS - G218
9:30 am 4th & 5th Grade SS - G220
9:30 am Preschool and Kindergarten SS - G210
9:30 am Mundie Bible Class - E202
9:45 am Adult Sun Schl - G113, G114, E206
9:45 am Worship - Sanctuary and online
9:45 am Youth Sunday School - G123
11:00 am Children's Church - G218
11:15 am Faith Connections - G111
11:15 am Worship - Sanctuary and online
3:30 pm LAUNCH - Gym, Kitchen, G110, 213, 217, E206
4:15 pm Cupcake Wars - Gym, Kitchen

The Shady Grove Pumpkin Patch is coming this fall! Volunteers are needed to manage the outside area, sell the pumpkins, collect money, etc. Sign up using the QR code!



Coffee Time is in the Gym at 10:45 a.m.

Staff Directory

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Kitty's Kids Director, Dee Shifflett
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Welcome

Shady Grove is a place of outreach, service, growth, and love. Many generations call this church home. We hope you will, too.



Information for Parents

Children are a vital part of our worshiping community!
As needed, a nursery is provided at all worship services.
An usher can assist you.

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Church Office: (804) 746-9073 Email: info@shadygroveumc.org
Website: shadygroveumc.org

August 31, 2025

8:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Welcome to Worship

+ The congregation is invited to stand as able.
(UMH) The United Methodist Hymnal (FWS) The Faith We Sing (PB) Pew Bible

Gather for Worship

Prelude Sonatina by Christian Fink

Welcome and Announcements

+ Call to Worship

Leader: Come, people of God—come thirsty for truth, hungry for hope.
People: We come to hear the Word that does not return empty, but accomplishes what God desires.
Leader: All Scripture is God-inspired—spoken by the Spirit, useful for teaching, correction, and formation in righteousness.
People: For the Word of God is alive and active—sharper than any sword, piercing heart and soul, bringing light to what is hidden.
All: Let us worship the God who speaks life, whose Word forms, convicts, renews, and sends. We open our hearts to hear and respond the life-giving Word!

+ Opening Hymn O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing UMH 57

Proclamation of the Word

Children’s Connection (The children are invited to come forward for a time of discipleship)

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, The Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Mission Statement of Shady Grove UMC is to reach out and serve all people as we grow in relationship with Jesus Christ and each other.

+Hymn	Thy Word is a Lamp	UMH 601
Scripture	Isaiah 55:10–11	PB 598
	2 Timothy 3:16–17	PB 967
	Hebrews 4:12	PB 972

Message	God Speaks Through Scripture	Pastor Darcey Johnson
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Our Response to the Word

Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Barry Burkholder
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The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory	Be Thou My Vision, arr. Joel Boyd	
	Music lead by: Bryan Greer	

Doxology		UMH 94
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+ Closing Hymn	Wonderful Words of Life	UMH 600
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(You are invited to come forward during the singing of the last hymn to the communion rail to kneel or stand or pray)

Sending Forth

+ Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude	Fanfare on St. Thomas	Arr. by Douglas E. Wagner
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Ushers can help you.
Just off the sanctuary lobby is an all-accessible restroom with changing table.

What's Happening-At a Glance

- Senior Adult Luncheon- Sept. 3
- SGKids and Youth LAUNCH with Cupcake Wars- Sept. 7
- Mechanicsville Fellowship Club- Sept. 9
- Senior Adult Trip- Sept. 22-25
- Harvest of Hope- Sept. 26-28
- Habitat for Humanity Build- Oct. 4
- Senior Adult trip to Fredericksburg- Oct. 22
- Rise Against Hunger- Nov. 16
- UWF Christmas Market- Dec. 6

Find and like us on Facebook, Instagram, and Tik Tok! It's a great way to connect with your Shady Grove family and stay informed about all the exciting things that are happening in and around the church!



Advent Writers Needed



Do you like writing or sharing about faith? Are you interested in contributing to our Advent Devotion book this year?

Contact
MaryElder@ShadyGroveUMC.org

Produce to Spare, Produce to Share!



Bring your garden extras to the table in the gym to share with others during Coffee Time each Sunday!

Sponsored by the Creation Care Team

YOUR WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday, August 31, 2025



Welcome First-Time Guests!

We're glad you have chosen to worship with us today, and we hope to see you again soon. Please gather today at 10:45 a.m. in the gym for a time of fellowship, coffee, juice, and a sweet treat!

Upcoming Events



SGkids and SGYouth Launch!

Sunday, Sept. 7th
3:30-5:30 p.m.
(including Cupcake Wars at 4:15!)

Cupcake Wars!

Sunday, September 7th
4:15-5:30 pm in the gym

Bring your sweet tooth as we LAUNCH our Fall programs with this fun and friendly competition!



Harvest of Hope

September 26-28



An all ages mission trip harvesting food for those who need it.
Contact MaryElder@ShadyGroveUMC.org

THE SGUMC PUMPKIN PATCH IS COMING!

Volunteers are needed
Sign up here!



Stay Connected

Sign up for our weekly E-News and download our latest newsletter at shadygroveumc.org/churchnews.org.
Visit us online at shadygroveumc.org

Ways to Give

Visit shadygroveumc.org/give/
Text keyword shadygrove to 73256
Set up automatic giving from your bank
Mail your checks to:
Shady Grove UMC, 8209 Shady Grove Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Watch live and past services online at shadygroveumc.org/church-online/, and listen to the Shady Grove Radio Podcast on your favorite podcast app, including Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

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Senior Adults

The Shady Grove Senior Adult Council will sponsor a luncheon for seniors on Wednesday, September 3rd at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Curt Autry, the longstanding anchor of NBC's On Your Side News in Richmond. Music will be provided by Dean Fields, a Nashville-based singer and song writer who grew up in Mechanicsville. Dean and his family are members of Shady Grove. The September luncheon will be a covered dish. Attendees are asked to bring a main course or side dish or dessert of their choice. (If you cannot bring anything, please sign up to come anyway. We should have plenty of food!) There is no cost for this luncheon. Reservations for the luncheon can be made by contacting Sandra Smith at spsmith1942@gmail.com or (804) 513-3637. Reservations must be made by Friday, August 29th.

The Mechanicsville Fellowship Club will begin the Fall with a meeting on Tuesday, September 9 at 10:30 a.m. in room G110. A program of music will be presented by Tommy Abernethy and Charles Lucas. Please bring a covered dish or dessert of your choice and join us for a time of fellowship and sharing.

Missions

MCEF (Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions) provides food, clothing, linens and other helpful resources for individuals and families in need in our area. For a list of currently needed donations, visit the Missions Zone (there is a sign posted on the wall outside the door), see the weekly E-News, or visit the MCEF website: 4mcef.com. Thank you!

Shady Grove will be participating in a Habitat for Humanity build project on Saturday, October 4th. We have room for 4 participants. Please contact coordinator David Guion at davidguion@hotmail.com to get on the list!



Recreation Ministries

You are invited to open gym basketball on Mondays at 8:00 p.m. in the gym. Contact Matt Franklin at matt@shadygroveumc.org for details.

Small Groups

Join us Thursdays from 11 am to 12 pm for a Men's Bible Study in G111. We'll go through the Bible, connecting scripture with scripture and "Connecting the Dots." Call David Addington (804-539-4288) with questions.

Confirmation

Class starts this fall for 8th graders and up, with a kickoff retreat September 12-13. Students learn about Christian beliefs, history, and what it means to follow Christ. At the end, all are invited to make a commitment of faith through confirmation. We meet about twice a month on Sundays from 9:45-12 including with a kick-off retreat in late September. If you have questions or to register, contact Mary Elder by scanning the QR code.



United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith will hold their 3rd Annual Christmas Market on Saturday, December 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Shopping at vendors, bidding on items at the Silent Auction, visiting with Santa and letting the little ones shop at the Children's Store, enjoying live entertainment, eating from our Snack Shop and of course, shopping for your CHRISTMAS COOKIES is the best way to spend your day!

The United Women in Faith have many future events and invite you to mark your calendars to join us in attendance:

- September 8-Elisabeth Circle will be visiting the Hanover Adult Center, 3:00 p.m.
- September 18-General Meeting in rooms G111-G113 at 6:00 p.m.
- November 1-Mechanicsville Methodist UWFaith meeting (SGUMC joining)
- November 15-General Meeting - rooms G111-G113
- November 22-Mechanicsville United Methodist UMFaith Craft Fair (time TBA)

See the weekly E-News for more details on these events!

Young Adults

Care for a Shady Grove Recent High School Student- Stay in touch with a Shady Grove young adult as a **PARTNER** or as a **SPONSOR** to let them know their church family loves them and is praying for them. A **PARTNER** connects with the young adult once a month by phone, email, mail, and an occasional gift card, to show support while they are in college, trade school, or starting work right out of high school. As a **PARTNER**, you will receive reminder emails from the Program Coordinator, but you will be sending the notes of support and gift cards to the participant you are paired with. Another way to help is to **SPONSOR** a young adult.

For \$40, the Program Coordinator will make sure each young adult signed up for the program receives texts and notes from Shady Grove, along with occasional gift cards. The money a **SPONSOR** donates will cover all associated costs for the entire school year for one participant. Please contact Laura Dustin at 804-304-1683 by September 15th or email her at laurabdustin@gmail.com to participate or for additional information.

Young Adult Care Program and Contact information Update- If you are a YOUNG ADULT who has recently graduated from high school, you are invited to sign up for the Care program to receive encouraging cards, texts, prayers, and small gifts from a Shady Grove partner. Even if you aren't in the program, Shady Grove would like to keep in touch with our Young Adults. Please help by updating your contact information at shadygroveumc.org/youngadults.

Children and Families

Important upcoming dates for children:

Sept 7 - LAUNCH for SGKids and SGYouth, including an intro to Children's Choirs, Youth, and the famous Cupcake Wars!

Sept 14 - SGKids normal afternoon schedule resumes:

- 3:30-4:15 - Trinity Choir rehearsal; Bitty Buddies class
- 4:15-4:45 - snack and games
- 4:45-5:30 - Cherub Choir rehearsal; Big Buddies class

Contact Becky Roberts with any inquiries about programs for kids!

Hebrews 4:12- Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.