

| This Week at Shady Grove |                                                              |
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| Monday, December 1       |                                                              |
| 7:00 am                  | Kitty's Kids - G120, 106, 211, 213, 215, 217                 |
| 9:30 am                  | Pickleball - Gym                                             |
| 9:30 am                  | Mommy, Me & The Bible - G104                                 |
| 10:15 am                 | FIT - G110                                                   |
| 12:00 pm                 | Pickleball - Gym                                             |
| 2:00 pm                  | Heritage Committee - E203                                    |
| 6:30 pm                  | Youth Bible Study - G213, 217                                |
| 6:30 pm                  | Hyperlink - Sanctuary                                        |
| 6:30 pm                  | Celebration Bells Rehearsal - E205                           |
| 7:00 pm                  | Pack 542 and 544 Leadership Meeting - G111                   |
| 8:00 pm                  | Open Gym Basketball - Gym                                    |
| Tuesday, December 2      |                                                              |
| 7:00 am                  | Kitty's Kids - G120, 106, 211, 213, 215, 217                 |
| 9:00 am                  | Kitty's Kids Event - Gym, Stage                              |
| 1:00 pm                  | Women's Bible Study - G111                                   |
| 6:00 pm                  | Advent Bible Study - G114                                    |
| 7:00 pm                  | BSA Troop 542 - G211, G213, G215, G217                       |
| 7:00 pm                  | BSA Troop 544 - Gym, G110, G111                              |
| Wednesday, December 3    |                                                              |
| 7:00 am                  | Kitty's Kids - G120, 106, 211, 213, 215, 217                 |
| 10:15 am                 | FIT - G110                                                   |
| 11:30 am                 | Senior Adult Luncheon - Gym, Kitchen, G110                   |
| 6:30 pm                  | Chamber Choir Rehearsal - S109                               |
| 7:00 pm                  | Open Gym Pickleball - Gym                                    |
| 7:30 pm                  | Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room                         |
| Thursday, December 4     |                                                              |
| 7:00 am                  | Kitty's Kids - G120, 106, 211, 213, 215, 217                 |
| 9:00 am                  | Kitty's Kids Event - Gym, Stge                               |
| 10:00 am                 | Prayer Shawl - G114                                          |
| 10:45 am                 | Men's Bible Study - G114                                     |
| 12:00 pm                 | Christmas Market Set Up - Gym, Kitchen, G110, G111, G113     |
| 7:00 pm                  | BSA 544 Den Meeting - G110, G111, G120, G213, G217           |
| Friday, December 5       |                                                              |
| All Day                  | Christmas Market Set Up - Gym, Kitchen, G110, G111, G113     |
| 7:00 am                  | Kitty's Kids - G120,106, 211, 213, 215, 217                  |
| 9:00 am                  | Kitty's Kids Event - Gym, Stage                              |
| 10:15 am                 | FIT - G110                                                   |
| 6:00 pm                  | Movie Night "A Muppet Christmas Carol" - E206                |
| Saturday, December 6     |                                                              |
| 9:00 am                  | Christmas Market - Gym                                       |
| Sunday, December 7       |                                                              |
| 8:00 am                  | Nursery - G102                                               |
| 8:15 am                  | Worship - Sanctuary                                          |
| 9:30 am                  | Preschool Sunday School - G210                               |
| 9:30 am                  | K-1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Sunday School - G212                 |
| 9:30 am                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Sunday School - G218 |
| 9:30 am                  | 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School - G220  |
| 9:30 am                  | Mundie Bible Class - E202                                    |
| 9:45 am                  | Adult Sunday School - G113, G114, E206                       |
| 9:45 am                  | Worship - Sanctuary and online                               |
| 9:45 am                  | Youth Sunday School - G213                                   |
| 11:15 am                 | Children's Church - G218                                     |
| 11:15 am                 | Confirmation Class - G213                                    |
| 11:15 am                 | Faith Connections Sunday School - G111                       |
| 11:15 am                 | Worship - Sanctuary and online                               |
| 2:30 pm                  | 4G Youth Praise Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary                   |
| 3:30 pm                  | Bible Buddies - Gym, Kitchen, G110, Pavillion, Playground    |
| 3:30 pm                  | Trinity and Cherub Choirs Rehearsal - Chapel                 |
| 3:30 pm                  | Youth Group - G231, G217                                     |
| 5:30 pm                  | Cappella Youth Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room                  |

Our Helping Hands gift tree is back in the Welcome Center for us to share gifts with children in need! To give, take a hand with the info and sign it out on the form by the tree (where you can also read more info about the program). Return the gift (unwrapped) to the Missions Zone by Dec. 14th with the hand attached so we know who it goes to! If you would like to make a monetary donation to help purchase items, reach out to Mary Elder at [maryelder@shadygroveumc.org](mailto:maryelder@shadygroveumc.org). Thanks!



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

| Staff Directory                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Kitty's Kids at Shady Grove, Inc.                             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Kitty's Kids Director, Dee Shifflett                          |
| Preschool, Childcare, and School-age Ministries               |
| 8209 Shady Grove Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111 (804) 559-7690 |
| <a href="http://www.kittyskids.net">www.kittyskids.net</a>    |

# 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 worshipping community! As needed, a nursery is provided at all worship services. An usher can assist you.

8209 Shady Grove Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111  
Church Office: (804) 746-9073 Email: [info@shadygroveumc.org](mailto:info@shadygroveumc.org)  
Website: [shadygroveumc.org](http://shadygroveumc.org)

November 30, 2025

9:45 a.m.

# *First Sunday of Advent*

## *Gather for Worship*

*\*You'll Come*

*\*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Children's Connection

*The children are invited to come forward for a time of discipleship*

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7, John 14:25-27 and Colossians 3:12-15

Message: A Christmas Carol

*Pastor Darcey Johnson*

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*Mary Elder*

Offering: *Hope Has a Name*

*\*Soon and Very Soon*

Blessing

*\*You are invited to stand as you are able.*

*The Mission Statement of Shady Grove UMC is to make disciples for  
Christ and transform the world.*

## Sermon Notes

Things to remember about today's message:  
Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7, John 14:25-27 and  
Colossians 3:12-15

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Greeters can help you.  
*Just off the sanctuary lobby is an all-accessible restroom with changing table.*

## What's Happening- At a Glance

- Senior Luncheon- Dec. 3
- Movie and Pizza Night- "The Muppet Christmas Carol"- Dec. 5
- UWF Christmas Market- Dec. 6
- Parent's Night Out- Dec. 12
- Christmas Concert and Birthday Party for Jesus- Dec. 14
- DIA Caroling at Sheltering Arms - Dec. 14
- Service of Loss and Light- Dec. 18
- Senior Adult Trip to Fredericksburg- Dec. 19
- All-Ages Caroling- Dec. 21

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!

## SGUMC Advent 2025: Christmas at the Movies!

Sunday, 11/30 Worship- "A Christmas Carol"  
Tuesday 12/2, 12/9, and 12/16- "A Christmas Carol"  
Advent Bible Study, 6:00-7:30 pm in G114  
Friday, 12/5- "A Muppet Christmas Carol" movie and pizza  
in the Chapel, 6:00 pm  
Saturday, 12/6- Christmas Market, 9 am-2 pm  
Sunday, 12/7 Worship- "The Grinch"  
Friday, 12/12- Parent's Night Out  
Sunday, 12/14 Worship- "It's a Wonderful Life"  
Sunday, 12/14- "The Sounds of Christmas" Concert and  
Birthday Party for Jesus, 4:00 pm  
Sunday, 12/14- DIA Caroling at Sheltering Arms, 1:00 pm  
Thursday, 12/18- Service of Loss and Light- 6:30 pm  
Sunday, 12/21 Worship- "A Charlie Brown Christmas"  
Sunday, 12/21, All-Ages Caroling, 1:00 pm  
Sunday, 12/28 Worship- "Elf"

The Advent Devotional  
Booklet is on-line!  
Click on the QR code  
to access it. Thanks!



## Stay Connected

Sign up for our weekly E-News and download our latest newsletter at [shadygroveumc.org/churchnews.org](https://shadygroveumc.org/churchnews.org).  
Visit us online at [shadygroveumc.org](https://shadygroveumc.org)

## Ways to Give

Visit [shadygroveumc.org/give/](https://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/](https://shadygroveumc.org/church-online/), and listen to the Shady Grove Radio Podcast on your favorite podcast app, including Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

(804)746-9073

## YOUR WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday, November 30, 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

Join us for an Advent Study  
**A CHRISTMAS CAROL**  
Tuesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Contact Mary Elder  
([maryelder@shadygroveumc.org](mailto:maryelder@shadygroveumc.org))  
with questions

Join us to Watch  
"The Muppet Christmas Carol!"  
Friday, 12/5  
6:00 p.m.  
in the Chapel  
with pizza!

**OUR HELPING HANDS GIFT TREE IS  
BACK IN THE WELCOME CENTER FOR US  
TO SHARE GIFTS WITH CHILDREN IN  
NEED! PLEASE READ MORE ABOUT THIS  
AMAZING OPPORTUNITY INSIDE!**

Christmas Eve at Shady Grove  
4:00 pm Family-Friendly Worship  
5:30 pm Contemporary Worship  
7:30 pm Traditional Worship  
11:00 pm Traditional Worship  
All services include candlelight and Communion. Activity bags and glowsticks available for children.  
Nursery at 4:00, 5:30, and 7:30 pm.

## Senior Adults

The Senior Adult Council will host a catered luncheon for Seniors at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd in the gym. Lunch will be provided by Jake's Place and will include turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, and banana pudding. A musical program will be provided by Amy Ladd, a gospel singer from the Richmond area. Amy's mission is to "Seek and serve and spread the Word of the Lord through music, fellowship and faithfulness." The cost of the luncheon is \$10, which can be paid on the day of the luncheon. Please email Sandra Smith at [spsmith1942@gmail.com](mailto:spsmith1942@gmail.com) or text/call at 804-513-3637 to make your reservation by Wednesday, Nov. 26. If you have any dietary restrictions, please note that when you make your reservation.

## 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](http://4mcef.com). Thank you!

Shady Grove will participate in a Habitat for Humanity build on Friday, January 16, and Saturday, January 17. We have some availability for both days. Please contact David Guion at [davidguion@hotmail.com](mailto:davidguion@hotmail.com) to sign up or for more information.

**DIA CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

**DEC 14 1PM**



SHELTERING ARMS  
2000 WILKES RIDGE DRIVE  
RICHMOND, 23233

MEET IN THE CHURCH  
PARKING LOT AT  
12:15 PM TO CARPOOL  
CONTACT DEANNA TAYLOR  
([DMDTAYLOR9@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DMDTAYLOR9@GMAIL.COM)  
OR 804-513-7137)  
FOR MORE INFO!

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## United Women in Faith

**It's Almost Here! December 6th is almost here and the UWF is excited and getting ready for our Christmas Market.** Please remember to take your GENTLY used Christmas items to the Missions Zone before Friday, December 5 marked for the Decorations Shoppe. Silent Auction items are being collected in the Missions Zone, also marked for the Silent Auction. We have received some wonderful baskets as well as other special items! Thanks to all who have been and are being so generous. Your items can be delivered anytime before Friday, December 5. Also, we are looking forward to your homemade cookies for the Sweet Shoppe. Please deliver, in a box or on a plate, to the church between 2:00-5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 5th and the "cookie team" will package them for sale. A big thank you in advance to all of you who will be donating cookies to make our event so special!

Scan here  
to volunteer  
to bake  
cookies!



Scan here to  
volunteer at  
the Christmas  
Market!



## Small Groups

**Parent Support Group - You're Not Alone.** Parenting adolescents and young adults in today's world can be overwhelming-especially when mental health struggles are involved.

Our monthly Parent Support Group offers a space to connect with parents of middle schoolers through young adults with mental health challenges. The next meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 6:30 pm. To learn more or to join us, contact Elizabeth Proctor at (804) 380-5460. All are welcome.

## Recreation Ministry



### OPEN GYM PICKLEBALL

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.  
IN THE GYM

CONTACT MATT FRANKLIN FOR MORE INFO  
[MATT@SHADYGROVEUMC.ORG](mailto:MATT@SHADYGROVEUMC.ORG)

Join us for open gym basketball Monday evenings at 8:00 pm. Contact Matt Franklin for details at [matt@shadygroveumc.org](mailto:matt@shadygroveumc.org).

## Youth

### YOUTH SKI RETREAT

JAN. 9-11, 2026





CONTACT MATT FRANKLIN FOR DETAILS  
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### Youth Gingerbread Houses

5-6 pm in the youth room immediately following the Christmas Concert!



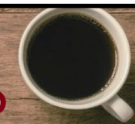


## More Church News

### MUG CONTEST

December 14th @ Coffee Time

Categories: Ugliest | Funniest Saying  
Best Animal | Oddest Shape



### COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

Birthday Party for Jesus

In the gym following the Christmas Concert at 4 pm on 12/14. ALL are invited to attend!



### SERVICE OF LOSS & LIGHT

Dec. 18 Shady Grove UMC 6:30pm  
In-person and live-stream



### ALL-AGES CAROLING

Join us for an afternoon of taking the church bus to several of our homebound members to sing and enjoy the holiday! Come back to church for hot cocoa and a wacky sweater contest!

Sunday, December 21  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm





