

This Week at Shady Grove	
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 st Grade Sunday School - G212
9:30 am	2 nd - 3 rd Grade Sunday School - G218
9:30 am	4 th -5 th 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

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

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Kitty's Kids at Shady Grove, Inc.	
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Preschool, Childcare, and School-age Ministries	
8209 Shady Grove Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111	
(804) 559-7690	www.kittyskids.net

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.

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

November 30, 2025

8:15 and 11:15 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

+ 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 *When Love Is Found / It Feels Like Christmas* by Paul Williams
Welcome and Announcements

+ Call to Worship
Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light! For to us a child is born, a Son is given—and his name shall be Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace.
People: We come to worship the One who brings peace to a weary world.
Leader: We come seeking that peace—deeper than comfort, stronger than fear.
People: Jesus said, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.
Leader: We come to be changed—like Scrooge awakened to joy, like hearts made new by grace.
People: Come, Lord Jesus—Prince of Peace! Make your home in us this Advent, that we may live as people of your peace and joy.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

+ Opening Hymn *People Look East* UMH 202

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 make disciples for Christ and transform the world.

+ Hymn *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* UMH 196
Scripture Isaiah 9:6-7 PB 555
John 14:25-27 PB 877
Colossians 3:12-15 PB 958
Message A Christmas Carol Pastor Darcey Johnson

Our Response to the Word

Pastoral Prayer Mary Elder

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 *Advent Canon* by Michael Sharp
Music led by the Chancel Choir

Doxology UMH 95

+ Closing Hymn *Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming* UMH 216
(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

*universal

Ushers 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!



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Text keyword shadygrove to 73256
Set up automatic giving from your bank
Mail your checks to:

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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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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. 2nd, 9th and 16th
6:00-7:30 p.m.
Contact Mary Elder
(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 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. 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 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
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

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

Youth

YOUTH SKI RETREAT

JAN. 9-11, 2026





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Youth Gingerbread Houses

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



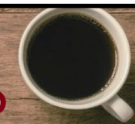


More Church News

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





