

## This Week at Shady Grove

### Monday, January 12

Mon.-Fri. 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  
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting - G114  
6:30 pm Youth Bible Study - G213, 217  
6:30 pm Celebration Bells Rehearsal - E205  
6:30 pm Hyperlink Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
8:00 pm Open Gym Basketball - Gym

### Tuesday, January 13

10:30 am Mechanicsville Fellowship Club - Kitchen, G110  
2:00 pm Elisabeth Circle Meeting - G114  
6:15 pm YMCA Basketball - Gym, G110, G114  
6:30 pm Mission Committee Meeting - G113  
6:30 pm DIA Planning Meeting - G111  
6:30 pm SPRC Meeting - Chapel  
7:00 pm BSA Troop 542 - G211, G213, G215, G217  
7:00 pm BSA Troop 544 - Gym, G110, G111

### Wednesday, January 14

9:30 am Pickleball - Gym  
10:15 am FIT - G110  
6:15 pm YMCA Basketball - Gym, G110, G114  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - S109, S200

### Thursday, January 15

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry - G114  
12:30 pm Davis Nauman - G114  
5:30 pm UWF Executive Meeting - G114  
7:00 pm BSA 544 Den Meeting - G110, 111, 120, 213, 217

### Friday, January 16

9:30 am Pickleball - Gym  
10:15 am FIT - G110  
12:00 pm Pickleball - Gym

### Saturday, January 17

8am-4pm YMCA Basketball - Gym, G110, G114

### Sunday, January 18

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 Faith Connections Sunday School - G111  
11:15 am Worship - Sanctuary and online

12:30 am MKL Jr. Service Project - Gym, Kitchen  
2:00 pm 4G Youth Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
3:30 pm Trinity & Cherub Choir Rehearsal - E206  
5:30 pm Capella Rehearsal - S109, S200

### New Worship Series: ReFrame

This worship series will focus on the opportunity faith gives us to remember who we are, make changes, implement new habits, work at new attitudes, and offer new ways of being in the world. Beginning on Sunday, January 25th.

*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  
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(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 worshiping 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  
Website: shadygroveumc.org**

**January 11, 2026      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 *Be Thou My Vision* arr. by Phillip Keveren

Welcome and Announcements

+ Call to Worship

**Leader:** Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose confidence is in God alone.  
**People:** We come to be rooted in Christ—planted by streams of living water, steady and strong.  
**Leader:** As we follow Christ, we grow in faith, built up and strengthened in gratitude.  
**People:** We open our hearts to the Spirit, bearing fruit that shows God’s love.  
**Leader:** This is who we are called to be—  
**People:** Rooted in Christ. Growing in faith. Branching out in love!

+ Opening Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

## 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	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	UMH 405
Scripture	Jeremiah 17:7-8	PB 628
	Colossians 2:6-7	PB 957
	John 15:1-5	PB 878

Message Vision Reveal - Root, Grow, Branch Pastor Darcey Johnson

## Our Response to the Word

Pastoral Prayer

**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 *A Covenant Prayer* by Dan Forrest  
Chancel Choir

Doxology UMH 94

+ Closing Hymn *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* (verses 1 - 4) UMH 383

(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


- Youth Ski Retreat- Jan. 9-11
- SGKids Sunday afternoon programs resume- Jan. 11
- Mechanicsville Fellowship Club- Jan. 13
- Parent Support Group- Jan. 14
- MLK Service Project - Jan. 18
- Chili 'N Mac Cook Off- Feb. 1
- Widow's Support Group- Feb. 4
- Youth Super Bowling- Feb. 8
- Youth Lock-In- Feb. 13-14
- Shady Grove 101- Feb. 15
- Ash Wednesday Worship- Feb. 18
- Youth Spring Retreat- March 13-15
- Appalachia Service Project- July 12-18

Find and like us on Facebook and Instagram! 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!

 **SGKids resumes this afternoon**  
**January 11th**  
**3:30-5:30pm**  
**Bible Buddies and Kids' Choirs**  
 For PreK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade – all are welcome!  
 Contact Liz Fryer to get involved  
 elizabeth@shadygroveumc.org

Winter 2026 + Youth Calendar	
JAN 9-11 SKI RETREAT	FEB 13 LOCK-IN
JAN 25 YOUTH GROUP STARTS	FEB 15 YOUTH GROUP
FEB 1 CHILI 'N MAC COOKOFF	FEB 22 YOUTH GROUP
FEB 8 SUPER BOWLING	MAR 1 TOP GOLF

**Appalachia Service Project**  
 July 12-18, 2026  
 Join us for a week of projects to make homes in Appalachia warmer, safer and dryer. Scan the QR code for more info or contact MaryElder@shadygroveumc.org!



## 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, January 11, 2026**



## 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

**MLKJ Service Project**  
**January 18th**  
 12:30-2:00 pm  
 Join us in the gym for lunch and a project.  
 Contact Mary Elder to get connected  
 maryelder@shadygroveumc.org



IT'S A  
**Chili 'n' Mac COOK OFF!**  
 FEBRUARY 1, 12:30-2PM  
 FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT SHALOM FARMS  
 SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!



**YOUTH LOCK-IN**  
 FEB. 13 - FEB. 14  
 8:00 P.M. - 7:00 A.M.  
**FOOD! FRIENDS! GAMES!**  
 NO COST, BUT BRING A SNACK OR DESSERT TO SHARE



**SHADY GROVE 101**

- ☐ New to Shady Grove?
- ☐ Considering Membership?
- ☐ Looking to learn more about the Church?

Scan to register!



If you check any of these boxes, join Pastor Darcey on **Sunday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>** in Room G110 from 12:30-2pm



## Mechanicsville Fellowship Club

**Tuesday, January 13th at 10:30 a.m. in room G112.** Come join us for one of our favorite things! Bingo! We are excited to begin our year with friends & fellowship. We have invited folks from the Happy Hearts Club to join us. Please bring soup, salad or dessert and a wrapped gift for Bingo prizes (limit \$5.00). Don't forget canned or packaged foods for MCEF. Our contributions are very appreciated!

## 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.

**Each year, our congregation has the privilege of shining the light of Christ** through our Special Christmas Offering, with 100% of all gifts going directly to missions that make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors near and far. This year's Christmas Offering will support a wide range of ministries that embody Christ's love in practical, compassionate ways, to include Rise Against Hunger, Mechanicsville Elementary, Heart Havens, MCEF, Be The Church Day, Hanover County Head Start school boxes, Caring Cooks, Shalom Farms, and Stepping Forward Ministries in Romania. Please know that no gift is too small, and every gift is sincerely appreciated. You may place your gift in

the collection plate at any worship service today (1/11). You may also text your gift to 73256 (keyword shadygrove) or donate online at [www.shadygroveumc.org/give/](http://www.shadygroveumc.org/give/). Please be sure to mark your check or on-line/text donation with "Christmas Offering" on the memo section so we will be able to place it accordingly. Thank you!

## Small Groups

**Beginning in January 2026, Shady Grove will sponsor a Widows Support Group.** They will meet the first Wednesday of each month from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm in Room G114. All widows are invited to join us, whether your loss is recent or it's been several years. The group will gather for friendship and support, providing the opportunity to explore the effects that losing a spouse may have on one's life. Each member is provided the opportunity to actively participate or quietly reflect on topics discussed. Topics will include the grief journey, loneliness, finding hope, honoring loved ones, practical challenges and many more. If you have questions, please call Julie Pollard at 804-347-1236.

**Six-Week Adult Small Group: What If God Wrote Your Bucket List?** What if the dreams on your list aren't the ones God has in mind? Join us for a six-week adult Bible study based on the inspiring book What If God Wrote Your Bucket List? by Jay Payleitner. Together, we'll explore how to live with purpose, pursue God's priorities, and experience the joy of a faith-filled adventure! The group will meet each Sunday from Jan. 18- Feb. 22 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel and will be facilitated by the Rev. Lyn Harding. There will be a minimal cost for the book and participant guide, but do not let cost keep you from participating. All adults are welcome! To register or for questions, contact Lyn Harding at [lynwharding@gmail.com](mailto:lynwharding@gmail.com) or 804-929-0172.



**The 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, contact Elizabeth Proctor at (804) 380-5460. All are welcome.

## Recreation Ministry

**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 SUPER BOWLING**  
Sunday, Feb. 8th  
1-3 pm

**YOUTH SPRING RETREAT**  
Friday, March 13 - Sunday, March 15  
Register today!

## Stephen Ministry

**A Stephen Ministry training course will begin on January 21st at 5 pm.** It is a 12-week course in how to walk with another individual during their life events. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Jessie Swann at 804-357-3702.

## More Church News

**Did you know that Kroger has an easy way to raise money for Shady Grove UMC?** Kroger Community Rewards (KCR) makes supporting our church as simple as shop, scan and earn! Once you've registered, a percentage of each of your shopping trips will be contributed to SGUMC every time your card is scanned. Registering is as simple as updating the Community Rewards field on your My Account page with the information of the organization you wish to support. Scan the QR code for a step-by-step guide to walk you through the registration process. Afterwards, there is a brief FAQ section to answer any additional registration process questions that you may have. Thanks!



**If you have ever viewed the Sunday worship services via the live-stream** on your computer, phone, smart TV or other device, we would love your feedback! Please scan the QR code to let us know about your experience with our live-streaming service. Thank you!



**John 15:1-4- I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.**