

This Week at Shady Grove

Monday, August 31

Mon.-Fri. Kitty's Kids - G120, 106, 211, 213, 215, 217
9:30 am Pickleball - Gym
10:15 am FIT - G110
6:30 pm Open Gym Pickleball - Gym
8:00 pm Open Gym Basketball - Gym

Tuesday, September 1

1:00 pm Women's Bible Study - G111
6:00 pm Apostle's Creed Study - E202
7:00 pm BSA Troop 542 - G211, 213, 215, 217

Wednesday, September 2

10:15 am FIT - G110
11:00 am Apostle's Creed Study - G111
11:30 am SAC Luncheon - Gym, Kitchen, G110
2:00 pm Widow's Support Group - G114
5:00 pm Watson Memorial Clinic - E103, 105, 106
6:00 pm Special Olympics Pickleball - Gym
7:00 pm Disciple Bible Study - G111
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - S109, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 3

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry - G114
6:30 pm Parent Support Group - G114

Friday, September 4

9:30 am Pickleball - Gym
10:15 am FIT - G110

Saturday, September 5

8:00 am Logan Warren Eagle Scout Project - Shelter

Sunday, September 6

8:00 am Nursery - G102
8:15 am Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 am Mundie Bible Class - E202
9:45 am Adult Sunday School - G113, G114, E206
9:45 am Children Sunday School - G210, 212, 218, 220
9:45 am Worship - Sanctuary and online
11:15 am Apostle's Creed Bible Study - Chapel
11:15 am Faith Connections Sunday School - G111
11:15 am Worship - Sanctuary and Online
4:00 pm Men's Small Group - G114

The Shady Grove office will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 7. There will be no open-gym basketball and pickleball that night.

The altar flowers this morning are given in memory of Adeline Gail Price Rogers by Robin and Tim Bajkiewicz. Today we also welcome Susan Bennett to our church family at 11:15! We look forward to growing together in faith, fellowship, and service.



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

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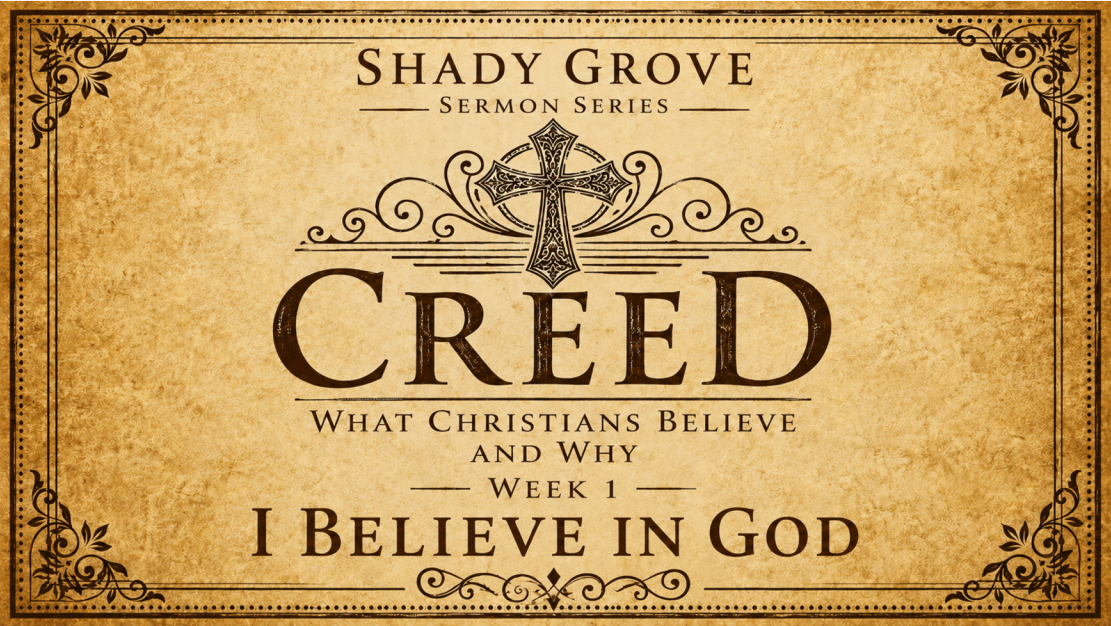
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Welcome

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.

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

August 30, 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 *Blessed Be Your Name* arr. by Victor Labenske

Welcome and Announcements

+ Call to Worship

Leader: We gather today to remember who God is—and who we are because we belong to God.

People: We believe in one God, the God who creates, sustains, and calls us by name.

Leader: God says, “I am the Lord, and there is no other.” Before anything was, God was. And all that exists comes from God’s hands.

People: We believe our lives are not accidents. We belong to the God who made us and redeems us.

Leader: Today we begin again with the words of our faith: I believe in God...

People: We believe—and what we believe matters.

Leader: Because faith is more than words we say. What we believe shapes how we see the world, how we treat one another, and how we live each day.

People: So we come ready to listen, to learn, to question, to grow, and to live what we believe.

All: We believe in God. We trust in God. We belong to God. Let us worship! Amen

+ Opening Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* UMH 103

Proclamation of the Word

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

Presentation of 1st Grade Bibles

*The Shady Grove UMC vision:
Rooted in Christ, Growing in faith, Branching out in love.*

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.

+ Hymn *Thy Word Is a Lamp* UMH 601

Scripture Isaiah 45:5-12 PB 588-589

Message I Believe in God Pastor Darcey Johnson

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Barry Burkholder

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 *Come Thou Fount!* arr. by Bethany K. Smith
Liz Fryer

Doxology UMH 94

Reception of New Member Susan Bennett (11:15 am)

Sending Forth

+ Closing Hymn *Wonderful Words of Life* UMH 600

(You are invited to come forward during the singing of the last hymn to the communion rail to kneel, stand or pray)

+ Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

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

What's Happening- At a Glance

- **Mechanicsville Fellowship Club-** Sept. 8, 10:30 am in G110
- **SGKids and Youth LAUNCH with Cupcake Wars!**- Sept. 13, 3:30-5:30 pm
- **Realm Photo Booth-** Sept. 13, all morning, gym
- **SGUMC Golf Tournament-** Sept. 14
- **UWF General Meeting-** Sept. 19, 9:30 am in G111-113
- **Realm Photo Booth-** Sept. 20, all morning, gym
- **VBS Volunteer Dinner-** Sept. 20, 5:30-7 pm in the gym
- **Pumpkin Patch opens-** Oct. 4
- **Senior Adult Trip to Hershey, PA-** Oct. 6-8
- **Youth Fall Retreat,** Nov. 6-8
- **UWF Christmas Market-** Dec. 5, 9 am-1 pm in the gym

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!

Shady Grove is proud to partner with **Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions (MCEF)**, a local ministry that provides food, clothing, financial assistance, and transportation to neighbors in need throughout our community. Visit www.4mcef.com to see the most up-to-date list of needed items. Thank you for helping us share Christ's love in practical ways with our neighbors!

**DISCIPLE FAST TRACK
THE OLD TESTAMENT**

BIBLE Study

LED BY
MARK ELLIS AND
CHRIS BURNETTE

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00-8:30 PM
SEPT. 2 THROUGH NOV. 18
CONTACT MARY ELDER WITH QUESTIONS
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VBS VOLUNTEER DINNER
FOR ALL VBS VOLUTEERS AND THEIR FAMILIES!

- ENJOY A CATERED DINNER
- REFLECT ON THE FANTASTIC VBS WE HELD THIS SUMMER AND THINK AHEAD TO NEXT YEAR!
- EVERYONE IN YOUR FAMILY IS INVITED, INCLUDING CHILDREN. WE'D LOVE TO HEAR THEIR FEEDBACK!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING YOUTH AND CHILDREN AFTERNOON PROGRAMS IN THE GYM!

Please scan to Register!

We can't wait to celebrate with you!



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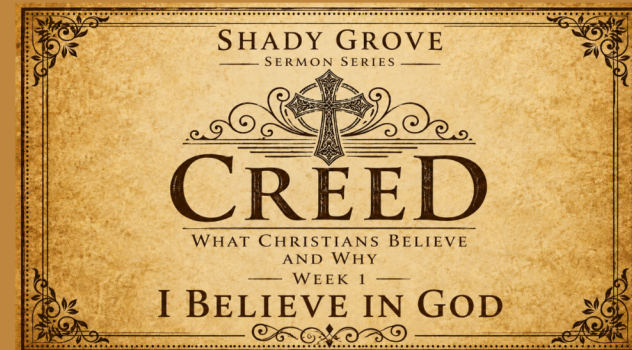
Ways to Give: Visit shadygroveumc.org/give/, text keyword shadygrove to 73256, set up automatic giving from your bank, or mail your checks to:
Shady Grove UMC, 8209 Shady Grove Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111

YOUR WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday, August 30, 2026



SHADY GROVE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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 this morning at 10:45 in the Gym for a time of fellowship, coffee, juice, and a sweet treat!

Upcoming Events

SGKids and SGYouth Launch!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13th

3:30 Children's Choirs & Youth
4:15 Cupcake Wars!
5:30 Cappella Youth Choir

Cupcake Wars!

Sunday, September 13th
4:15-5:30 pm in the gym

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

Shady Grove Golf Tournament

Hunting Hawk Golf Club
Monday, Sept. 14th

Proceeds to support
Habitat for Humanity and
Mechanicsville ES

Scan the QR code to register
and get more info!
Contact Matt Franklin with questions at
matt@shadygroveumc.org



**THE PLAYGROUND IS OPEN EACH
SUNDAY FROM 10:45 AM TO
12:15 PM. FAMILIES ARE INVITED
TO STAY, ENJOY FELLOWSHIP
AND LET THE CHILDREN PLAY!**



Senior Adults

The next Senior Adult Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd in the gym at 11:30 am. This will be our annual covered dish luncheon, and there is no cost. Just bring your favorite main dish, side dish, or dessert to share. **The program will be provided by the Midnight Ukulele Society. This lively musical program will encourage everyone to sing along to familiar tunes.** We are planning a Luau theme, so wear your best Hawaiian shirts and attire to help create a festive atmosphere. Reservations can be made by contacting Sandra Smith at 804-513-3637 by phone or text. Please let us know you will be attending by Sunday, August 30th.

Programs are scheduled, meals are planned and all we need is YOU! Please join the Mechanicsville Fellowship Club for its meeting on Tuesday, September 8 in room G110 at 10:30 am. EVERYONE is invited for a special program by Bill Bolling as our speaker and a wonderful lunch buffet. Come and bring a covered dish or dessert of your choice and enjoy a great time of faith and fellowship and making new friends.

Missions

The Missions team is deepening our partnership with Mechanicsville Elementary School through a Reading Buddy program starting this fall. For the month of September, we will be sending a team of volunteers EACH DAY, mid-morning for about 30 mins, to help K and 1st graders learn reading basics. No expertise is necessary! Sign up on the connect card or contact Mary Elder at maryelder@shadygroveumc.org.

Your Caring Cooks have stocked the freezer with chicken alfredo bake! Please grab a frozen meal from the gym kitchen to share with someone in need. Check in with the church office if the kitchen is locked!

Join us as we partner with Habitat for Humanity to help build a home for a local family! Volunteer spots are available on Saturday, Sept. 19 and Friday, Sept. 25. Contact David Guion at davidguion@hotmail.com.

We're planning a Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child on Sept. 27 and Nov. 1 during our Coffee Time in the gym. If you'd like to donate supplies, just simply scan the QR code, select what you'd like to donate, purchase the items, and they will ship directly to the holding zone. On the mornings of Sept. 27 and Nov. 1, you will get a box, pack it up, label it, and leave it at church for shipping. This event is not only for those who are purchasing items for the party, but is open to everyone! If you have any questions, please contact Lola Grace Fabricant at 804-539-3321 or ttfabricant@henricoschools.us.



United Women in Faith (UWF)

The UWF is announcing the 4th Annual Christmas Market to be held Sat., Dec. 5 from 9 am - 1 pm. We are accepting vendors! Contact Margaret Getz at obxmg707@gmail.com or 804-370-0649. More news will be coming soon!

Clean out and unclutter for the 2027 Spring Yard Sale! All proceeds going to Missions. We are taking donations in the Shady Grove UMC gym on:

- September 26, 1 pm to 3 pm
- September 27, 9 am to 12 pm

Please do not leave donations at church throughout the year prior to notifying a UWF representative (Laura Dustin, laurabdustin@gmail.com or Susan Crouch, scrouch52@aol.com). Thanks!

The United Women in Faith invite you to join us on Saturday, Sept. 19th in rooms G111-G113 for our general meeting. Light refreshments are at 9:30 am, followed by our guest speaker, Jen Dowda, of Dowda Senior Consultants at 10:00 am. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code, or send an e-mail to Laura Dustin at laurabdustin@gmail.com. Dowda Senior Consultants provides free guidance and advocacy for seniors and their families. They help families navigate the world of assisted living, elder care, and support services. All are invited to join us!



Small Groups & Bible Studies

We invite everyone to participate in a Bible study following the sermon series on the Apostle's Creed starting today. Times for this study are: Sundays: 11:15 am, Tuesdays: 6:00-7:30 pm, Wednesdays: 11:00 am-12:30 pm, and off-site Wednesday evening and Wednesday morning before work (contact Mary Elder at the e-mail address below for more info). Sign up on the connect card or by contacting Mary Elder at maryelder@shadygroveumc.org.

Fall Bible Studies & Small Groups

Grow in your faith and connect with others this fall!

- **Disciple Fast Track: Old Testament** – Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm, September 2-November 18. Led by Mark Ellis and Chris Burnette.
- **Women's Bible Study** – Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00 pm, beginning August 25. Led by Pat Adams, studying What If God Wrote Your Bucket List? by Jay Payleitner.
- **Men's Group** – Sundays, 4:00-5:30 pm. Led by Drew Johnson. Bible study, fellowship, and service, especially for parents of children in Sunday afternoon programs G114.

Contact Mary Elder at maryelder@shadygroveumc.org with questions or to get connected!

Recreation Ministry

Join us for open gym pickleball Monday evenings in the gym at 6:30 pm and **open gym basketball** at 8:00 pm. Contact Matt Franklin for details at matt@shadygroveumc.org.

Youth

Get ready for a weekend of worship, friendship, games, and growing in faith! Our Fall Youth Retreat will be held Nov. 6-8 at Rappahannock Camp and Retreat Center. It's an opportunity for our youth to grow in their relationships with God, and make memories with friends. Scan the QR code to register!



September is full of opportunities for our youth to connect, serve, and have fun!

September 13: Parent Meeting & Cupcake Wars

September 20: Youth Group & VBS Volunteer Dinner

September 27: Youth Group

We hope to see all of our youth and families throughout the month!

Pumpkin Patch

Our annual Pumpkin Patch is coming back this fall, beginning the first week of October! We're looking forward to another great season—and we need volunteers to help make it happen. Whether you can help for a single shift or several, we'd love to have you join us! Scan the QR code to sign up, or contact Matt Franklin: matt@shadygroveumc.org.



Children's Ministries

Our Children's Ministry continues to grow! We are adding a THIRD choir to our SGKids PM Program and are excited to unveil our new choir names: the **MUSTARD SEEDS** Choir (for ages 4-6yrs); the **OLIVE BRANCH** Choir (for grades 1-3); and the **FIG TREE** Choir (for grads 4+5). Join us at 3:30 pm on LAUNCH Sunday (Sept 13th) to learn more. Choirs will run alongside Bible Buddies through the school year on Sunday afternoons, 3:30-5:30 pm, starting Sept. 20th. With the additional group comes an extra need for volunteers - please contact Becky or Liz if you can support us as a volunteer once a month or more.

More Church News

Our church family is growing, and we want to ensure everyone feels known and connected.

We'll have a photo booth set up in the gym between 9 am and 12:30 pm on Sunday, Sept. 13th and 20th to take individual pictures to add to Realm, our on-line directory. Let's transform our directory from a list of names into a visible, united family!