

This Week at Shady Grove

Monday, March 2

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
2:00 pm Heritage Committee - E203
6:30 pm Youth Bible Study - G213, 217
6:30 pm Celebration Bells Rehearsal - E205
6:30 pm Hyperlink Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:00 pm Pack 542 & 544 Leadership Meeting - G111
7:30 pm Brass Ensemble Rehearsal - Sanctuary
8:00 pm Open Gym Basketball - Gym

Tuesday, March 3

1:00 pm Women's Bible Study - G111
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting - G111
7:00 pm BSA Troop 542 - G211, G213, G215, G217

Wednesday, March 4

10:15 am FIT - G110
11:30 am SAC Luncheon - Gym, Kitchen, G110
2:00 pm Widow's Support Group - G114
5:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training - G114
5:45 pm Watson Memorial Clinic - E103, 105, 106
6:00 pm Lent Study - Chapel
6:30 pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal - S109, 200
7:30 pm Cancel Choir Rehearsal - S109, 200

Thursday, March 5

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry - G114
7:00 pm BSA Pack 544 Meeting - Gym, G110, 111, 113, 213, 217

Friday, March 6

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

Saturday, March 7

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

Sunday, March 8

8:00 am Nursery - G102
8:15 am Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 am Preschool Sunday School - G210
9:30 am K-1st Grade Sunday School - G212
9:30 am 2nd - 3rd Grade Sunday School - G218
9:30 am 4th-5th 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 - G217
11:15 am Faith Connections Sunday School - G111
11:15 am Worship - Sanctuary and Online
2:00 pm 4G Praise Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary

3:30 pm Bible Buddies and Children's Choirs - Gym, Kitchen, G110
5:30 pm Capella Rehearsal - S109, S200

Join us for a fun-filled Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 4th from 1:30–3:00 pm! We'll have an egg hunt, games, crafts, and plenty of fun for everyone. All are invited! The event will be held outdoors, weather permitting. We also need volunteers to help make this event a success! You can sign up by scanning the QR code. We hope to see you there! 🌸🌷



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

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Preschool, Childcare, and School-age Ministries
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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

A nursery is provided at all worship services.

An usher can assist you.

Children are also a vital part of our worshipping community!

Help your children find hymns and find Bible passages.

8209 Shady Grove Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

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

Website: shadygroveumc.org

March 1, 2026

8:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Holy Communion

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

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

+ Call to Worship

Leader: When our souls are weary and our hearts are heavy—

People: We come to the garden with Jesus.

Leader: When hope feels distant and prayers feel hard—

People: We lift our eyes to God, our help and our hope.

All: In this Lenten season, we watch and pray, trusting in the One who meets us in our sorrow and leads us to life.

+ Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

UMH 61

Proclamation of the Word

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

Scripture

Psalm 42:5-6

PB 447

Matthew 26:36-46

PB 808-809

Message

The Garden of Gethsemane

Pastor Darcey Johnson

Our Response to the Word

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Barry Burkholder

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision
Chancel Choir

by John Rutter

Doxology

UMH 95

+ Invitation to the Lord's Table:

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

+Closing Hymn

Sweet Hour of Prayer

UMH 496

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

Sending Forth

+ Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

*universal

*The Shady Grove UMC vision:
rooted in Christ, growing in faith, branching out in love.*

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

What's Happening- At a Glance

- Chili 'N Mac Cook Off- March 1, 12:30 pm
- Senior Adult Luncheon- March 4, 11:30 am
- Youth Spring Retreat- March 13-15
- UWF Yard Sale- March 14, 7:00 am
- Blood Drive- March 22, 8:00 am
- Maundy Thursday Worship- April 2, 6:30 pm
- Good Friday Worship- April 3, 6:30 pm
- Easter Eggstravaganza- April 4, 1:30-3:00 pm
- Easter Sunrise Worship- April 5, 6:30 am
- Easter Worship- April 5, 8:15, 9:45, 11:15 am
- Children's Choir Spring Concert- April 26, 4:00 pm
- Be The Church Sunday- May 3
- Broadway concert- May 17, 4:00 pm
- Appalachia Service Project- July 12-18

MCEF- Needs for March 2026

- Canned meats
- Jelly
- Broth
- Bar soap
- Toothbrushes
- Condiments
- Socks & underwear (NEW- no "tightly-whities")
- CLOTHING: Casual clothing, hoodies, men's long & short sleeved t-shirts, men's pants & jeans in all sizes, children's clothing especially for boys.
- LINENS: Sheet sets & Towels. NOW ACCEPTING SPRING & SUMMER CLOTHING! Clothing must be in good shape (no holes or large stains, please). Thanks!



Place items in the Mission Zone in the area labeled MCEF. Thank you!



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!

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



YOUR WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday, March 1, 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

4TH ANNUAL
CHILI'N'MAC COOK OFF
JOIN US IN THE GYM FROM
12:30-2:00 PM TODAY!
ALL PROCEEDS TO
BENEFIT SHALOM FARMS

LENT AND EASTER 2026 AT SHADY GROVE UMC

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP - 4/2, 6:30 PM
GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP - 4/3, 6:30 PM
EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA - 4/4, 1:30-3:00 PM
EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP - 4/5, 6:30 AM
EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP - 4/5, 8:15 AM (TRADITIONAL), 9:45 AM (CONTEMPORARY ACOUSTIC & ONLINE) AND 11:15 AM (TRADITIONAL & ONLINE). PICTURES AT THE CROSS AT ALL THREE SERVICES!

BLOOD DRIVE
SHADY GROVE GYM
SUNDAY, MARCH 22
8:00 AM -1:00 PM

Register Here

EASTER EGGstravaganza
April 4th 1:30-3:00pm

Volunteers Needed!

Games!
Crafts!
Egg hunts!
Everyone is Welcome!

Contact beckyroberts@shadygroveumc.org

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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:

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Senior Adults

The Mechanicsville Fellowship Club will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on Tuesday, March 10th at 10:30 a.m. in room G110. We will enjoy a catered lunch and entertainment by Amy Ladd. Please respond to Sandra Smith by March 3rd at spsmith1942@gmail.com or 804-513-3637. We hope to see you there!

Missions

During the month of March, we will be collecting new underwear to support MCEF (Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions). Donations may be for any age and will provide an essential need for individuals and families in our community. Please note: all items must be new, and we ask that you avoid "tighty-whities." You may place your donations in the Missions Zone throughout March. Thank you!

A group of Caring Cooks has stocked the freezer with chicken enchiladas! 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.



Small Groups and Bible Studies

Join the Fellowship Sunday School class on March 1st as they begin a Lent study called Why Did Jesus Have to Die? based on the book by Adam Hamilton. The Fellowship Class meets each Sunday at 9:45 am in the Chapel (E206). Reach out to class leader Faye Traylor at fayetraylor@comcast.net with questions.

Join us for a Lenten Bible study based on 24 Hours That Changed the World by Adam Hamilton. This study will explore the final day of Jesus' life and its meaning for us today. We will meet on Wednesday nights from Feb. 25th-April 1, 6:00-7:30 pm, in the Chapel. All are welcome! Class will be taught by Mary Elder, and you contact her at maryelder@shadygroveumc.org. Scan the QR code to register.



SECOND SUNDAYS SMALL GROUP
Meets on 3/8 and 4/12
3:45-5:15 pm
Guion Residence
For parents of youth and children involved in the Sunday afternoon programs
Contact Mary Elder (maryelder@shadygroveumc.org) for the address!

You are invited to join the Faith Connections Sunday School class to study the Adam Hamilton book 24 Hours That Changed the World during Lent. The Faith Connections class meets in room G111 at 11:15 each Sunday morning. Contact class leader Paul Bakeman at paulbakeman@shadygroveumc.org with any questions.

United Women in Faith

The annual UWF Yard Sale will be on Saturday, March 14th, 7:00 am - 1:00 pm in the gym. We ask that you adhere to the following schedule when delivering your items:

Sunday, March 1, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday, March 7, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday, March 8, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

If you have questions, please contact Laura Dustin at laurabdustin@gmail.com or 804-304-1683. If you cannot deliver your items at any of these times, please contact Laura for delivery options.

YARD SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The UWF will be working in the gym the week of the Yard Sale (March 9-13) sorting items and setting up displays. We need volunteers especially on Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday (9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. - show up when you can). Even if you can only work for one hour, please come!

TO ALL SHADY GROVE BAKERS! Time to heat up your ovens and fill your home with the wonderful aroma of baked goods! The UWF's Yard Sale is fast approaching and the Bake Sale table is one of the highlights. As in prior years, we need a wide variety of baked items to sell including cakes, pies, cupcakes, fudge, brownies, cookies, breads, tarts, etc. It would be extra special if some of the recipes come from the UWF Cookbook! Please deliver your baked treats by 3pm on Friday, March 13 so they will be available for the Presale. You can also bring them early on Yard Sale Day (Saturday, 3/14). Please identify your yummy treats and note if 1) the recipe came from our cookbook; and 2) if nuts are included. Last year's sale was a great success with all items selling quickly. Shady Grove is known for its great bakers. Thank you in advance for helping to make 2026 our best Bake and Yard Sale ever!

Recreation Ministry

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

Youth

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

Registration now open!
Youth Mission Trip - June 21-27
Charlotte, NC
\$450 (scholarships available)
Scan QR Code to register!

Spring 2026 Youth Calendar

MAR 1	CHILI N MAC COOK OFF	EGGSTRAVAGANZA	APR 4
MAR 8	YOUTH GROUP	YOUTH GROUP	APR 12
MAR 13-15	SPRING RETREAT	YOUTH SUNDAY	APR 19
MAR 22	YOUTH GROUP	BE THE CHURCH DAY	MAY 3
		END OF YEAR PARTY	MAY 16

More Church News

Registration for Kitty's Kids Summer Camp 2026 and the 2026-2027 School Year begins soon! We are excited to announce we have added Rural Point Elementary School to our afternoon pick up!
Tuesday, March 3rd: registration opens to the public. Please call the Kitty's Kids office at 804-559-7690 for more information.

Matthew 26:39 - And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

