

This Week at Shady Grove

Monday, April 20

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
12:30 pm Kitty's Kids Executive Meeting - Chapel
2:00 pm Heritage Committee - E203
6:30 pm Youth Bible Study - G213, 217
6:30 pm Celebration Bells Rehearsal - E205
7:00 pm Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group - G111
6:30 pm Hyperlink Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
8:00 pm Open Gym Basketball - Gym

Tuesday, April 21

1:00 pm Women's Bible Study - G111
2:15 pm SAC Meeting - G114
6:30 pm SPRC Meeting - Chapel
7:00 pm BSA Troop 542 - G211, 213, 215, 217
7:00 pm BSA Troop 544 - G110, 111, 113, 213, 217

Wednesday, April 22

9:30 am Pickleball - Gym
10:15 am FIT - G110
5:30 pm Dress Rehearsal for Spring Concert - Sanctuary
5:30 pm Trash Talk 101 - Kitchen, G111, 113
7:00 pm Open Gym Pickleball - Gym
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - S109, 200

Thursday, April 23

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry - G114
12:00 pm SAC Game Time - G114
7:00 pm BSA 544 Den Meeting - Gym, G110, 111, 113, 213, 217

Friday, April 24

9:30 am Pickleball - Gym
10:15 am FIT - G110
3:00 pm Westview Weekender
4:00 pm Seelmann-Jones Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, April 25

6:00 pm Westview Weekender
4:00 pm Seelmann-Jones Wedding

Sunday, April 26

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 Confirmation Class - G111
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
2:00 pm 4G Praise Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
3:30 pm Trinity & Cherub Choir Rehearsal - Chapel
4:00 pm Children's Choir Spring Concert - Sanctuary

Youth Sunday is an opportunity for the youth in our church community to lead us in worship and remind us all that God uses each one of us in each other's lives. A huge thank you goes out to all of our youth participants, the parents, and the staff that make this possible each year.



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

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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.**



*Make your life a
song to GOD*



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**

April 19, 2026

Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday

**Old Church Choir*

**10,000 Reasons*

Higher Ground Praise Band

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Connection

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

Scripture: Psalm 67

Homily: Katie Krickovic and Caroline Belote

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* - UMH 152

The Vine Brass Ensemble

Senior Reflections: Graeson Beach and Grace Johnson

Scripture: Psalm 150

Offering: *Prayer from Come from Away*

Cappella

Offertory Prayer

Senior Recognition: Matt Franklin and Mary Elder

**Praise*

Higher Ground Praise Band

Benediction

*You are invited to stand as you are able.

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

Sermon Notes

Things to remember about today's message:

Scripture: Psalm 67 and Psalm 150

Youth Participants

Announcements

Traylor Fabricant, Lola Grace Fabricant, Bryce Fand

Children's Connection

Rebecca Marston, Hailee McGreevy, Bryce Fand

Scripture 1 Readers

Max Jensen, Amy Keenan, Hailee McGreevy

Scripture 2 Readers

Abigail Lupton, Sophia Pitts, Aaron Conley

Homily 1

Katie Krickovic

Homily 2

Caroline Belote

Prayers of the People

John Elza, Lorelai Elza, Thomas Shipley

Senior Reflections

Graeson Beach, Grace Johnson

Offertory Prayer

Katie App, Traylor Fabricant, Braeden Randall

Benediction

Rachael Marston, Rebecca Marston, Elliot Greer

Sunday School Leaders

Caitlin Brown, Luci Colarusso, Poppy Garland

Ushers

Katie McClanahan, Amy Keenan, Lola Grace Fabricant,

Bradley Ryman, Anna Ryman, Grayson Hawley,

Tucker Berry, Charlotte Arbogast

Higher Ground Praise Band

Brandon Fand, Rachael Marston, Rebecca Marston,

Ben Scharl, Lorelai Elza

The Vine Brass Ensemble

Aaron Conley, William Conley, Elliott Greer,

Ben Lawson, Ben Scharl, Conner Stanton

Cappella

Lorelai Elza, Elliott Greer, Paige Hochstrasser,

Gracie Jensen, Ben Lawson, Abigail Lupton, Connor Stanton

Greeters can help you.

Just off the sanctuary lobby is an all-accessible restroom with changing table.

What's Happening- At a Glance

- Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group- April 20, 7:00 pm, G111
- Trash Talk 101- April 22, 5:30 pm, G111
- Westview Weekender- April 24-25
- Children's Choir Spring Concert- April 26, 4:00 pm
- Senior Adult Trip to Monticello- April 29
- Be The Church Sunday- May 3, 9:00 am in the gym
- DIA Hanover ARC Party- May 16, 10:00 am, gym
- VBS- June 8-12
- Youth Cross Missions- June 21-27
- Appalachia Service Project- July 12-18
- Block Party- August 29, 3:00 pm
- Senior Adult Trip to Hershey, PA- October 6-8

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!

MCEF- Needs for April 2026

- Canned fruit
- Jelly
- Applesauce
- Socks & underwear (NEW)
- LINENS: Queen sheet sets
- NOW ACCEPTING SPRING & SUMMER CLOTHING: Casual clothing, hoodies, men's long & short sleeved t-shirts, men's pants & jeans in all sizes, children's clothing especially for boys. 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!



YOUR WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday, April 19, 2026



Make your life a song to GOD

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

Children's Choir Concert & Recital

Featuring Trinity & Cherub Choirs, Chancel Choir, and Young Piano soloists! Reception to follow in gym.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH - 4:00 PM
SANCTUARY

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

Register Here!

Trash Talk 101

Wednesday, April 22nd
5:30-7 pm in G111-113
See inside for more info!

SGKids
A ONE-NIGHT TASTE OF CAMP

Westview Weekender

Scan the QR code to register

APRIL 24-25

Stay Connected

Sign up for our weekly E-News and download our latest newsletter at shadygroveumc.org/churchnews.org.
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:
Shady Grove UMC, 8209 Shady Grove Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111

SUNDAY, May 3

BE THE CHURCH

Hearts and Hands Across Mechanicsville

Sign up for a service project today!

JOIN US FOR VBS 2026!
JUNE 8 - 12
9AM TO NOON

Cokesbury Kids

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

REGISTER YOUR CHILD

VOLUNTEER TO HELP

Senior Adults

Seniors will be traveling to Hershey Chocolate World, Lancaster Sight & Sound Theater Oct. 6-8. to see the show Joshua and to Gettysburg, PA. Detailed information can be found on the Senior Bulletin Board in the hallway near the Welcome Center. Cost of the trip: Single \$785 / Double \$605 / Triple \$575 / Quad \$545. A payment schedule has been set up for your convenience. We will travel by motor coach with Victory Travel as in the past. For questions, contact Margaret Getz at obxmg707@gmail.com or text 804-370-0649.

Missions

Join us on Sunday, May 3rd for our annual **Be The Church Day** as we partner with **New Song UMC, Enon UMC and Mechanicsville UMC!** We'll gather for worship at 9:00 am in the gym (registration and check-ins begin at 8:30 am), then serve in mission projects at 9:30 am. We'll return to the gym at 12:30 pm for fellowship and lunch with subs from Jersey Mike's. This will be a morning of fun, connection, and making an impact in our community and beyond! Scan the QR code on the front cover to sign up for a project. If you have questions, contact Mary Elder at maryelder@shadygroveumc.org.

Hanover ARC Picnic Service Opportunity For All! Disciples in Action (DIA) will once more be hosting a picnic for our special friends from Hanover ARC. It will be held in the Shady Grove gym on Saturday, May 16th from 10:00 am for set up until about 2:00 pm for clean up. We'll offer crafts, dancing, lunch and lots of fun! All age groups are welcome to come help make this a special time for our guests! Questions? Call Nancy Mountjoy at 804-746-9769 or email at nmountjoy@aol.com.

As we continue to celebrate the joy of Easter, we proclaim the good news that Christ is risen! Each year, our congregation gives to an Easter Offering, with 100% of all gifts going to missions:

- Rise Against Hunger
- Mechanicsville Elementary School
- Heart Havens
- MCEF (Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions)
- Be The Church Day
- Hanover County Head Start School Boxes
- Caring Cooks
- Shalom Farms
- Stepping Forward Ministries

We invite you to prayerfully consider making a gift to the Easter Offering. You may place your gift in the collection plate at any worship service this morning, text your gift to 73256 (keyword shadygrove) or donate online at www.shadygroveumc.org/give/. Please be sure to mark your check or on-line/text donation with "Easter Offering" on the memo section so we will be able to place it accordingly.

We're partnering with Habitat for Humanity for an upcoming build project on Friday, May 22 and Saturday, May 23. We currently have volunteer spots available on both days. Contact David Guion at davidguion@hotmail.com with questions or to sign up.

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

Parents of young children are invited to join us outside at the pavilion (weather-permitting) on **Wednesdays** in May from 6-7 pm to connect, fellowship, and share life. Childcare will be provided, the playground will be open for kids and monitored, and families are welcome to bring a bag dinner. RSVP to Mary Elder (maryelder@shadygroveumc.org) to get more information and help us plan for the number of people.

The Dementia/Alzheimer's Support Group Meeting for April is scheduled for Monday, April 20th beginning at 7:00 pm in room G111. We will have representatives from Dowda Senior Consultants and Synergy Home Care to help answer questions. If you need additional information, please contact Julie Pollard at 804-347-1236.

Recreation Ministry

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



OPEN GYM PICKLEBALL

EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING
IN THE GYM FROM 7:00-8:30
CONTACT MATT FRANKLIN AT
MATT@SHADYGROVEUMC.ORG
WITH QUESTIONS



Youth Basketball
SKILLS CLINICS
For Grades 3-12
6-WEEK SESSIONS
May 27 - July 8
July 9 - Aug 13

SCAN ME



\$100 for 6 weeks
Scholarships available

Skill development
Great coaching
Faith formation

Creation Care Ministry

Join us for dinner and some trash talk on **Wednesday, April 22nd from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in G111** as we learn more about faithfully caring for **God's Earth.** We'll hear from Courtney Kulynych of Hanover Recycling and enjoy a soup and bread dinner. There is no cost to attend. Cash donations will be accepted but are not expected! Register today!



Youth



CROSS MISSIONS



Youth Mission Trip - June 21-27
Charlotte, NC
\$450 (scholarships available)

Scan QR Code to register!

More Church News



SHADY GROVE BLOCK PARTY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 3-5 P.M.

**FREE FOOD, INFLATABLES, GAMES,
LIVE MUSIC, AND MORE!**

SAVE THE DATE!

Psalm 67:1-3- May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

