

This Week at Shady Grove

Monday, September 14

Mon.-Fri. Kitty’s Kids - G120, 106, 211, 213, 215, 217
9:00 am Shady Grove Golf Tournament - Hunting Hawk Golf Club
9:30 am Pickleball - Gym
10:15 am FIT - G110
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting - G114
6:30 pm Hyperlink Rehearsal - Sanctuary
6:30 pm Celebration Bells Rehearsal - E205
6:30 pm Open Gym Pickleball - Gym
8:00 pm Open Gym Basketball - Gym

Tuesday, September 15

9:00 am Kitty’s Kids Music - Chapel
1:00 pm Women’s Bible Study - G111
2:15 pm SAC Meeting - G114
6:00 pm Apostle’s Creed Study - E202
6:30 pm Girl Scouts Daisy Troop - Chapel
7:00 pm BSA Troop 542 - G211, 213, 215, 217

Wednesday, September 16

9:30 am Pickleball - Gym
10:00 am Kitty’s Kids Music - Chapel
10:15 am FIT - G110
11:00 am Apostle’s Creed Study - G111
3:00 pm Kitty’s Kids School-Age Music - Chapel
5:00 pm Watson Memorial Clinic - E103, 105, 106
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5:30 pm The VINE/Youth Brass - Sanctuary
6:00 pm Special Olympics Pickleball - Gym
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - S109, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Disciple Bible Study - G111
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - S109, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 17

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry - G114
12:00 pm Kitty’s Kids Executive Meeting - Chapel
7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting - E103
7:00 pm BSA 544 Den Meeting - Gym, G110, 111, 213, 217

Friday, September 18

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

Saturday, September 19

All Day Habitat for Humanity Project

Sunday, September 20

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
9:45 am Youth Sunday School - G213
11:15 am Apostle’s Creed Bible Study - Chapel
11:15 am Faith Connections Sunday School - G111
11:15 am Worship - Sanctuary and Online
11:15 am Children’s Church - G218
2:30 pm Higher Ground Rehearsal - Youth Center
3:30 pm SG Kids Bible Buddies & Choirs - Gym, Chapel, Shelter, Kitchen, G110
3:30 pm Youth Group Meeting - Youth Center
3:45 pm Foundations Class - G111
4:00 pm Men’s Small Group - G114
5:30 pm VBS Volunteer Dinner - Gym
5:30 pm Cappella Rehearsal - Sanctuary, S109

Coffee Time is in the Gym at 10:45 am

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Kitty’s Kids at Shady Grove, Inc.

Kitty’s Kids Director, Dee Shifflett

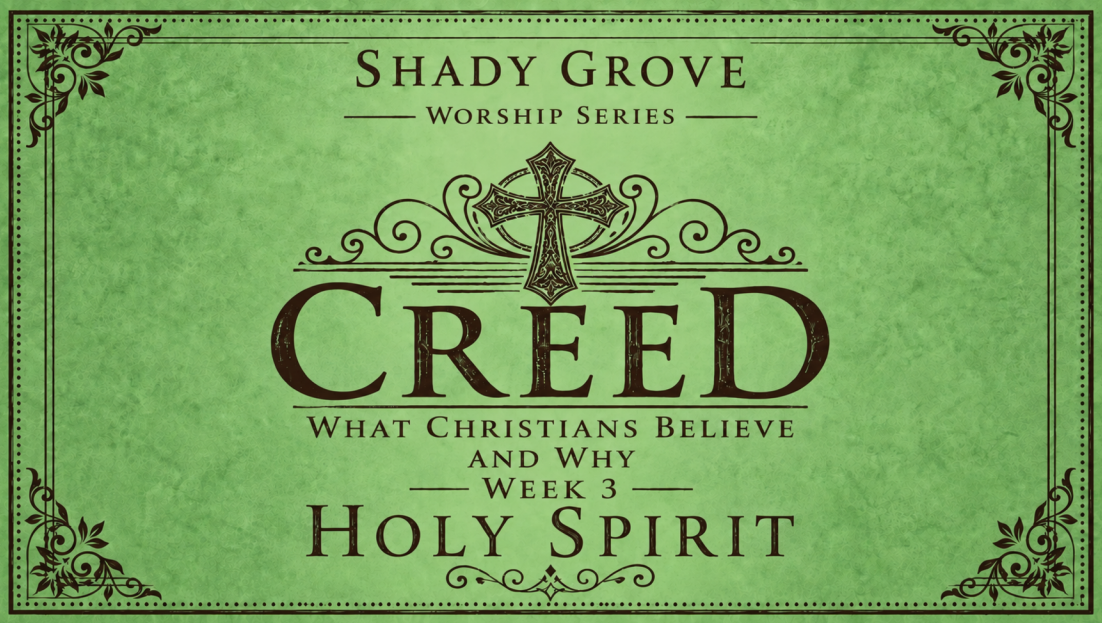
Preschool, Childcare, and School-age Ministries

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.

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

September 13, 2026

9:45 a.m.

Welcome to Worship

**Doxology (God be Praised)*

**We Believe*

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Connection

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

Scripture: Genesis 1:1–2
John 14:15-27

The Apostle's Creed

I Believe in the Holy Spirit
Pastor Darcey Johnson

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer
Matt Franklin

Offering: *Start a Fire*

**Free Amen*

Blessing

**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: Genesis 1:1–2 and John 14:15-27

*The United Women in Faith placed a cradle cross on the altar this morning in
celebration of the birth of Austin Kevin Murphy, born July 2, 2026.
We give thanks for this precious new addition to the Murphy family and
celebrate with his parents, Taylor and Patrick Murphy, and his proud big
brother, Luke. May Austin's life be filled with God's love, grace,
and many blessings!*

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

What's Happening- At a Glance

- SGKids and Youth LAUNCH with Cupcake Wars!- Today, 3:30-5:30 pm
- Realm Photo Booth- Sept. 13, this 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
- Red Cross Blood Drive- Oct. 4, 8 am to 1 pm in the gym
- 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
MARYELDER@SHADYGROVEUMC.ORG

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!

Please scan to Register!

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

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Stay Connected: Sign up for our weekly E-News and download the latest edition at shadygroveumc/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, or mail your checks to:
Shady Grove UMC, 8209 Shady Grove Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Your Weekly News

Sunday, September 13, 2026



*Rooted in Christ, Growing in faith,
Branching out in love.*

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!

SGKids and SGYouth Launch!

This Afternoon!

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

Cupcake Wars!

Also This Afternoon!
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

YES! YOU CAN BE A HOLE SPONSOR FOR JUST \$100!

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!

Stay for Adult Sunday School classes at 9:45 am (Mundie Bible Class in E202, Fellowship Class in E206, Good News Class in G114, and the Joe White Fellowship Class in G113) and 11:15 am (Faith Connections Class in G111). Ask an usher if you need directions to any of these rooms!



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!

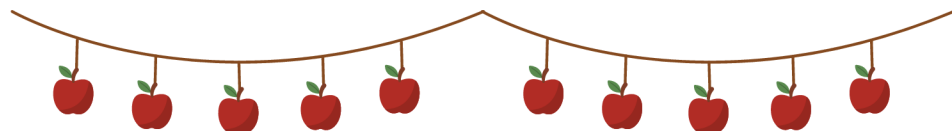
Join us as we partner with Habitat for Humanity to help build a home for a local family! Volunteer spots are available on Saturday, Sept. 19 and Friday, Sept. 25. Contact David Guion at davidguion@hotmail.com.

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

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 don't 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. RSVP by scanning the QR code, or e-mail Laura Dustin at laurabdustin@gmail.com. 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. Times for this study are: Sundays at 11:15 am, Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, and off-site Wednesday evenings and Wednesday mornings before work (contact Mary Elder at the e-mail address below for more info). Sign up by contacting Mary Elder at maryelder@shadygroveumc.org.

Fall Bible Studies & Small Groups:

- **Women's Bible Study** – Tuesdays, 1:00–2:00 pm. Led by Pat Adams, studying What If God Wrote Your Bucket List? by Jay Payleitner.
- **Men's Group** – Sundays, 4–5:30 pm. Led by Drew Johnson. Bible study, fellowship, and service, especially for parents of children in Sunday afternoon programs. Meets in G114.

Email Mary Elder at maryelder@shadygroveumc.org with questions.

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.

Slow-pitch softball begins on September 14th! All games are played at Pole Green Park here in Hanover and are co-ed. Anyone interested should contact Matt Franklin 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

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 grades 4+5). Join us **TODAY** at 3:30 pm for LAUNCH Sunday 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



BLOOD DRIVE
SHADY GROVE GYM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Register Here



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!

Genesis 1:1-2- In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.