

Today in the fellowship hall join us as we begin our sermon series, "The Gospel According to Dogs: *What We Can Learn from Our Furry Friends.*" Today's sermon is "Steadfast Love."


Lamentations 3:22-24 from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV):

²² *The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;*
²³ *they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*
²⁴ *"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."*

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You will find the words and responses on the screens during the Contemporary worship service. The general order we follow each Sunday is:

- Gathering:** Praise Songs and Greeting
- Gratitude:** Offering and Prayer
- God's Word:** Scripture and Sermon
- Going:** Praise Song and Sending

 **Songs in Today's Service:** *I Will Call Upon the Lord* by Petra
Here I Am to Worship by Tim Hughes
Lean On Me by Bill Withers
Hallelujah by Alicia Keys
You Are Holy by Michael Smith

These and other praise songs can be found on PER 90.5 FM. Listening will improve your week.

Sunday 11/13

Adult Mission Trip – Tornado Rebuilding (Waverly, VA)
Regular Worship Schedule
Blood Drive (Parking Lot) 8:00 am-12:15 pm
Praise Team (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
Stage Setup (Sanctuary) 12:15-1:15 pm
Christmas Hang-Ups FULL Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 3:30-5:00 pm
Girl Scout Troop 5107 (EB 202/203) 4:00-5:45 pm
Youth Orchestra (Sanctuary) 5:00-5:45 pm
G-3 (Chapel Bldg.) 5:00-6:00 pm
Rowdy MOMs (EB 201) 5:00-6:00 pm
At Last, Noel Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00-8:00 pm
Middle School Large Group (DOG House) 6:00-7:00 pm
High School Large Group (DOG House) 7:30-8:30 pm

Monday 11/14

Betty Fairbanks Circle (EB 201) 1:00-3:00 pm
Girl Scout Troop 5355 (EB 106) 4:00-5:30 pm
Building Committee (Library) 6:30-7:30 pm

Tuesday 11/15

Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am
Avington Community Meeting (EB 201) 6:30-7:30 pm
Missions Committee (EB 202) 7:00-8:00 pm
Trustees Meeting (Library) 7:00-8:30 pm

Wednesday 11/16

Mary, Martha, Mom (Library) 9:15-10:15 am
Christmas Hang-Ups FULL Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 4:30-5:45 pm
Bistro (FH) 5:15-6:15 pm
Disciple I (EB 205) 6:00-8:00 pm
Disciple III (EB 207) 6:15-7:30 pm
Disciple Fast Track (EB 203) 6:15-7:15 pm
Faith Care Infant/Toddler Nursery (EB 111) 6:15-7:15 pm
Little Hands – Twos (EB 105) 6:15-7:15 pm
Bible Zone grades 1-3 (EB 209) 6:15-7:15 pm
Bible Zone grades 4-5 (EB 210) 6:15-7:15 pm
SonShine Singers (Sanctuary) 6:15-6:45 pm
Sprouts – Threes to Fives (EB 106) 6:45-7:15 pm
Middle School Small Group (DOG House) 6:15-7:15 pm
Rowdy MOMs (EB 201) 6:15-7:15 pm
All Pro Dads (EB 202) 6:15-7:15 pm
Connection Group (EB 206) 6:15-7:15 pm
Wednesday Wellness (Library) 6:15-7:15 pm
Praise Team Rehearsal (FH) 7:15-8:15 pm
Meditation with Kate (Library) 7:30-8:15 pm
At Last, Noel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:15-8:45 pm
Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary) 8:45-9:15 pm

Thursday 11/17

UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:45 am
CCC Pop Up Shop Set Up (FH) 9:00 am-2:00 pm
SGUMC Book Club (Church Office) 6:00-7:30 pm
Richmond Christian Singles Bible Study (EB 206) 7:00-8:30 pm
Boy Scouts – Troop 735 (FH) 7:00-9:00 pm

Friday 11/18

Middle School Breakfast (Chick-fil-A) 7:20 am
CCC Pop Up Shop Set Up (FH) 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Women's Bible Study (Chapel Bldg.) 9:45-11:00 am
Relay Foods (Front Parking Lot) 3:00-6:30 pm
Youth Choir Jam (River Road Baptist Church) 4:30-9:00 pm
Saturday 11/19
CCC Pop Up Shop Sale (FH) 9:00 am-2:00 pm
The Center for Creative Arts Recitals (Chapel Bldg.) 10:30 am; 3:30 pm
Youth Choir Jam (River Road Baptist Church) 9:45 am-4:00 pm
Youth Choir Jam Concert (River Road Baptist Church) 3:00 pm

Sunday 11/20

Regular Worship Schedule
Praise Team (FH) 10:00-10:30 am
3rd Sunday Youth Worship/Lunch (Off Campus) 12:00 noon
Christmas Hang-Ups FULL Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 3:30-5:00 pm
Blessing of the Animals (FH) 5:00-6:00 pm
G-3 (Chapel Bldg.) 5:00-6:00 pm
Rowdy MOMs (EB 201) 5:00-6:00 pm
Girl Scout Troop 3007 (EB 202) 5:00-6:30 pm
At Last, Noel Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00-8:00 pm
Middle School Large Group (DOG House) 6:00-7:00 pm
High School Large Group (DOG House) 7:30-8:30 pm



Sunday, November 13, 2016

**THIS WEEK
AT SHADY GROVE**

**Shady Grove
United Methodist Church
Short Pump**
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Glen Allen, VA 23059
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Regular Sunday Schedule

8:15 am
Traditional Worship Sanctuary

9:00-11:00 am
HeBrews Coffee Fellowship Hall

9:30 am
Informal Traditional Worship Sanctuary
Nursery Faith Care (infants-age 2) Education Building
3 Years-5th Grade Sunday School Education Building
Youth Sunday School Chapel Building
Adult Sunday School Chapel Building

11:00 am
Informal Traditional Worship Sanctuary
Contemporary Worship Fellowship Hall
Nursery Faith Care (infants-age 2) Education Building
Children's Own Worship Chapel

Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of November 13, 2016 Lamentations 3:22-24

*These questions are to be used as a spring board for discussion.
Answers may or may not be found in the sermons.*

1. Read Genesis 1:24-28, 2:19-20. Do some kinds of animals especially make you think of God and his creative power?
2. Have you ever wondered at the unconditional love a dog shows us? If this is true of a dog, can you imagine how much that dependable loyalty must be multiplied by being embodied in the God of the universe? Do you tend to see God as a) absent when you need God most, as b) sort of dependable (because they say so in church), or c) as a genuinely reliable presence whose steadfast love is with you at all times and in all circumstances?
3. Read Lamentations 3:19-24. Lamentations was written in the shadow of the Babylonian invasion but the writer still clung to God's love and compassion. When do you find it hardest to sense Jesus with you? How can the promise that God's mercies are new every morning bring you strength and courage, even in those darkest of days?
4. During difficult times, has the faithful love of a dog ever warmed you? To what extent have you learned, even in dire circumstances, to lean on and rely on "the faithful love of the Lord"?
5. Read Acts 13:38-39. Dogs seem to regularly forgive us, even when we struggle to forgive ourselves. Are there things for which we all find it hard to forgive ourselves? Can claiming God's forgiveness help us to forgive ourselves?
6. Read Luke 15:17-24. What does it do for you to have your dog greet you exuberantly when you are dragging home after a bad day? Can you picture God racing down the road to embrace you, even when you are dragging yourself home to God?

**Last Sunday's Stewardship Report on 11/6/2016
(32 weeks)**

2016 Fiscal Year is April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017

Will you be loyal to Shady Grove United Methodist Church and uphold your church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

ATTENDANCE

8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	Total	SS	COW
52	165	150	62	429	137	24

OPERATING FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Amount received to date in 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 543,102
Expenses to date for 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 576,533
Pledge amount for 2016-17 Fiscal Year Operating Fund	\$ 807,587
Pledge cards received	237

BUILDING FUND – (Mortgage Payments)

Amount received to date in 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 56,047
Principal & Interest paid in 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 87,576
Pledge amount for 2016-17 Fiscal Year Building Fund	\$ 87,405
Pledge cards received	104

The Building Fund is used to serve our \$ 844,799 debt obligation from 2002-2004 construction of the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and education building, as well as the 2007 acquisition of the adjacent properties on Shady Grove Road. This loan is currently being paid down at a 20-year amortization rate.

GROUNDING IN FAITH, GROWING TO SERVE CAMPAIGN

Amount received to date	\$ 275,738
Pledge amount for 3 years Capital Campaign	\$1,576,545
Pledge cards received	130



Announcements for November 13, 2016

We are glad you are here. It is our hope that you will find our worship meaningful and life-giving. If you are searching for a church home or are interested in learning more about Shady Grove UMC, we invite you to attend our next "Lunch with the Pastors" on Sunday, January 22, at 12:00 noon. To RSVP for lunch, please call the church office at 360-2600 or email pluqin@shadygroveumc.net.

TODAY

Our sermon series is The Gospel According to Dogs: What We Can Learn from Our Furry Friends – Dogs have a lot to teach us - love, joy, loyalty, and obedience. Whether you're a dog lover or not, join us for important lessons from scripture, demonstrated by man's best friend.

Please Give Blood! Shady Grove UMC Blood Drive is **today** from 8:00 am to 12:15 pm, stop by the Bloodmobile. Walk-ins welcome. Tacky Holiday T-shirt for all participating donors!

Advent 2016 starts on Sunday, November 27, and we are excited to offer a new church-wide Advent study, **Under Wraps: The Gift We Never Expected**. *Under Wraps* will include sermons in Sunday morning worship, as well as study groups and resources for adults, youth, and children on Sunday nights with dinner and programming from 5:15 to 6:45 pm. We are happy to order for you the *Under Wraps* Devotional or Adult Study materials. Stop by the welcome centers in the sanctuary or fellowship hall to view the materials and then reserve your copies on the clipboards or online at www.shadygroveumc.net/underwraps. For questions regarding this amazing program or to help make Sunday nights this Advent a success, contact Lauren Adkins, ladkins@shadygroveumc.net.

Calling youth and adults – Nonspeaking drama ministry opportunity in our annual Christmas cantata, *At Last, Noel*, to be presented Saturday, December 10 (7:00 pm) and Sunday, December 11 (9:30 and 11:00 am services). Each participant will choose one presentation. Drama characters are the Holy Family, three wise men, and two shepherds. If you would like to be a part of *At Last, Noel*, contact Sylvia Cooper at scooper@shadygroveumc.net.

Holiday Gift Card Blitz – SGUMC youth can take orders from your family, neighbors, and other friends for holiday gifts, teacher gifts, and more and help support youth missions. Many gift cards are available to purchase for many of the restaurants and retailers you already are likely to frequent. Orders placed by December 11 should arrive in time for pickup on December 18. Questions? Contact Frank Basil at youth@shadygroveumc.net.

Dinners for Eight is designed to help us get to know one another a little bit better outside of Sunday morning. It doesn't matter if you are young or young at heart, couple or single, new to SGUMC or seasoned veteran. Consider joining together this winter with other SGUMC friendly faces to enjoy some good food and fellowship. After the kick-off on Saturday, January 21, with dinner in the fellowship hall, participants are placed in rotating groups of eight and gather once a month in homes from February to April. **Sign-up at the welcome center** in either the narthex (foyer) of the sanctuary or the fellowship hall entry of the Contemporary Service. Questions? Contact Pam Thompson at jeffmthomp@gmail.com or 360-3162 (home).

THIS WEEK

Betty Fairbanks Circle – All women are invited to join the Betty Fairbanks Circle meeting **Monday, November 14**, at 1:00 pm in room 201 of the educational building. Sara Fender and Jody Floegel will speak about the missions of the Caring Clothes Closet (CCC) and Bag4Kids. Bring children's hats, gloves, and socks for the CCC.

The Center for Creative Arts – Autumn Studio Art Workshops for adults will teach you how create a *Floral Still Life* on **Tuesday, November 15**. These evening workshops are great for friends, include light refreshments, and all supplies. No experience necessary! The Center offers a broad array of classes for children and teens including art, chess, and private music instruction for all ages. Learn about our programs at www.center4creativearts.org or email center4creativearts@comcast.net to register.

Join us Wednesday nights at Shady Grove Bistro – Dinner is served 5:15 to 6:15 pm in the fellowship hall. RSVP on our website, www.shadygroveumc.net/shady-grove-bistro, email sgumcdinner@gmail.com, or call 360-3907, ext. 46 by noon Tuesdays. Adults: \$7, Child: \$3, Family (parents & children): \$20. Menu for **November 16** - chicken tacos with lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream, cheese, hard and soft shells, fruit, cookies. *Kids menu: beef tacos, nachos, fruit, cookies.*

Wellness Wednesday 6:15-7:15 pm – Join SGUMC's Health Cabinet as they host various health and wellness professionals in the church library. This week: *Living with Grief and Loss* with Alberta Aikin, RN, DSN, MA and Diane Petrie, RN, CBCN. Learn more at www.shadygroveumc.net/wednesday-wellness.

Meditation with Kate: Wednesdays 7:30-8:15 pm – Kate Bishop continues weekly guided meditation, which will bring you peace in a busy working week. Bring an open heart and mind. Contact Kate at kbishop@shadygroveumc.net.

Our Youth Explosion Choir, under the direction of Sylvia Cooper, will be participating in the annual Youth Choir Jam, held November 18 and 19 at River Road Baptist Church. This is the 9th year Shady Grove has been a part of the mass choir event! The director is nationally known Mark Burrows. There is a free concert given by the mass choir **Saturday, November 19**, at 3:00 pm. Come and enjoy a wonderful event!

Pop Up Shop – Make plans now to do your Christmas shopping at the Caring Clothes Closet's Pop Up Shop, **Saturday, November 19**, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Over 25 unique vendors! Questions? Contact Sara Fender at ccddirector@shadygroveumc.net.

Children's Ministry Food Drive supports Feedmore! We ask that children bring a non-perishable food item, canned or boxed, holiday related or basic use to all programming events - Sunday School, COW, Little Hands, Sprouts, Choir, and G-3, **through Wednesday, November 30**. This is an important outreach mission for our Children's Ministry and we encourage your family to participate. Questions? Contact Beanie Kelly at bkelly@shadygroveumc.net.

Registration is open for The Elves Workshops at The Center for Creative Arts – December 3, 10, 17, and December 19-23. Children ages 6+ enjoy mornings filled with the Christmas spirit as they create unique gifts for their family. Winter Wonderland Art Workshops for children ages 5-12 inspire young artists during the week between Christmas and New Year's. See the details at www.center4creativearts.org.

COMING UP

Blessing of the Animals – Rev. Beanie Kelly will offer a Blessing of the Animals service on **Sunday, November 20**, at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. All well-behaved animals are welcome, but must be on a leash or in a carrier.

Knitting & Crochet Ministry is a group working together as part of our church to stitch shawls, scarves, hats, and prayer squares given where needed as led by God. We help each other in learning and improving our skills when we meet. We do have yarn and needles to pass on to you! If you are interested, you are invited to our last 2016 meeting hosted by Elaine Ratliff on **Thursday, December 8**, at 7:00 pm. Address: 5009 Belmont Park Road, Glen Allen. Call Margaret Phillips at 527-7857 or email phillips.mwphillips@gmail.com with any question. See you on December 8th!

Adult Mission Trip Opportunity – Adults are invited to be part of the mission opportunity **May 14-19** - Appalachia Service Project in Guyan Valley, WV, \$425. Questions? Contact Bob Payne at rpayne60@comcast.net or 305-8763.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Lauren Adkins, Tori Anderson, Vic Anderson (father of Vicky Oliver), Terrie Besnier, Jim Bonnell, Amy Carroll (sister of Sara Fender), Catherine Chilton, Gil Chilton, Bonnie Dellinger (mother of Jill Early), Fyfe Dollar, Pat Edwards, Betty Finley, Cheryl Fitzgerald (sister of Donna Noble), Ann Gooch (mother of Anita Schrunk), Kathy Graeber, Ann Gussett (mother of Laura Ann Kump), Laura Harkonen-missionary in Congo, Tommy Harris, Ryan Hartsook (son-in-law of Mike and Ruth Powell), Don Herrick (father of Anne Hurst and Sarah Metzgar), Peggy Hill, Terry Hoover (father of Haylee Douglas), Betsy Katko, Wallace Martin, Willis McCauley, Pam Melton (daughter of Sylvia Chartier), Diane Morrison, Mary Muse (sister of Mae Ruth Roberts), Samantha Muse (niece of Mae Ruth Roberts), Caiden Purkey (grandson of Bob and Lisa Jones), Cindy Russo, Jim Schmidt, Lois Ann Sessoms (mother of Rachel Smith), Steve Stokes, Sara Walker

Homebound

Aleida Bultman, Mike Powell-Our Lady of Hope, Beverly Robertson (mother of Martha Anne Martin)-Our Lady of Hope, Shirley Ronquest-Crump Manor, Linda Stone-Our Lady of Hope

Global Missionaries

Heather and James-location undisclosed, Nico Chantel-Europe, Fishers 4 Him-Dominican Republic, Eva and Lindsay Gilliam-US, Laura and Timo Harkonen-Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liz Jackson-Philippines, Quynh-Hoa Nguyen-Vietnam

