

Today in the fellowship hall join us as we begin our sermon series, "Under Wraps: *The Gift We Never Expected.*" Today's sermon is "God Is Expectant."

Luke 1:39-45 from the New Living Translation (NLT):

³⁹ *A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town ⁴⁰ where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.*

⁴² *Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. ⁴³ Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? ⁴⁴ When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. ⁴⁵ You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said."*

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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

The prayer shawl represents the sharing of God's love and grace and is for you to take for yourself or give to someone because of despair, loss, or illness.



Songs in Today's Service:

- He Reigns* by Furler/Taylor
- Mighty to Save* by Morgan/Fielding
- Reason to Sing* by Sons and Daughters
- Hallelujah, I'm Ready* by Ricky Skaggs
- Amen Traditional Gospel/Folk*

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

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Today the Mackey/Hancock Family lights our Advent candle.

Sunday 11/27

- Regular Worship Schedule
- HeBrews Closed
- Praise Team (FH) 10:00-10:30 am
- Christmas Hang-Ups* FULL DRESS Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 3:30-5:00 pm
- Under Wraps* Dinner (FH) 5:15-5:45 pm
- Under Wraps* Children Study (EB 105/106) 5:45-6:30 pm
- Under Wraps* Youth Large Group Study (FH/DOG House) 5:45-6:30 pm
- Under Wraps* Adult Study (FH) 5:45-6:30 pm

Tuesday 11/29

- Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am

Wednesday 11/30

- Mary, Martha, Mom (Library) 9:15-10:15 am
- Christmas Hang-Ups* FULL DRESS Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 4:30-6:15 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
- Connection Group (EB 206) 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* Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:15-9:00 pm

Thursday 12/1

- UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:45 am
- UMM Dinner with Kids (FH) 6:00-9:00 pm
- Richmond Christian Singles Bible Study (EB 206) 7:00-8:30 pm
- Boy Scouts - Troop 735 (EB 202/203) 7:00-9:00 pm

Friday 12/2

- Middle School Breakfast (Chick-fil-A) 7:20 am
- Women's Bible Study (Chapel Bldg.) 9:45-11:00 am
- Relay Foods (Front Parking Lot) 3:00-6:30 pm

Saturday 12/3

- Elves Workshop (Chapel Bldg.) 9:00 am-12:30 pm
- The Center for Creative Arts Recitals (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00 pm; 3:30 pm; 5:00 pm
- Christmas Hang-Ups* Children's Musical Presentation (Sanctuary) 4:00-5:00 pm
- Santa Supper (FH) 5:00-6:30 pm

Sunday 12/4

- Regular Worship Schedule
- Traditional Worship and Communion (Chapel) 8:15 am
- Christmas Hang-Ups* Children's Musical Presentation (Sanctuary) 9:30 and 11:00 am
- Praise Team (FH) 10:00-10:30 am
- Rhapsody Recitals (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00-8:00 pm
- Girl Scout Troop 3007 (EB 202) 5:00-6:30 pm
- At Last, Noel* FULL Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:00-7:30 pm
- Under Wraps* Dinner (FH) 5:15-5:45 pm
- Under Wraps* Children Study (EB 105/106) 5:45-6:30 pm
- Under Wraps* Youth Large Group Study (FH/DOG House) 5:45-6:30 pm
- Under Wraps* Adult Study (FH) 5:45-6:30 pm
- Youth Large Group Mission Activity (DOG House) 6:30-7:30 pm



Sunday, November 27, 2016

THIS WEEK AT SHADY GROVE

Shady Grove United Methodist Church Short Pump

4825 Pouncey Tract Road
Glen Allen, VA 23059
804.360-2600

www.shadygroveumc.net

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

Last Sunday's Stewardship Report on 11/20/2016 (34 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
50	192	169	96	507	126	28

OPERATING FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Amount received to date in 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 579,965
Expenses to date for 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 618,511
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	\$ 57,886
Principal & Interest paid in 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 97,944
Pledge amount for 2016-17 Fiscal Year Building Fund	\$ 87,405
Pledge cards received	104

The Building Fund is used to serve our \$ 837,228 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	\$ 289,387
Pledge amount for 3 years Capital Campaign	\$1,576,545
Pledge cards received	130



SERMON NOTES

Luke 1:39-45

1. God has _____ and _____ behind the gift of his son.
2. In our text for the morning, Elizabeth or Mary are no where close to _____ for or _____ a gift.
3. There is _____ place in our lives that God is not there.
4. Advent means coming, _____, _____ for the Christ child to come.
5. May we all with Elizabeth and Mary be open to and _____ ready to receive the surprising _____ messages from God.



Announcements for November 27, 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 plugin@shadygroveumc.net.

TODAY

Advent starts today, 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 dinner and study groups for adults, youth, and children on Sunday nights from 5:15 to 6:30 pm. To RSVP for dinners, sign up to help out, or for additional information go to www.shadygroveumc.net/underwraps. Questions? Contact Lauren Adkins, ladkins@shadygroveumc.net.

Our Advent Song that we are using in preparation of each Sunday's Advent celebration was written by Frank and Becky Martino's friend, Mary Lu Walker, and can be found in the Methodist hymn supplement, *The Faith We Sing*, #2090.

Today the Sanctuary Choir is singing the anthem, *Waiting*, by Pepper Choplin. This anthem was commissioned by Shady Grove's Music and Arts Ministry and presented in 2006 in appreciation of **Elizabeth Scribner** and her fourteen years of inspired ministry.

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.

Poinsettia Orders – Orders for Christmas Poinsettias may be turned in **through Monday, December 12**, to guarantee a poinsettia. Additional poinsettias may be available on a first come, first serve basis after that date. You may go to www.shadygroveumc.net/youth-documents to download the order form or pickup in the narthex on Sunday mornings. Flowers are available for \$20 or you may purchase a listing in the Christmas Poinsettia bulletin insert for \$10. Flowers will be placed in worship to decorate for the Christmas season and then may be taken home or you may order for holiday decorating and pick up on Friday, December 16. 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).

"Chat and Chew" with Bishop Sharma Lewis – All members of our congregation are invited to a "Chat and Chew" event at Woodlake UMC to meet Bishop Sharma Lewis on **Sunday, December 11**. Dinner is served from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. The laity session will take place from 6:15 to 8:15 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet and hear from the new bishop of our Virginia Conference. SGUMC will cover the cost of the \$10 dinner for any interested members. **RSVP by Wednesday, November 30** to Gregg Butler at gbutler@shadygroveumc.net or 360-2600 if you wish to attend the dinner.

Shady Grove's two men's basketball teams are looking for new players, age 18 and up. Everyone gets to play and several have been on their team for 10+ years. The season runs from December through March with 14 games that are usually on Thursday nights. Join us for fun, exercise, and fellowship. Contact Gil Chilton at gil.chilton@gmail.com or 364-3563.

Very large boxes (appliance size) needed for children's musical. Email Kate Bishop at kbishop@shadygroveumc.net.

THIS WEEK

Children's Ministry Food Drive supports Feedmore! We ask that children bring a non-perishable food item, **through Wednesday, November 30**. Questions? Contact Beanie Kelly at bkelly@shadygroveumc.net.

Join the United Methodist Men for their meeting on Thursday, December 1, with the kids for a fun activity to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Dinner for the adults will be ribs and the cost is \$10, kids and first timers eat free. Dinner will start at 6:00 pm with the activity to follow. Contact Travis Goad, htravis.goad@gmail.com, with questions and to RSVP.

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study – Join us for a two week study of *Because of Bethlehem* by Max Lucado in the chapel building 9:45 to 11:00 am. Cost is \$10. Books are available in the office or email Beanie Kelly at bkelly@shadygroveumc.net.

Santa Supper – Santa is coming to Shady Grove! Families, come have supper with Santa on **Saturday, December 3**, at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. AND meet Randy Reindeer, Rudolph's first cousin! Kids will enjoy crafts and a visit with Santa, after a spaghetti supper. No RSVP needed.

Join us in worship for the Children's Christmas Musical, Christmas Hang-Ups, presented Saturday, December 3, at 4:00 pm and Sunday, December 4, at our 9:30 and 11:00 am sanctuary worship services. Directing and choreographing the musical with forty children ages 3 years old through fifth grade is Rev. Sylvia Cooper, Rev. Beanie Kelly as drama director, Kate Bishop assisting drama and creating the set and scenery, and Sally Martin as drama coach.

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. 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.

If you are interested in providing a warm coat for the Caring Clothes Closet to give to residents at United Methodist Family Services, please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/hj8h9un>. Coats (new or used in great condition) should be labeled and dropped off at the CCC **by Friday, December 16**. Questions? Contact Jamie Bittner at jamie.lynn.bittner@gmail.com.

COMING UP

Sunday, December 4, Holy Communion will be offered at our 8:15 am service held in the chapel and in Contemporary.

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. Please join us at the home of Elaine Ratliff, 5009 Belmont Park Road, Glen Allen, **Thursday, December 8**, at 7:00 pm. Questions? Contact Margaret Phillips at 527-7857 or phillips.mwphillips@gmail.com.

Join us as we continue the tradition of our Christmas cantata. This season we will be presenting *At Last Noel*. This musical will be offered on Saturday, December 11, at 7:00 pm and on Sunday morning, December 11, at both our 9:30 and 11:00 am worship services. Twelve instrumentalists accompany 45 voices, with narration and Biblical characters to tell the story of Jesus' birth.

The Betty Fairbanks Circle meets at 11:30 am at Debbie's Kitchen (13155 Mountain Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059) on **Monday, December 12**, for their annual Christmas luncheon. All women of the church are invited to come join the fun and fellowship! Contact is Nancy Lowe, nancylowe10@comcast.net or 716-0517.

Adult Mission Opportunities – Save the date for a one day work project on Trenika's home in Waverly, VA on Saturday, January 14. Adults are invited to be part of the mission opportunity **May 14-19** — Appalachia Service Project in Guyan Valley, WV, \$425. Questions or for more information contact Bob Payne at rpayne60@comcast.net or 305-8763.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Lauren Adkins, Tori Anderson, Vic Anderson (father of Vicky Oliver), Jim Bonnell, Amy Carroll (sister of Sara Fender), Gil Chilton, Bonnie Dellinger (mother of Jill Early), Pat Edwards, Betty Finley, Cheryl Fitzgerald (sister of Donna Noble), Grant Foster, Ann Gooch (mother of Anita Schunk), 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, Jane Mackey (mother of Roger Mackey), 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

Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of November 27, 2016 Luke 1:39-45

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

1. What comes to your mind when you think of the phrase, "God is expectant"?
2. Have you ever given a gift with your love behind it and had the opportunity to witness the love being received with your intended purpose? If so, share your stories and how you felt.
3. In our text Elizabeth and Mary had both received surprising messages from God. Discuss their stories and the difficulty they may have had in receiving the messages.
4. Discuss why you think both of these women were able to hear God's message in their experiences and why they were hopeful.
5. How can God's surprising messages be hopeful in the routines we go through preparing for Christmas?
6. How can we prepare ourselves to hear God speak through all the varied experiences we go through in our lives?
7. How did God's message to Elizabeth and Mary make their lives more complicated? What might this tell us about the messages God might send to us?
8. As surprised as Elizabeth and Mary were about God's message to them, they responded with positive and hopeful hearts. How were they able to do this?
9. How has God spoken to you or your family in unique ways through past Christmases?
10. What do you think our expectant God longs for us to do with his gift of amazing love?

