

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

Matthew 2:1-3 from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV):

*In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with 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:** *Our God* by Chris Tomlin  
*Great Things* by Matt Maher  
*He Has Come for Us* by Meredith Andrews  
*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 Palmieri Family lights our Advent candle.**

**Sunday 12/4**

- 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) 9:30-10:30 am
- Contemporary Worship (FH) 11:00 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

**Monday 12/5**

- Girl Scout Troop 5366 (EB 201) 4:00-5:30 pm

**Tuesday 12/6**

- Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am
- Short Pump Ruritan Board Meeting (EB 203) 7:00-8:30 pm

**Wednesday 12/7**

- Mary, Martha, Mom (Library) 9:15-10:15 am
- 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
- At Last, Noel* FULL Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:15-9:00 pm

**Thursday 12/8**

- UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:45 am
- SGUMC Book Club (Church Office) 5:30-7:00 pm
- Church Council (Library) 6:30-8:00 pm
- The Center for Creative Arts Board Meeting (Chapel Bldg.) 7:00-8:30 pm
- Boy Scouts - Troop 735 (FH) 7:00-9:00 pm
- Knitting & Crochet Ministry (Home of Elaine Ratliff) 7:00-9:00 pm

**Friday 12/9**

- High School Breakfast (Chick-fil-A) 7:45 am
- Women's Bible Study (Chapel Bldg.) 9:45-11:00 am
- ARMFUL Meeting (DOG House) 11:00 am-2:00 pm
- Girl Scout Troop 408 (EB 106) 2:40-4:00 pm
- Relay Foods (Front Parking Lot) 3:00-6:30 pm
- Pack 735 Lock In (FH) 5:00 pm-8:00 am
- Rhapsody Recitals (Chapel) 6:00-9:00 pm
- Girl Scout Brownie Troop 5086 (EB 202) 6:30-7:30 pm

**Saturday 12/10**

- The Center for Creative Arts Recitals (Chapel Bldg.) 9:30 am; 11:00 am
- Elves Workshop (Chapel Bldg.) 1:00-5:00 pm
- At Last, Noel* Presentation (Sanctuary) 7:00-8:00 pm

**Sunday 12/11**

- Traditional Worship and Communion (Chapel) 8:15 am
- At Last, Noel* Presentation (Sanctuary) 9:30 and 11:00 am
- Praise Team (FH) 10:00-10:30 am
- Contemporary Worship (FH) 11:00 am
- Children's Council and Baby Shower for Jesus Setup (EB 205 and Chapel Bldg.) 3:00-4:00 pm
- Baby Shower for Jesus (Chapel Bldg.) 3:45-6:30 pm
- Girl Scout Troop 5107 (EB 202/203) 4:00-5:45 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



Sunday, December 4, 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](http://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 11/27/2016 (35 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	
41	175	125	86	427	151	20	

**OPERATING FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Amount received to date in 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 594,755
Expenses to date for 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 642,845
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	\$ 58,471
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	\$ 309,156
Pledge amount for 3 years Capital Campaign	\$1,576,545
Pledge cards received	130



**SERMON NOTES**

**Matthew 2:1-3**

1. In the Old Testament, Abraham, Moses, and Jonah were called by God to \_\_\_\_\_ that were dangerous and for which they felt ill-equipped.
2. Jesus turned religion on its head, calling his disciples to \_\_\_\_\_ everything and follow him.
3. God in Christ came and the \_\_\_\_\_ has never been the same.
4. God is still coming, he's still \_\_\_\_\_ and he's \_\_\_\_\_ you.



## Announcements for December 4, 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](mailto:plugin@shadygroveumc.net).

### TODAY

We continue with our 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](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/underwraps). Questions? Contact Lauren Adkins, [ladkins@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:ladkins@shadygroveumc.net).

Holy Communion will be offered today at our 8:15 am service held in the chapel and at 11:00 contemporary worship.

The Missions Committee is pleased to offer you several ways to give to others in need this Christmas:

- **Support United Methodist Family Services cottage residents** with the donation of \$25 gift cards purchased from Youth Ministry. Look for the UMFS gift card box on the Youth Ministry table in the sanctuary. Cards due by Sunday, December 11.
- **Sign up to donate a coat for a UMFS child.** Coats (new or used in great condition) should be labeled and dropped off at the CCC by Friday, December 16. Sign up to donate at <http://tinyurl.com/hj8h9un>.
- **Support the Caring Clothes Closet** by picking ornaments off the Giving Trees in the sanctuary and fellowship hall during Advent. Shop for the listed items and return the gifts back under the tree or purchase a gift cards from Youth Ministry. Trees will be up through December 25.
- **Make an Advent offering.** This year the Advent offering will benefit the scholarship fund for mission trips (both youth and adult), SGUMC's Samaritan Fund which provides emergency funds for families in our community, or the global mission fund used to sponsor several missionary families serving around the world. Please write "Advent Offering" in the memo of your check through December 31.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:youth@shadygroveumc.net).

**The 2017 Altar flower calendar sign up is up and active.** Please sign up for dates that are special to you; in honor, remembrance, or in celebration. Questions? Contact Dana Kelley at [musicadmin@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:musicadmin@shadygroveumc.net) or 360-2600.

**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. Season runs 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](mailto:gil.chilton@gmail.com) or 364-3563.

### THIS WEEK

**Seniors Christmas Brunch and Grinch Gift Exchange** – All seniors are invited to chapel hall on Wednesday, December 7, at 10:30 am. Please bring a dish to share and a \$10 gift for the exchange. Simple directions for the fun "Grinch" gift exchange will be given at the brunch. No name tags on the gifts, but wrap your gift enticingly. Please RSVP to Betsy Katko at [bjkatko@comcast.net](mailto:bjkatko@comcast.net) or 360-5057 by Monday, December 5.

**SGUMC's Book Club will meet Thursday, December 8,** from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the kitchen of the church office to discuss *The Gift of the Magi* by O. Henry. In honor of the generosity expressed in this short story, pack a brown bag dinner and donate an item to our Christmas Giving Tree located in the sanctuary/fellowship hall during Advent. Email Lauren Adkins at [ladkins@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:ladkins@shadygroveumc.net) with questions or to RSVP.

**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. 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](mailto:phillips.mwphillips@gmail.com).

**Friday Morning Women's Bible Study** – Join us December 9 and 16 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](mailto:bkelly@shadygroveumc.net).

**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 10, 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.

**Registration is open for The Elves Workshops at The Center for Creative Arts – December 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](http://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](http://www.center4creativearts.org) or email [center4creativearts@comcast.net](mailto:center4creativearts@comcast.net) to register.

### COMING UP

**Sunday, December 11, our 8:15 traditional service** will be held in the chapel.

**Baby Shower for Jesus Sunday, December 11,** at 3:45 pm in the chapel building. Children, four year olds to fifth grade are invited. Kids are to bring diapers, baby wash cloths, bibs, and wet wipes to be given to young teen moms. We will watch a Christmas movie in our PJ's. Bring a sleeping bag and pillow for comfortable movie watching. At 5:15 pm we will join the parents in the fellowship hall for dinner. Bring \$3 for dinner. We will return to see the rest of the movie and talk about the importance of Christmas. Parents can pick up their children in chapel hall at 6:30 pm.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:rpayne60@comcast.net) or 305-8763.

### Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of December 4, 2016

Matthew 2:1-3

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

1. C.S. Lewis writes in his book, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, "God is not quite safe . . . but he's good." Discuss what you think he means by that statement.
2. Herod wanted to know where the Christ child was to be born. Discuss possible reasons why you think he was interested in the whereabouts of the Christ child.
3. You may have heard the saying, "God doesn't call the equipped; God equips the called." Discuss what you think this statement means for you.
4. Jesus' message was a dangerous message; it challenged the message of the Jewish elite. Why did it?
5. Do you believe Jesus' message is still dangerous? How is being called by God possibly different in Jesus' day compared to today? How is it similar?
6. Share personal stories that you may have where you have taken risks because of your faith in God.
7. What could God's dangerous message mean for you in how you deal with colleagues with whom you work? If you are a parent, what might it mean in how you raise your children?
8. Ask your group to have a silent moment of prayer. During this time, pray about things you could do as you prepare for Christmas that would get you out of your comfort zone because of your faith. After the prayer, share, if you feel comfortable, what God might be calling you to do.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Tori Anderson, Vic Anderson (father of Vicky Oliver), Jim Bonnell, Amy Carroll (sister of Sara Fender), Gil Chilton, Bonnie Dellinger (mother of Jill Early), Kim Dodson (mother of Shana Miller), Pat Edwards, Hugh Elwood, Betty Finley, Cheryl Fitzgerald (sister of Donna Noble), Grant Foster, 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), Preston Hudak, 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, Amira Safwat, 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-U; Laura and Timo Harkonen-Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liz Jackson-Philippines, Quynh-Hoa Nguyen-Vietnam

