November 5, 2026



Dear Shady Grove Family,

From the very earliest days of the Christian church, believers have seen and celebrated God's overflowing love. This love was the hallmark of Jesus' ministry, and it has remained the sure hope of his followers in every generation.

For nearly 175 years, our church has been a community of believers committed to sharing the gift of overflowing love with friends, neighbors, and the entire world.

Today we rejoice in the love we experience through the ministry we share:

- God's love overflows during Sunday services, as we lift our voices and hearts in praise.
- God's love overflows as we grow in faith through Sunday School classes, Bible studies, children's gatherings, youth events, and young adult fellowship.
- God's love overflows through the care we offer one another, made visible by visits and meals, port pillows and prayer shawls, prayer requests and grief support.
- God's love overflows when we put our faith into action, serving people in need, developing mission partnerships close to home and around the world, and working to embody the prophets' vision of peace and justice.
- God's love overflows through the Shady Grove UMC Preschool and the Center for Creative Arts, extensions of our ministry that invite everyone to share their insights, talents, hopes, and dreams.
- God's love overflows every time we extend hospitality, practice forgiveness, and embody grace.

Your prayers, encouragement, and support make all of this possible. Thank you for supporting our church's vision of overflowing love!

As we look to the future, we invite you to prayerfully consider your financial commitment to our church's mission and ministry in 2027.

- The **General Operating Fund** covers most ministry expenses, including the life-giving programs highlighted above, as well as utilities, insurance, basic building maintenance, staff salaries, and missional responsibilities through our United Methodist connection.
- The **Caring for Our House Fund** covers larger capital expenses required to ensure that our buildings and property are safe and available for ministry today and well into the future.

You can share your estimate of giving by returning the enclosed form or by visiting www.shadygroveumc.net/stewardship. We will offer a prayer of thanksgiving and dedication for all estimated gifts on **Commitment Sunday, November 22**.

Please reach out at any time with questions or ideas. We praise God for your faithfulness and for the great joy of discovering overflowing love as a church family!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. David Vaughan

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