

Friends helping friends
become
Fully devoted followers
of **Christ**

Welcome to the Merrimack Valley Church! As we worship God together, we will make a fresh start in life for the new year.

A Church Business Meeting will be held on Sunday morning, January 4, at 10:00. Breakfast will be served at 9:00. Agenda items include: The 2004 Church Budget, a report on the SCRIP Program, selection of a church sign, and a review of our Phase I Special Projects list. All members are urged to attend.

The Pathfinders will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3:00. Wear dress uniforms for inspection. A staff meeting will follow.

The Church Board will meet on Thursday evening at 7:30.

Next Sabbath, Jonathan Martin, a teen preacher from Greater Boston Academy, will be our speaker. A potluck dinner will follow (the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board). The Pastor will be at the Billerica Church.

Spiritual Renewal Retreat for MVC members and their friends at Camp Winnekeag is January 30 - February 1. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

A Junior Baptismal Class for 10 - 14 year olds will be taught by the Pastor beginning later this month. Interested individuals can sign up by contacting the Pastor.

Church Sign: \$4,179.00 has been raised toward the installation of a permanent church sign. Thank you for your support in this important ministry.

December Finances	Received	Budgeted
Church Budget	\$3,598.00	\$2,800.00
Building/Organ Fund	\$2,842.00*	\$3,534.00

*Includes \$206 From Children's Offering

From My Heart: This matter of generosity and giving is so important that it is one of the dominant themes of the Bible. The word *faith* is used 246 times. The word *hope* is used 185 times. The word *love* is used 733 times in the Bible. And the word *give* or *giving* is used 2,285 times in God's word. Generous giving is something that is important for the Christian believer. DBM

Sunset Tonight 4:24

Next Friday 4:30



Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church
January 3, 2004

Worship Celebration

A New Start

Gathering to Worship

Prelude Sherri Dovich
Worship Host Greetings Marge Patch

Praising His Name

Praise Songs Rita McCall & Karen McClendon
Wake the Song; This is the Time I Must Sing;
In Moments Like These; I Love You, Lord;
My Jesus, I Love Thee

Congregational Prayer Marge Patch
Church Alive Sarah Moynihan
Gifts of Worship Stan McKillop
Church Budget
Offertory Sherri Dovich

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner Karen McClendon
Scripture Lesson Rita McCall
Philippians 3:12-14
Worship in Song Ladies Chorus
Sabbath Message Dan Martella
Beginning Again

Dedicating Our Lives

Prayer of Dedication Dan Martella
Song of Dedication
Another Year is Dawning
Worship Host Benediction Marge Patch
Postlude Sherri Dovich



Here to Serve ...

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Wake the Song

Wake the song of joy and gladness; Hither bring your noblest lays;
 Banish every thought of sadness, pouring forth your highest praise.
 Sing to Him whose care has brought us once again with friends to meet,
 And whose loving voice has taught us of the way to Jesus' feet.

Chorus:

Wake the song, wake the song, the song of joy and gladness,
 Wake the song, wake the song, the song of jubilee.

Joyfully with songs and banners, we will greet the festal day;
 Shout aloud our glad hosannas, and our grateful homage pay.
 We will chant our Savior's glory while our thought we raise above,
 Telling still "the old, old story," precious theme--redeeming love.

Thanks to Thee, O holy Father, for the mercies of the year;
 May each heart, as here we gather, swell with gratitude sincere.
 Thanks to Thee, O loving Savior, for redemption through Thy blood,
 Breath upon us, Holy Spirit, sweetly draw us near to God.

This Is the Time I Must Sing

I have tasted of freedom, I can go where He's leading,
 For shackles can hold me no more.
 I have learned of life's essence, and I stand in His presence,
 And sing with my heart, He is Lord.
 There are days filled with sorrow, and plans for tomorrow,
 But this is the time I must sing.
 And I know there's a reason, why in His own season,
 God gives me a song I can sing.

Chorus:

Keep silent ye mountains, ye fields and ye fountains.
 For this is the time I must sing.
 It's the time to sing praises, to the Rock of the Ages.
 And this is the time I must sing.

If the rocks would cry out, should His praises die out,
 Then the stones must keep silent as long.
 As I've breath for the singing, His praise will keep ringing,
 And I will keep singing my song.
 If I've seen and I've done, and I've gained and I've won,
 All the good things that life ever brings,
 Still I've tasted enough of life's miracle stuff,
 That forever I just have to sing.

In Moments Like These

In moments like these I sing out a song, I sing out a love song to Jesus.
In moments like these I lift up my hands, I lift up my hands to the Lord.
Singing I love You, Lord. Singing I love You, Lord.
Singing I love You, Lord. I love You.

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I Love You Lord

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what You hear
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

(Repeat)

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My Jesus I Love Thee

My Jesus I love Thee; I know Thou art mine.
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou.
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee, because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,
"If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now."

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
"If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

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