

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

**Welcome to the Merrimack Valley Church!** We believe that every person who visits our church is a gift sent to us from God. It is no accident that we have the joy of meeting you. Above all we want to express Christ's love to you with genuine heartfelt warmth. We are eager to know you. Our doors are open to you. If you are looking for a place to belong, come and fellowship with us. Together we can enjoy God's wonderful leading.

**Important Events Today**

- ? The 2004 Video Bible School will be launched today on the wings of prayer.. Ten thousand *Something Special* cards will be sent out in the Lowell Sun this coming week. Volunteers are needed to deliver the video Bible lessons each week. Contact Sue Markin or Andreas Goelzer.
- ? The offering today is for Adventist World Radio. Imagine becoming the only Adventist in your country, where it is illegal to be a Christian. That is the wrenching decision Hassan (not his real name) made when he became the lone Adventist in Somalia. He found Jesus through listening to Adventist World Radio programs in his own language. To help reach the millions of Hassans around the world, please give generously to the AWR Annual Offering today.
- ? The Sabbath School Council, Cooking School Organizational Team, and Crafters will all hold separate meetings following the Worship Service. Tonight's crafting meeting has been canceled.
- ? Junior/Teen Baptismal Class at 4:00

**Important Events Next Sabbath**

- ? Dedication Service for Alexander Dovich.
- ? The Pastor will begin a 6-part series of messages on Spiritual Gifts.
- ? Sabbath School Council meeting immediately following the Worship Service.
- ? Fellowship Dinner with an international theme. See sign up sheet on the bulletin board.
- ? *Mining the Word* meeting following the Fellowship Dinner.
- ? Junior/Teen Baptismal Class at 4:00
- ? Sign-up deadline for the Salem Athletic Club social event on March 27. Contact Rita McCall or Chali Masotta.



**Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
March 13, 2004

**Worship Celebration**  
Marvelous Grace

**Gathering to Worship**

Prelude Marianne Wiacek  
Worship Host Greetings Marge Patch

**Praising His Name**

Praise Songs Steven Dovich & Gustav Mergenthaler  
*And Can It Be?*  
*My Savior's Love*  
*O How He Loves You and Me*  
Church Alive Dan Martella  
Gifts of Worship Marge Patch  
World Mission Budget/Adventist World Radio  
Offertory Marianne Wiacek

**Proclaiming the Word**

Children's Corner Stan McKillop  
Scripture Lesson Louise Ford  
Ephesians 2:8,9  
Worship in Song Lance Forrester  
Sabbath Message Dan Martella  
*The Gift of Grace*

**Celebrating Our Salvation**

Foot Washing Fellowship  
Lord's Supper Celebration  
Song of Rejoicing #109  
*Marvelous Grace*  
Church Assistance Offering  
Postlude Marianne Wiacek

**Membership Transfer Recommendation:** Herminio, Carmen, and Daniel Guevera to Meriden, CT. First Reading.

**A New Church Sign** will go in the church yard this Spring. \$5,732.83. has been thus far. The sign committee is studying the project with local vendors.

| <i>February Giving</i> | <b>Budget</b> | <b>Received</b>                |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Church Budget          | \$3,033.00    | \$2,879.45 (\$154.00 Short)    |
| Building Fund          | \$3,534.00    | \$1,817.77* (\$1,907.00 Short) |

\*Includes \$349.00 from the Children's Offering

**A Craft Fair, Adventist Book Center Display, and Bake Sale** will be featured here on March 28 from 10:00 - 5:00.

**Let's Go To Camp:** The church will sponsor two children who have never been to Camp Winnkeag for a week of camp experiences this summer. To apply contact Karen McClendon.

**The Religious Libery Offering Deadline** is March 27. Another \$20.00 will enable us to add to our *Liberty* subscriptions the names of our Dracut Town Manager and Selectmen.

*Sunset Tonight 5:50*

*Next Friday 5:56*



## Here to Serve ...

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Every Believer, Ministers .....                          | *****        |
| Dan Martella, Pastor.....                                | 978/851-4004 |
| Steven Dovich, Head Elder .....                          | 978/621-4925 |
| Gary Patch, Head Deacon .....                            | 978/663-4544 |
| Jean McKillop, Head Deaconess .....                      | 603/382-4673 |
| Marge Patch, Treasurer .....                             | 978/663-4544 |
| Sue Markin, Clerk.....                                   | 978/957-6384 |
| Joanie Reiss, Membership Clerk.....                      | 978/256-1671 |
| Andreas Goelzer, Personal Ministries .....               | 603/537-9735 |
| Ingrid Mergenthaler, Sabbath School Superintendent ..... | 603/894-7295 |
| Karen McClendon, Community Services .....                | 978/658-2893 |
| Rita McCall, Pathfinders.....                            | 978/667-6670 |
| Bill Cady, Audio Visual .....                            | 603/437-9581 |

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## And Can It Be

### Church Hymnal #198

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

### Chorus:

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free! For, O my God it found out me!

Long my imprisoned Spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown,  
through Christ my own.

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## My Saviour's Love

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene.  
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

### Chorus:

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

For me it was in the garden He prayed "Not My will but Thine."  
He had no tears for His own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine.

In pity angels behold Him, and came from the world of light  
To comfort Him in the sorrows He bore for my soul that night.

He took my sins and my sorrows; He made them His very own;  
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,  
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.

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## Oh How He Loves You And Me

Oh, how He loves you and me, Oh, how He loves you and me!  
He gave His life, what more could He give?  
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me; Oh, how He loves you and me!

Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for sinners to show.  
What He did there brought hope from despair.  
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me; Oh, how He loves you and me!

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## CONFERENCE UPDATE

**Omar E. Grieve**, Hispanic Coordinator and Assistant to the President in the Arizona Conference, has been invited to serve as Secretary of SNEC. Originally from New York, he is a graduate of AUC. He and his wife, Nessy, are looking favorably to the call and will be visiting Southern New England during mid-March..

**“Atlantic Union Adventist Productions”** – Do you like the sound? It is already a reality! Through a generous gift from a member in the Atlantic Union, a mobile Media Production studio (truck) and production equipment has been purchased. Delivery date is soon. To be housed in New York City, this mobile studio will produce television-quality programming anywhere in the Atlantic Union for use on 3ABN, ACC, ATN, etc.

**Tuition Rollback** – That’s right! Atlantic Union College seeks to raise their enrollment by 100 students for the 2004-05 school year. To help accomplish this goal, there will be a considerable reduction in tuition costs next year. Let’s pass the word and encourage students to attend AUC.

**All AUC Graduates (some 720!)** from fifty years ago, or longer, are invited to march in this year’s AUC Commencement, May 8<sup>th</sup>. So, if you (or those you know) graduated from AUC prior to 1955, we’d love to see you walk the aisle again.

**The December 31 (2003) membership in the Atlantic Union** stood at 95,563. Prayer objective for membership in the Atlantic Union by the time of the 2005 General Conference is 100,000. There are now 568 churches and companies.

**YAHA (Young Adventist Haitians in America)** will hold a retreat in Catskill, New York, July 7-11. Contact Luc Homicile at the Atlantic Union for details.

**The Country Life Restaurant** in Boston closed two weeks ago. The Ashtons have moved to Mount Missionary in New Hampshire.

**Grace Seventh-day Adventist Mission** was officially organized on February 28 with 73 members! Pastor Franklin Jackson from Brooklyn, New York, is assisting the church with its growth. Tom Dombrowski serves as district pastor.

**A coincidental run on Quebec** – Nahor Muchiutti, president of the Quebec (Canada) Conference, has been invited to pastor the Sterling church district. Dr. Luis Vicuna, a pastor in Saint Marie de Beauce, Quebec, has been invited to pastor the Boston Spanish church district.

**A meeting of Adventist attorneys** who live in the Atlantic Union is planned for October 15-17 in New York City.

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# Church Ministry Survey

I am willing to serve in the following ministry roles in the coming church year (July 2004 - June 2005):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin Secretary          | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Ministries Secretary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Ministries Assistant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Services          | <input type="checkbox"/> Pianist                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beginners Sabbath School    | <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Sabbath School        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deaconess                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Liberty             |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Librarian                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Teen Sabbath School           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry              | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Editor           | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Ministries            |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pathfinders                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Sabbath School    |
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