

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

Welcome to the Merrimack Valley Church! May smiles and laughter, joyful songs and heartfelt prayers, spiritual insight and growth fill these Sabbath hours.

An Adult Christmas Party will be held tonight at 6:30. Bring appetizers, drinks, and a wrapped gift for the Yankee Swap.

Christmas Wish Tree tags are on the foyer tree. Please make a selection, purchase-wrap-tag your gift, and return it to our Pathfinder Club by December 20.

Events This Week:

- ? Pathfinders--Sunday 3:00 - 6:00. Wear dress uniforms.
- ? Church Board Meeting--Thursday 7:30.
- ? Christmas Caroling--Friday at 6:30. Bring mini fruit breads to share.

Bible Study Groups This Week:

- ? Today: New Beginnings/Cambodian Group
- ? Monday: Home Bible Fellowship/Wiacek Home
- ? Tuesday: Unsealing Daniel's Mysteries/Rocha Home
- ? Wednesday: The Voice of Prophecy Speaks/Ford Home
- ? Friday: Unsealing Daniel's Mysteries/Patch Home
- ? Jesus' Faith (Spanish)/Ortiz Home

Next Sabbath:

- ? The Ladies Chorus will meet at 9:30.
- ? Steven Dovich will speak. The Pastor will be at the Billerica Church.

The Twelve Voices of Christmas worship celebration will take place Sabbath morning, December 20, at 11:30 am. A Christmas Dinner will follow (See the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.) Invite a friend.

An Agape Feast and Communion will be celebrated New Year's Eve, December 31 at 6:00 pm. The menu sign up sheet is on the bulletin board

Adventist Health Study 2: We need 100% participation in this new Adventist Health Study. Please return your completed questionnaire **THIS WEEK**. If it is half finished or unopened, we urge you to complete it as soon as possible. If you need help, call AHS-2 at 1-888-558-6297.



Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church
December 6, 2003

Worship Celebration

Christmas Joy

Gathering To Worship

Prelude Sherri Dovich
Worship Host Greetings Gustav Mergenthaler

Praising His Name

Praise Songs Linda Martella & Ingrid Mergenthaler
How Great Our Joy
Joy to the World
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You
Congregational Prayer Millie Vazquez
Gifts of Worship Kelly Lim
Church Budget
Offertory Sherri Dovich

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner Rita McCall
Scripture Lesson Gustav Mergenthaler
Luke 2:8-14
Worship in Song Linda Martella & Ingrid Mergenthaler
Sabbath Message Dan Martella
Beating Back the Christmas Blues

Dedicating Our Lives

Song of Dedication
O Come, Let Us Adore Him
Prayer of Dedication Dan Martella
Worship Host Benediction Gustav Mergenthaler
Postlude Sherri Dovich

Church Sign: \$1,448.00 has been raised toward the installation of a permanent church sign. Thank you for your support in this important ministry.

Assistance Request: An Atlantic Union College sociology student who is nearing graduation, but far from meeting their educational expenses is in need of financial assistance. Donations can be marked, "AUC Student Assistance."

From My Heart: One of the ways God evaluates our growth and maturity is through our finances. Why our finances? Because we spend so much of our time making money, saving money, thinking about money, spending money, using money, and investing money. We build our lives around that. It's at the core of our being, so God says, "That is going to be the acid test of how well you are growing and maturing. DBM

Sunset Tonight 4:11

Next Friday 4:11



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
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Praise Songs

How Great Our Joy

While by the sheep we watched at night/Glad tidings brought an angel bright.

How great our joy!

Great our joy!

Joy, joy, joy!

Joy, joy, joy!

Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

There shall be born so He did say/In Bethlehem a Child today.

There shall the Child lie in a stall/This Child who shall redeem us all.

This gift of God we'll cherish well/That every joy our hearts shall fill.

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Joy To The World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come/Let earth receive her King.

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And heav'n and nature sing/And heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns/Let men their songs employ.

While fields and floods/Rocks, hills and plains,

Repeat the sounding joy/Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow/Nor thorns infest the ground.

He comes to make His blessings flow,

Far as the curse is found/Far as the curse is found,

Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace/And makes the nations prove.

The glories of His righteousness

And wonders of His love/And wonders of His love,

And wonders, and wonders of His love.

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Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory Lord of light;
Angles lifting praise before You sing thro'-out this holy night.
In manger lies a Baby -- Child of Mary, Son of God.
Voices joined in joyful chorus, praise You for Your gift of love.

All Your works declare your glory, all creation joins to sing.
Praise resounds as earth rejoices in the birth of Christ, the King.
Shepherds kneel before the Infant. Trumpets sound and anthems raise
As with joy our hearts are lifted, joined in wonder, love, and praise.

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Song of Dedication

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

We'll praise His name forever, we'll praise His name forever,
We'll praise His name forever, Christ the Lord.

We'll give Him all the glory, we'll give Him all the glory,
We'll give Him all the glory, Christ the Lord.

For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

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Worship Leadership Survey

I am willing to share worship leadership in the following roles:

- _____ Play the piano or organ.
- _____ Lead the praise singing.
- _____ Lead the congregational prayer.
- _____ Share a personal testimony in the Church Alive.
- _____ Call for the offering.
- _____ Tell the Children's Story.
- _____ Participate in a dramatic presentation.
- _____ Provide a multimedia presentation.
- _____ Read the Scripture Lesson.
- _____ Sing a solo for the Worship in Song.
- _____ Sing in a group for the Worship in Song.
- _____ Play an instrument for the Worship in Song.
- _____ Preach the sermon.
- _____ Other (Please specify):

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____