

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 Christmas season Sabbath hours.

An Adult Christmas Party will be held tonight at the church 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 next Sabbath.

Devotional Book Orders need to be made today at the bulletin board sign-up sheet.

A Rehearsal for next Sabbath's Christmas Worship Celebration will be held Friday evening at 6:30. All those with singing, speaking, and other roles need to be present.

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

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

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: Please remember to send in your completed Adventist Health Study-2 Questionnaire this week. Thank you!

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.

Sunset Tonight 4:11

Next Friday 4:13



Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church
December 13, 2003

Worship Celebration

Anticipating the Advent

Gathering to Worship

Prelude Ingrid Mergenthaler
Worship Host Greetings Gustav Mergenthaler

Praising His Name

Praise Songs Sherri & Ellie Dovich
Now We Sing of Christmas
How Great Our Joy
Angels From the Realms of Glory
Congregational Prayer Andreas Goelzer
Church Alive JoAnn Artis
Gifts of Worship Michael Mergenthaler
World Mission Budget/Inner City Ministries
Offertory Ingrid Mergenthaler

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner Rita McCall
Scripture Lesson Aloys Gomwe
Habakkuk 2:2-4
Worship in Song Jean McKillop
Sabbath Message Steven Dovich
Waiting for the Advent

Dedicating Our Lives

Song of Dedication #140
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne
Prayer of Dedication Steven Dovich
Worship Host Benediction Gustav Mergenthaler
Postlude Ingrid Mergenthaler

Coming in 2004:

- ? Teen GBA Preacher, Jonathan Martin speaks, January 10
- ? Women's Ministries Retreat, January 23-25
- ? MVC Spiritual Retreat at Camp Winnekeag, January 30-February 1
- ? Conference President Frank Tochtermann speaks, February 7
- ? Vision New England Congress, February 12-14
- ? *Mining the Word* with Dr. Lee Gugliotto, February 20-22
- ? Day of Healing Prayer, February 28
- ? International Sabbath, March 20
- ? Craft Fair, March 21
- ? Pathfinder Day. Sheldon Cooper, speaker. March 27
- ? Camp Meeting, June 18-26
- ? Vacation Bible School, August 2-6
- ? Pathfinder Camporee at Osh Kosh, August 10-14
- ? *The Purpose Driven Life*, September and October
- ? Women's Ministries Retreat, October 22-24

November Finances	Received	Monthly Budget
Church Budget	\$2,950	\$2,800.00
Church Building Fund	\$2,791.00*	\$3,534.00

*Includes \$524 from Children's Offering and \$230 for the organ



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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Sing We Now of Christmas

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!
 Listen to our praises to the Babe so dear.

Chorus:

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
 Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

Shepherds on the hillside heard the angels sing:
 Glory, honor, praises to the infant King.

In the town they found Him; Son of Mary mild.
 Sleeping in a manger was the Holy Child.

Wise Men sought and found Him, treasures did they bring;
 Bowing down they worshiped Christ, the King of kings.

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How Great Our Joy

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

Chorus:

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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Angels From The Realms Of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night;
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light.
Come and worship, come and worship; worship Christ, the newborn King!

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations, ye have seen His natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship; worship Christ, the newborn King!

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear.
Come and worship, come and worship; worship Christ, the newborn King!

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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: _____