

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

**Welcome to Merrimack Valley Church!** God calls us from our world of care, bids us to seek Him persistently in our prayers, while He faithfully takes care of our needs.

### Church Events This Coming Week

Tuesday	7:00	pm	Board Meeting
Friday	3:30	pm	Pathfinder Camporee Weekend
Sabbath	10:00	am	Sabbath School
Sabbath	11:30	am	Worship Service – Speaker: Gustav Mergenthaler

### Announcements

**A Potluck Lunch** will be enjoyed after church today. All are welcome!

**Transition Lifestyle** weight loss program will be meeting on the following dates: Sept 19 & 26.

**SNEC Women's Retreat** will be held October 21-23 at the Snowey Owl Inn at Waterville Valley, NH. See Karen McClendon for details.

**Thought Spot:** I remember a sermon by a faculty member from Newbold College who spoke about stones. At the beginning of his sermon he showed us a large glass jar, a bag full of large stones, and a bag full of small pebbles. During the sermon he poured the entire bag of pebbles into the jar and then tried to fit the stones in. Despite his valiant efforts, he was unable to get the large stones in the jar. After emptying out the pebbles, he tried to fill the jar again, this time beginning with the large stones. Those easily fit in the jar, and he then poured in the pebbles. The important thing in achieving balanced living, he noted, is to fit the big stones in first. It's easy to get caught up pouring in the pebbles- running errands, paying bills, checking off the little things on our to-do lists. But as we get caught up with those little details, we often lose sight of our true priorities: time with God, time with family, time in ministry. If we don't fit those in our schedule first, they often don't fit at all. – Laura K. Larssen, *Adventist Review*.

**Sunset Tonight 7:05**

**Next Friday 6:54**

Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church  
September 10, 2005

# Worship Celebration

## Our Enduring Prayers

### Gathering to Worship

Prelude	Sherri Dovich
Worship Host's Greetings	Warren Saxton
Call to Worship	

### Praising His Name

Praise Songs	Karen McClendon
<i>Spirit Song</i>	Ingrid Mergenthaler
<i>O Lord You're Beautiful</i>	
<i>We Will Glorify</i>	
Congregational Prayer	Michael Casadine
Gifts of Worship	Warren Saxton
World Budget	
Offertory	Sherri Dovich

### Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner	Elizabeth DeJesus
Scripture Lesson	Gustav Mergenthaler
<i>1 Kings 18:44</i>	
Worship in Song	Carla Conale & Marianne Wiacek
Sabbath Message	Karl Camacho
<i>Abundant Rain</i>	

### Dedicating Our Lives

Hymn of Dedication	#478
<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i>	
Prayer of Dedication	Karl Camacho
Worship Host's Benediction	Warren Saxton
Postlude	Sherri Dovich

Thank you for reverencing God's house.  
Hushed voices and muted phones enhance our worship experience.

## Giving Hearts: September Report

Offerings	Received	Monthly Budget
Church Budget	\$786.00	\$2,942.00
Building/Organ Fund	\$950.00	\$3,725.00
Special Offerings To-Date	Received	Needed
Primary Sabbath School	\$2,033.00	\$2,654.00
Video Projector Fund	\$350.00	

## Here to Serve

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