

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

Welcome to Merrimack Valley Church! We celebrate the gift of God's only Son, Jesus, through whom our Heavenly Father reconciles us to himself.

Church Events This Coming Week

Tuesday	7:00	pm	Board Meeting
Wednesday	7:00	pm	Prayer Meeting
Friday	6:30	pm	Live Nativity
Sabbath	10:00	am	Sabbath School
	11:30	am	Worship Service – <i>Away in a Manger</i> Musical

Announcements

Women's Ministries will continue their *Women of the Bible* study tonight at 4:30 pm, followed by a light potluck supper and craft making. Come join the fellowship and fun!

The Christmas Cantata, *A Midnight Clear*, will be presented at the Christ Church United in Dracut tomorrow evening at 7 pm for those who missed today's presentation.

The Mitten/Glove/Hat Drive will continue through January for the families at the *House of Hope* located in Lowell, MA. They primarily serve homeless mothers and their children. Thank you for your generosity!

Our Christmas Wish Tree in the foyer is decorated with gift tags for anyone to take. These tags contain wishes for different items needed by a family in our community. Please help brighten their Christmas by taking a tag and purchasing the gift listed. Gifts need to be at the church no later than December 17, 2005. Thank you.

Thought Spot: What's going on in our lives can seem impossible to ignore. After all, joy is not some kind of immunization against sin or a happy pill that makes us oblivious to reality. But when we have it inside us, when we are using it as Jesus intended, it will give us a perspective that we can't otherwise have. Joy takes us out of the present and focuses our mind on the future. It keeps our mind-set steadfastly where it ought to be --- on God's divine plan. – Celeste Perrino Walker, *Joy – The secret of being content*.

Sunset Tonight 4:11

Next Friday 4:12

Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church
December 10, 2005

Worship Celebration

In the Stillness of Midnight

Gathering to Worship

Prelude	Sherri Dovich
Worship Host's Greetings	Dale Jacobson
Advent Wreath	Irrgang, Martinez & Ortiz Families

Praising His Name

Praise Songs	Chali & Jodie Masotta
<i>As with Gladness Men of Old</i>	
<i>Let's Worship and Adore Him</i>	
<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You</i>	
Congregational Prayer	William Carvajal
Gifts of Worship	Rita McCall
World Budget	
Offertory	Sherri Dovich

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner	Gustav Mergenthaler
Worship in Song	Cantata Choir
<i>A Midnight Clear</i>	

Dedicating Our Lives

Prayer of Dedication	Steven Dovich
Worship Host's Benediction	Dale Jacobson
Postlude	
<i>A Midnight Clear Overture</i>	

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

Future Church Events

- Dec 16 Live Nativity, 6:30 pm-9 pm. Cookies needed.
 Dec 17 Kids Christmas presentation – *Away in a Manager*.
 Christmas Fellowship Dinner.
 Cookie Swap.
 Dec 30 Agape supper and Communion.

Giving Hearts: December Report

Offerings	Received	Monthly Budget
Church Budget	\$1,221.00	\$2,942.00
Building/Organ Fund	\$1,947.00	\$3,725.00
Special Offerings To-Date	Received	Needed
Tables and Chairs	\$80.00	\$7,000.00

Here to Serve

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