

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

**Welcome to Merrimack Valley Church!** As we worship today we remember the angel's song - *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.* Luke 2:14

**Church Events This Coming Week**

|           |          |                                     |
|-----------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | 11:00 am | Adventurers Christmas Party         |
|           | 3:00 pm  | Pathfinders Meeting                 |
| Wednesday | 7:00 pm  | New Community                       |
| Friday    | 6:00 pm  | Live Nativity                       |
| Sabbath   | 10:00 am | Sabbath School                      |
|           | 11:30 am | Worship Service – Christmas Cantata |
|           | 4:00 pm  | Adventurers Meeting                 |
|           | 7:00 pm  | Adult Christmas Party               |

**Announcements**

**Prayer requests** – Chali Masotta and Family – our heartfelt sympathies in the loss of Chali's Grandfather, Jay Wiacek – health issues.

**Live Nativity** - We need children and adults to dress up as Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, and the Wisemen. We also need cookies for refreshments. A sign up sheet is posted to the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for this special event on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Jesus Our Emmanuel** – A Christmas Cantata will be presented during the worship service next Sabbath, December 9 by the combined choirs of Christ Church United and Merrimack Valley. Come celebrate the full extent of God's presence among us!

**Christmas Around the World** – Invite your friends and family for this celebration of the birth of Jesus during the worship service on December 16, 2006. The children of Merrimack Valley are looking forward to sharing the wonder and excitement of the Savior's birth as seen through the eyes of children from other countries around the world.

**Sunset Tonight 4:12**

**Next Friday 4:11**

**Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
December 2, 2006

# Worship Celebration

Positive Attitude

## Gathering to Worship

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Prelude                  | Sherri Dovich     |
| Worship Host's Greetings | Lance Forrester   |
| Advent Wreath            | Bob & Rita McCall |

## Praising His Name

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| Praise Songs                                       | Rita McCall         |
| <i>Sing a Song of Christmas</i>                    | Ingrid Mergenthaler |
| <i>There's a Song in the Air, Joy to the World</i> |                     |
| <i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</i>                 |                     |
| Congregational Prayer                              | Lance Forrester     |
| Prayer response                                    |                     |
| <i>Let's Sing His Praise Forever</i>               |                     |
| Gifts of Worship                                   | Lance Forrester     |
| Local Church Budget                                |                     |
| Offertory  | Sherri Dovich       |

## Proclaiming the Word

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Children's Corner        | Juanita Ortiz       |
| Scripture Lesson         | Lance Forrester     |
| <i>2 Kings 5:2-5</i>     |                     |
| Worship in Song          | Ingrid Mergenthaler |
| Sabbath Message          | Phil Vasseur        |
| <i>Victim or Victor?</i> |                     |

## Dedicating Our Lives

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|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Dedication Hymn            | (see insert)    |
| <i>I Can Only Imagine</i>  |                 |
| Prayer of Dedication       | Phil Vasseur    |
| Worship Host's Benediction | Lance Forrester |
| Postlude                   | Sherri Dovich   |

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

### Future Church Events

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Dec 8       | Live Nativity – see sign up sheet              |
| Dec 9       | Adult Christmas Party – see sign up sheet      |
| Dec 9,10    | Christmas Cantata - <i>Jesus, Our Emmanuel</i> |
| Dec 15      | Community Christmas Caroling                   |
| Dec 16      | Kids Christmas Musical                         |
| Dec 16      | Fellowship Dinner                              |
| Dec 23      | Family Christmas Celebration                   |
| Dec 30      | Communion Celebration                          |
| Jan 6, 2007 | <i>Caring for Marriage</i> seminar             |
| Jan 20      | Pathfinder Sabbath                             |

Please visit our web site for additional calendar information:  
<http://www.mvsda.org/index.php3?section=Calendar>

### Giving Hearts: November Report

| Offerings                 | Received   | Monthly budget |
|---------------------------|------------|----------------|
| Church Budget             | \$3,060.00 | \$3,208.00     |
| Building Fund             | \$2,722.00 | \$3,488.00     |
| <br>                      |            |                |
| Special Offerings To-Date | Received   | Needed         |
| Tables and Chairs         | \$1,691.00 | \$7,000.00     |

## Here to Serve

|                          |                      |              |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Audio/Visual: .....      | Andreas Goelzer..... | 603/821-1041 |
| Community Services:..... | Karen McClendon..... | 978/658-2893 |
| Deacon: .....            | Gary Patch.....      | 978/663-4544 |
| Deaconess:.....          | Juanita Ortiz .....  | 978/683-1319 |
| Elder: .....             | Steven Dovich .....  | 978/621-4925 |
| Membership Clerk: .....  | Joan Reiss .....     | 978/256-1671 |
| Pastor: .....            | Phil Vasseur .....   | 603/429-2410 |
| Recording Clerk:.....    | Sue Markin .....     | 978/957-6384 |
| Sabbath School: .....    | Alice Jacobson ..... | 603/898-4075 |
| Treasurer:.....          | Marge Patch .....    | 978/663-4544 |

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**Transfer of Membership to Merrimack Valley – Second reading**  
 Ben Osei-Mensah ~ Tema North Church, Tema, Ghana W. Africa  
 Maxwell Whyte ~ Siloah Church, St. Elizabeth, Jamaica  
 Veronica & Paul Iria ~ Lowell Portuguese

**The Second Coming** – This movie will be shown in Spanish at 6:30 pm on December 29, 2006 here at Merrimack Valley. All are invited to attend. Please contact Juanita Ortiz at 978 683 1319 if you need further information.

**2007 Devotionals** – A sign up sheet is available to order your devotionals for 2007. Books are available for all age groups. Orders may be placed with Joan Reiss until the middle of December. Please make checks payable to Merrimack Valley SDA Church (memo: Devotionals 2007).

**Love's Pure Light** - The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America is releasing its fifth Christmas program entitled "Love's Pure Light." This hour long program will be broadcast on the Hallmark Channel, December 24 at 10 a.m.

The story takes place on Christmas Eve when a widower's life is changed by an unopened gift his wife gave him five years ago. Joseph Campanella, Ruta Lee, and Patty Cabrera star in this musical drama, which the whole family will enjoy. Special musical guests are four-time Grammy winner Deniece Williams, Rudi Miceli, and Sandy Wyman Johnson. "Love's Pure Light" is the sequel to "All is Bright" which was last year's Christmas special produced by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America.

Check your local listings to find out when "Love's Pure Light" is scheduled to air or visit [www.nadadventist.org](http://www.nadadventist.org). You can also call your local television station and ask them to air "Love's Pure Light."

**Thought Spot** – Matthew 1:23 says: "They shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." "God with us" is not simply about the birth narrative. It's about the biggest risk in history. What if He failed? What would be lost? The answer is simple and terrifying: everything. Not just you and me and our little world, not just our planet or solar system, but reality itself would be lost. Can you even begin to comprehend what existence would be like with the devil in charge? Ellen White writes: "He took the infinite risk. The issues at stake are beyond the comprehension of men" (*The Signs of the Times*, January 5, 1915). – Seth Pierce, *Adventist Review*.