

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

Welcome to Merrimack Valley Church! Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass. Luke 2:15

Church Events This Coming Week

Today	1:00 pm	Reception
	4:00 pm	Adventurer meeting
	7:00 pm	Adult Christmas party
Sunday	3:00 pm	Pathfinders Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
Friday	7:00 pm	D.O.G. Puppet Practice
	7:00 pm	Community Christmas Caroling
Sabbath	10:00 am	Sabbath School
	11:30 am	Worship Service – Kids Christmas Musical
	1:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner
	2:00 pm	Women's & Men's Ministry Meetings

Announcements

Jesus, Our Emmanuel – is a Christmas Cantata presented today by the combined choirs of Christ Church United and Merrimack Valley. This cantata will be presented again at 7 p.m. tomorrow evening, December 10th at Christ Church United here in Dracut, MA (corner of Route 38 and 113).

A **reception** will follow our service today. All are welcome to stay for food and fellowship.

Christmas Around the World – Invite your friends and family for this celebration of the birth of Jesus during the worship service next Sabbath, December 16. 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 4:11

Next Friday 4:12

Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church
December 9, 2006

Worship Celebration

God's Presence with Us

Gathering to Worship

Prelude	Sherri Dovich and Marianne Wiacek
Worship Host's Greetings	Andreas Goelzer
Call to Worship	Quartet
<i>Come Rejoicing</i>	
Advent Wreath	William & Catalina Carvajal

Praising His Name

Praise Songs	Quartet
<i>Now is born the Devine Christ Child</i>	
<i>Emmanuel, Go Tell it on the Mountain</i>	
<i>O Come all Ye Faithful</i>	
Congregational Prayer	Andreas Goelzer
Prayer response	
<i>We'll give Him all the Glory</i>	
Gifts of Worship	Andreas Goelzer
World Budget	
Offertory	Benn Osei-Mensah

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner	Steven Dovich
Worship in Song	Combined Choirs
<i>Jesus, Our Emmanuel</i>	

Dedicating Our Lives

Prayer of Dedication	Andreas Goelzer
Worship Host's Benediction	Andreas Goelzer
Postlude	Sherri Dovich and Marianne Wiacek

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

Future Church Events

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
Mar 3	Adventurer Sabbath

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

Giving Hearts: December-To-Date Report

Offerings	Received	Monthly budget
Church Budget	\$1,126.00	\$3,208.00
Building Fund	\$1,081.00	\$3,488.00
Special Offerings To-Date	Received	Needed
Tables and Chairs	\$1,721.00	\$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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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.

Christmas Wish Tree is in the foyer decorated with gift tags. These tags contain wishes for our *Wish Tree Family*. Please help brighten their Christmas by taking a tag and purchasing the gift listed. Gifts with tags attached need to be at the church no later than December 16, 2006.

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. You can also call your local television station and ask them to air "Love's Pure Light."

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

Thought Spot – When I read Francis Thompson's poem *The Hound of Heaven*, I began to see God not as a watchdog at all, but as a great hound dogging the trail of His wayward children, never giving up, never discouraged by indifference or neglect or anger – and always seeking us even when we try to hide from Him. – Rosalie Hunt Mellor, *Adventist Review*.