

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

**Welcome to Merrimack Valley Church!** Unto us a Child is born,  
unto us a Son is given. *Isaiah 9:6*

**Church Events This Coming Week**

Sunday	10:00 am	Love's pure light (see announcement)
Friday	6:30 pm	The Second Coming movie presentation
	7:00 pm	D.O.G. Puppet Ministry
Sabbath	10:00 am	Sabbath School
	11:30 am	Worship Service – Communion, Pastor Phil Nursing home ministry

**Announcements**

**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, tomorrow 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."

**Building Fund Envelopes** – today is an opportunity to give a special gift to the church building fund. This year we are \$6,600.00 behind in our mortgage commitment. Our shared gifts can accomplish a lot more for Christ than separately. Place your gift in the envelope provided and have it ready to hang on the Christmas tree.

**Sunset Tonight 4:15**

**Next Friday 4:19**

**Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
December 23, 2006

# Worship Celebration

The Incarnation of Christ

## Gathering to Worship

Prelude	Marianne Wiacek
Worship Host's Greetings	Lance Forrester
Advent Wreath	Dovich Family

## Praising His Name

Praise Songs	Chorus
<i>It Came upon the Midnight Clear, Isn't He Mary's Boy Child, Ring the Bells</i>	
Congregational Prayer	Lance Forrester
Prayer response	<i>O Come Let Us Adore Him</i>
Gifts of Worship	Lance Forrester
Conference budget	
Offertory	Marianne Wiacek

## Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner	D.O.G. Puppets
Scripture Lesson	<i>1 Peter 1:18-20</i> Lance Forrester
Worship in Word & Song	
<i>Away in a Manager</i>	Dovich Family
<i>What Child is this?</i>	Shirley Antoine
<i>His Humble Birth</i>	Alice Jacobson
<i>God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen</i>	Braighan, Brenton & Rena Forrester
<i>Silent Night</i>	Cambodian Ladies
Christmas message	<i>The Brightest Gem</i> Pastor Phil Vasseur
<i>What Child is this?</i>	Dwight & Ellen Morgan
<i>Rest</i>	Lance Forrester

## Dedicating Our Lives

Hymn of Dedication	Chorus & Congregation
<i>Peace, Peace/Silent Night</i>	See Insert
Prayer of Dedication	Pastor Phil Vasseur
Worship Host's Benediction	Lance Forrester
Postlude	Marianne Wiacek

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

## Future Church Events

Jan 6, 2007	<i>Caring for Marriage</i> seminar
Jan 9	7 p.m. Church Business Meeting
Jan 20	Pathfinder Sabbath
Feb 18	Valentine Party – Building fund benefit
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	\$2,963.00	\$3,208.00
Building Fund	\$2,657.00	\$3,488.00
Special Offerings To-Date	Received	Needed
Tables and Chairs	\$1,821.00	\$7,000.00

**Chairs** – new chairs are needed to provide safe and comfortable seating in the fellowship hall. The Tables and Chairs fund can not cover the cost of all the chairs needed. We encourage each family to give an amount to cover the cost of a chair (\$37.00) for each member of their family.

## 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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**Winter 2007 Church Leadership Schedules** are available today in the foyer. This schedule is also available on the church web site <http://www.mvsda.org/index.php3?section=Resources>

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

**Couples together – The Best is Yet to Come!** Is a free seminar for couples only on January 6, 2007. Please contact Karen McClendon (978) 658-2893 or Alice Jacobson (603) 898-4075 for more information.

**Prayer requests** – Jay Wiacek – health issues

**2007 Devotionals** books are available for all age groups. The sale price will be available until the end of January 2007. Orders may be placed with Joan Reiss. Check the table in the foyer to see if your order has come in. Please make checks payable to Merrimack Valley SDA Church (memo: Devotionals 2007).



This holiday season, give the greatest gift of all—Jesus. This hardcover book combines the striking words of Ellen G. White with beautiful illustrations depicting the most expressive scenes of the Savior's life. An inspiration to readers of all ages, it is perfect for sharing with friends, neighbors, family members, coworkers, and employees. Place your order with Joan Reiss.

**Thought Spot** – The story of Bethlehem is an exhaustless theme. In it is hidden “the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God.” Rom 11:33. We marvel at the Saviour's sacrifice in exchanging the throne of heaven for the manger, and the companionship of adoring angels for the beasts of the stall. Human pride and self-sufficiency stand rebuked in His presence. Yet this was but the beginning of His wonderful condescension. – Ellen White, *The Desire of Ages*.