

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

Welcome to Merrimack Valley Church! We're glad you're here!

### Church Events This Coming Week

Today	1:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner Community Table – see below
	2:30 pm	Women's Ministry meeting
	2:30 pm	Men's Ministry meeting
Sunday	3:00 pm	Pathfinder meeting
	5:30 pm	Pathfinder Staff meeting
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Depression Seminar
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir practice, Christ Church United
Friday	6:00 pm	Family & Friends Supper
	7:00 pm	Pathfinder & Adventurer Induction Program
Sabbath	10:00 am	Sabbath School
	11:30 am	Worship Service – Phil Vasseur, Communion
	1:00 pm	Adventurer Fellowship lunch
	1:30 pm	Nursing Home ministry
	2:00 pm	Adventurer Meeting

### Announcements

**Transfer of Membership from Merrimack Valley** – 1<sup>st</sup> reading Rena Forrester to College Church

**Community Table** – is a soup kitchen held at the Lowell YMCA to serve the needy in the greater Lowell area. Merrimack Valley Church will take turns with about a dozen other churches, businesses and individuals who participate in serving a hot meal every weekend. Please consider donating your time, and or food. A sign-up sheet is posted to the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or you can contact Karen McClendon 978/658-2893 for more information.

**Women's Ministry Study** – today will continue the study of the book of Matthew, chapters 20 and 21. The Bible study will be followed by a craft with Cindy Harris. Pray that Women's Ministry will meet the needs of the ladies of the church. If you have suggestions, please contact Alice Jacobson 603/898-4075.

**Sunset Tonight 6:08**

**Next Friday 5:58**

Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church  
October 13, 2007

# Worship Celebration

People Matter to God

## Gathering to Worship

Prelude	Sherri Dovich
Worship Host's Greetings	Andreas Goelzer
Call to Worship	

## Praising His Name

Praise Songs	Shirley Antoine
<i>Open Our Eyes</i>	
<i>Holy Ground</i>	
<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	
Congregational Prayer	Andreas Goelzer
Church Alive	ShareHim Leadership Team Dedication
Gifts of Worship	Stanley McKillop
<i>World Budget</i>	
Offertory	Sherri Dovich

## Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner	Phil Vasseur
Baby Dedication	Eriel Portillo
Scripture Lesson	Sue Markin
<i>Luke 15:1-7</i>	
Worship in Song	Benjamin Osei-Mensah
Sabbath Message	Phil Vasseur
<i>People Matter to God</i>	

## Dedicating Our Lives

Hymn of Dedication	# 334
<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	
Prayer of Dedication	Phil Vasseur
Worship Host's Benediction	Andreas Goelzer
Postlude	Sherri Dovich

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

### Future Church Events

Oct 16	Depression Seminar starts
Oct 19	Pathfinder/Adventurer Families & Friends Supper
Oct 19	Pathfinder/Adventurer Induction Program
Oct 21	Church Cleaning Bee
Oct 21	Women's Ministry Tea Party
Nov 17	Prayer Breakfast

Please visit our web site for additional calendar information:  
<http://www.mvsda.org/Calendar/>

### Giving Hearts: October-to-date Report

Offerings	Received	Monthly budget
Church Budget	\$649.00	\$3,512.00
Building Fund	\$1,203.00	\$3,250.00
Special Offerings To-Date	Received	Needed
Tables and Chairs	\$1,756.00	\$3,135.00

**Bulletin information** should be sent to Vivian Irrgang (e-mail: [bulletin@mvsda.org](mailto:bulletin@mvsda.org); phone: 978/683-1319. Items submitted each week by 7p.m. Tuesday evening will be considered for inclusion in the bulletin.

## 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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**Fall 2007 Church Leadership Schedules** are available today in the foyer. This schedule is also available on the church web site <http://www.mvsda.org>.

**Secret Sisters** will be starting today when names will be exchanged. A brunch will be held at the end of the exchange--to be announced.

**Church Cleaning Bee** – is schedule for Sunday October 21, 9 am to 1 pm. It's Ok if you can't stay for the whole time; many people make the work go quickly. Bring rags, paper towels, Windex, and buckets. There will be a jobs list posted so you can sign-up or contact Gary Patch 978/663-4544 if you have any questions.

**Old Chairs \$5 each** - Contact Gary Patch 978-663-4544

**New Chairs \$39.00 each** are needed to provide safe and comfortable seating in the fellowship hall.

**Prayer Request:**

- Marianne Wiacek – bereavement & chronic pain
- Ingrid Mergenthaler- recovering from pneumonia
- Ruth Crispo – recovering from surgery
- Dennis Rodriguez – was hospitalized with chest pain
- Stephanie Goelzer – recovering from gallbladder surgery
- Brenda Bones – Ortiz/Irrgang family member – terminal cancer
- Jim Reiss – recovering from surgery on hand

**Thought Spot:** Sometimes we're afraid to share our faith because we think people are expecting perfection from Christians. Can I give you an inside scoop? People who are investigating Christianity don't expect perfection from Christians. They're too smart for that! What they do hope to find is someone with the courage to confess their blunders and make things right. Pastor Phil

### Southern New England Conference Events

Oct 20	<i>Lifestyle Habits of Efficient, Healthy Women</i> SNEC One-day Women's Event – Leominster Seventh-day Adventist Church
Nov 16-18	SNEC Family Life Weekend – Camp Winnekeag More details available on the bulletin board
Nov 18	Adventist Book Center Holiday Sale
Dec 7-9	SNEC Public School Retreat – Camp Winnekeag