

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

Welcome to Merrimack Valley Church! Happy New Year!

### Church Events This Coming Week

Today	1:30 pm	Nursing Home Ministry
Sabbath	10:00 am	Sabbath School
	11:30 am	Worship Service – Phil Vasseur
	1:00 pm	Marriage Seminar Lunch
	2:00 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Marriage Seminar

### Announcements

**Sister Act** – much of today's music will be presented by Jennifer & Shaina Holiman and their friends Anna & Sarah Kohls. Jennifer & Shaina are home on break from La Sierra University in Riverside, California and are the daughters of Ron & Mutsi. Michael Mergenthaler will play with them as well.

**Building Fund Envelopes** – today is an opportunity to give a special gift to the church building fund. So far we have received special contributions of \$3,055.00. 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 during the offering time.

**Tax deductible giving** to Merrimack Valley Church for 2007 must be turned in to our Treasurer, Marge Patch, today, December 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Church Business Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 7 pm. Review and approval of the 2008 church budget is on the agenda.

**January 12<sup>th</sup> fellowship dinner menu:** old fashion pot luck – bring your favorite dishes. Please bring enough for your family and extra to share with visitors.

**Women's Ministry:** On January 12, Women's Ministry Bible Study will start the study of "*It's All About Him*". If you do not have a copy of the book, please contact Alice Jacobson for a copy. This promises to be a time to experience a closer walk with Him.

Sunset Tonight 4:19

Next Friday 4:24

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December 29, 2007

# Worship Celebration

Keep Your Focus

## Gathering to Worship

Prelude	Marianne Wiacek
Worship Host's Greetings	Warren Saxton
Call to Worship	

## Praising His Name

Praise Songs	Sister Act
<i>Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord</i>	
<i>Grace Like Rain</i>	
<i>I Love You Lord</i>	
Congregational Prayer	Warren Saxton
Baby Dedication	Gian Carlo Camacho
Gifts of Worship	Warren Saxton
<i>Local Church Budget</i>	
Offertory	Sister Act

## Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner	Stan McKillop
Worship in Song	Hannah Guillen
Scripture Lesson	Warren Saxton
<i>Ephesians 1:17-18</i>	
Worship in Song	Sister Act
Sabbath Message	Phil Vasseur
<i>Keep Your Focus</i>	

## Dedicating Our Lives

Hymn of Dedication	# 326
<i>Open My Eyes That I May See</i>	
Prayer of Dedication	Phil Vasseur
Worship Host's Benediction	Warren Saxton
Postlude	Marianne Wiacek

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

## Future Church Events

Jan 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Marriage Seminar Day
Jan 6	Baby Shower - Carvajal
Jan 12	Fellowship Dinner Women's & Men's Ministry study Adventurer Meeting
Jan 19	Community Table Outreach
Jan 26	Pathfinder Sabbath
Feb 2	Prayer Breakfast – Jack Mentges
Feb 9	“Friendship” Sabbath
Feb 10	Valentine Banquet

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

## Giving Hearts: December- to- date Report

Offerings	Received	Monthly budget
Church Budget	\$3,941.00	\$3,512.00
Building Fund	\$6,234.00	\$3,250.00
Special Offerings To-Date	Received	Needed
Tables and Chairs	\$1,864.00	\$606.00

**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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**Community Table Outreach** is scheduled for Sabbath, January 19<sup>th</sup> 2008. A sign-up sheet for donating food or for volunteering your time to serve is posted to the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please contact Karen McClendon if you have any questions.

**Winter 2008 Church Leadership Schedules** are available today in the foyer. This schedule is also available on the church web site <http://www.mvsda.org>.

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

**Prayer Request:**

Brenda Bones – Ortiz/Irrgang family member brain tumor  
 Georgette- Joanie Reiss's stepmother-gall bladder problems

**Thought Spot:** Do you like making New Year resolutions? I do. God is a God of second chances. New Years can provide an opportunity for a second chance, a do over, a try again! However, renewing your determination to achieve a certain goal (resolution) will only carry you so far. You need the Spirit's guidance to set the right goal(s), His help in developing a strategy to reach it and His strength to persevere. Without His help, your resolution will only be a wish. By His grace you can do it! Happy New Year! Pastor Phil

## Southern New England Conference Events

Feb 1-3	AU Collegiate/Young Adults <i>God Encounters</i> Weekend Camp Winnekeag. For more information contact Dalia Castellanos at (978)368-8333 or email <a href="mailto:decastellanos@atlanticunion.org">decastellanos@atlanticunion.org</a>
Feb 14-17	NAD Leadership Summit for Youth, Pathfinder, Adventurer & Camp Staff. For more information go to <a href="http://www.adventistyouthministries.org">www.adventistyouthministries.org</a> or call (800)732-7587
Feb 29- Mar 2	SNEC Teen Prayer Conference in Camp Winnekeag