

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

**Welcome to Merrimack Valley Church Family!** Today we are celebrating International Sabbath. We're glad you're here to celebrate with us.

### Church Events This Coming Week

Today	1:00 pm	Fellowship Lunch – International theme
	2:00 pm	Pathfinder Sabbath Practice
	5:00 pm	Pathfinder Meeting
	7:30 pm	Pathfinder Staff Meeting
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Committee Meeting
Sabbath	10:00 am	Sabbath School
	11:30 am	Communion Sabbath
		Worship Service – Phil Vasseur
	2:00 pm	Pathfinder Sabbath Practice
	2:30 pm	Adventurer Meeting – Dress Uniform
	5:00 pm	Pathfinder Meeting

### Announcements

**International Sabbath** is a celebration of our cultural diversity here at Merrimack Valley Church. You will see clothing and hear language that represents the cultural heritage or country of origin of many who attend. Please join us after the worship service for our Fellowship Dinner. The menu will feature foods from around the world.

**Synai** is a musical group which started as a quartet in about 1992. Over the years the group has evolved and now is comprised of 3 guys and 4 girls and sing mostly A cappella. They love to praise the Lord and thank him for allowing them to worship with us today.

**Real Questions Seminar**, April 16-18, 2009. Presented by Pastor Phil, the topics will include:

- Thursday 7 pm: *Is Jesus the Only Way?*
- Friday 7 pm: *Why Trust the Bible?*
- Sabbath 11:30 am: *How Can I Know God's Will?*
- Sabbath 7 pm: *Why is There Evil?*

Sunset Tonight 6:51

Next Friday 6:58

Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church  
March 14, 2009

# Worship Celebration

Church: A Place to Believe & Belong

## Gathering to Worship

Prelude  
Worship Host's Greetings  
Call to Worship

Sherri Dovich  
Juanita Ortiz – *Spanish* &  
Lizbeth Martinez

## Praising His Name

Praise Songs  
*Love Love, Pass It On, God's Wonderful People*  
Congregational Prayer  
Adoration  
Confession  
Thanksgiving  
Supplication  
World Alive - *Columbia*  
Gifts of Worship  
Offertory

Synai  
Benjamin Osei-Mensah - *French*  
Gilda Newell – *Tagalog Philippines*  
Vitali Bondar - *Russian*  
Rita McCall - *English*  
William & Catalina Carvajal  
Zelma Cordero - *Spanish* & Stephanie Wall  
Sherri Dovich

## Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner  
World Alive - *Japan*  
Scripture Lesson  
Worship in Song  
Sabbath Message  
A Place to Belong

Steven Dovich  
Mutsuko Holliman  
Ingrid Mergenthaler – *German*,  
Jenna Crowley & Thouncy Sing - *Khmer*  
Synai  
Phil Vasseur

## Dedicating Our Lives

Hymn of Dedication  
*The Church has One Foundation*  
Prayer of Dedication  
Worship Host's Benediction  
Postlude

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Phil Vasseur  
Juanita Ortiz – *Spanish* &  
Lizbeth Martinez  
Sherri Dovich

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

### Future Church Events

Mar 21	Communion
Mar 28	Pathfinder Sabbath
Apr 5	Progressive Dinner Party
Apr 16-18	<i>Real Questions</i> seminar with Pastor Phil
May 16	Area Youth Sabbath – Pastor Pedro Perez
June 6	Women's Ministry Day
July 27-31	Vacation Bible School – <i>Crocodile Dock</i>

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

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

Offerings	Received	Monthly budget
Church Budget	\$1,452.00	\$3,792.00
Building Fund	\$1,407.00	\$3,250.00
Special Offerings To-Date	Received	Needed
Sound System	\$1,323.00	\$6,025.00

**Bulletin information** should be sent to Sherri Dovich (e-mail: [bulletin@mvsda.org](mailto:bulletin@mvsda.org); phone: 978/807-7628. 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:.....	Jean McKillop .....	603/382-4673
Elder: .....	Dale Jacobson .....	603/898-4075
Membership Clerk: .....	Joan Reiss .....	978/256-1671
Pastor: .....	Phil Vasseur .....	603/494-9242
Recording Clerk:.....	Sue Markin .....	978/957-6384
Sabbath School: .....	Alice Jacobson .....	603/898-4075
Treasurer:.....	Marge Patch .....	978/663-4544

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**2009 Pre-nominating Committee** will be selected next Sabbath, March 21, 2009

**The Prayer Warrior Team:** Prayer requests may be sent to [prayer@mvsda.org](mailto:prayer@mvsda.org). The Prayer Team will add it to their list and present your petitions to God on a regular basis.

**Prayer Request:**

- Jim Reiss- prayer for healing
- David Morris- heart problems
- Nydia Ortega – (Juanita Ortiz's co-worker)- breast cancer
- Idenir Bonfim – recovering from knee replacement surgery

**Thought Spot:** One of Jesus' most powerful prayers is found in John 17. It's a passionate prayer for His disciples to be "one" as God the Father and God the Son are One! To be one means to be one in purpose. We, His church, are to be one in purpose. What a challenge! Now that's something to think about. *Pastor Phil*

### Southern New England Conference Events

Mar 20-22	<i>Share Him</i> boot camp
Apr 3-4	Youth Leader Retreat
Apr 11	Day of Prayer – Worcester
Apr 18	Education Day
Apr 24-26	SNEC Women's Retreat
May 2	Pathfinder Day – Worcester, MA
Jun 5-7	Adventurer's Spring Escape
Jun 19-27	SNEC English Camp Meeting
Aug 11-15	Courage to Stand NAD Pathfinder Camporee Oshkosh, WI