

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

Welcome to Merrimack Valley Church Family! Thank you for choosing to worship with us today.

Church Events This Coming Week

Today	2:30 pm	Adventurer Meeting – Field Uniform
	4:30 pm	Adventurer Staff Meeting
Sunday	3:00 pm	Progressive Dinner Social **POSTPONED**
Monday	6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Nominating Committee Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 pm	ShareHim Meeting
Sabbath	10:00 am	Sabbath School
	11:30 am	Worship Service – Phil Vasseur
	1:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner
	1:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting

Announcements

Transfer of Membership to Merrimack Valley – 2nd reading
Luis Sosa – from Lawrence Spanish Church

Nominating Committee Recommendation, 2nd Reading
Zelma Cordero, Sherri Dovich, Stephanie Goelzer, Sue Markin, Juanita Ortiz, Fermin Peralta, Pastor Phil Vasseur, & Rick Wall.

Ministry Surveys will be collected today to assist the nominating committee in their work. If you haven't done so already, please be ready to indicate your willingness to serve in the Ministry opportunities here at Merrimack Valley Church for the July 2009 through June 2010 ministry year.

Spring 2009 Church Leadership Schedules are available in the foyer. This schedule is also available on the church web site <http://www.mvsda.org/>

Progressive Dinner Social – scheduled for Sunday, April 5 has been POSTPONED. A new date is yet to be determined.

Sunset Tonight 7:14

Next Friday 7:21

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April 4, 2009

Worship Celebration

Eternal Life Through Christ

Gathering to Worship

Prelude Sherri Dovich
Worship Host's Greeting William Carvajal
Call to Worship

Praising His Name

Praise Songs The Camacho Family
Sweet, Sweet Spirit
O How I Love Jesus
Here I Am to Worship
You are My All in All
Congregational Prayer Maxwell Whyte
Gifts of Worship Jean McKillop
Local Church Budget
Offertory Sherri Dovich

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner Stan McKillop
Scripture Lesson Jovanie Whyte
John 11:21-25
Worship in Song *Ladies Trio*
Sabbath Message Warren Saxton
Why Mary, Martha and Lazarus?

Dedicating Our Lives

Hymn of Dedication # 251
He Lives
Prayer of Dedication Warren Saxton
Worship Host's Benediction William Carvajal
Postlude Sherri Dovich

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

Future Church Events

Apr 5	Progressive Dinner Social **POSTPONED**
Apr 11	Easter Sabbath and Fellowship Dinner
Apr 16-18	<i>Real Questions</i> seminar with Pastor Phil
Apr 19	Church Work Bee 9 am to 1 pm
May 3	Women's Ministry - <i>Friendship Afternoon High Tea</i>
May 16	Area Youth Sabbath – Pastor Pedro Perez
June 6	Women's Ministry Day
July 4	ShareHim <i>Living Water</i> Project
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 Report

Offerings	Received	Monthly budget
Church Budget	\$4,409.00	\$3,792.00
Building Fund	\$3,916.00	\$3,250.00
Special Offerings To-Date	Received	Needed
Sound System	\$1,682.00	\$6,025.00

Bulletin information should be sent to Sherri Dovich (e-mail: bulletin@mvsda.org; phone: 978/470-3294. 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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April 11th Fellowship Dinner menu: entrees, vegetables, salad, rolls, dessert, and drink. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please bring enough for your family and extra to share with visitors.

Friendship Afternoon High Tea is scheduled for 3 – 5 pm, Sunday, May 3 in the Fellowship Hall and is sponsored by Women's Ministries. The cost will be \$10 per person. More information and a sign up sheet can be found on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Reservations must be made by April 11th.

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

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

Work Bee – 9 am to 1 pm Sunday, April 19. Please come for the whole time or just an hour so all the work can be done. Please bring buckets, rags, window cleaner, outside brooms & rakes.

New England Memorial Hospital/Boston Regional Medical Center Reunion Dinner is set for 7:30 pm Saturday evening, May 16, 2009 at Montvale Plaza, 54 Montvale Ave, Stoneham, MA. It's been 10 years since the hospital was closed. The cost is \$35.00 per person and must be sent to Roy Brown, 132 Floral Ave, Malden, MA 02148 as soon as possible. Please contact Carol Holmes at 978-851-7822 if you need additional information.

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

Thought Spot: Are you running away from God? I hope not. But you might be following Jesus "at a distance." That's what Peter did when his faith came under fire. Luke 22:55 says, "But Peter followed at a distance." That was the beginning of his three-time denial of Christ. Hmm? Distance and defeat...is there a connection? Now that's something to think about. *Pastor Phil*

Southern New England Conference Events

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