

## Dedication Weekend Schedule

# *Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church*

## *Dedication Celebration*

### **Friday Evening**

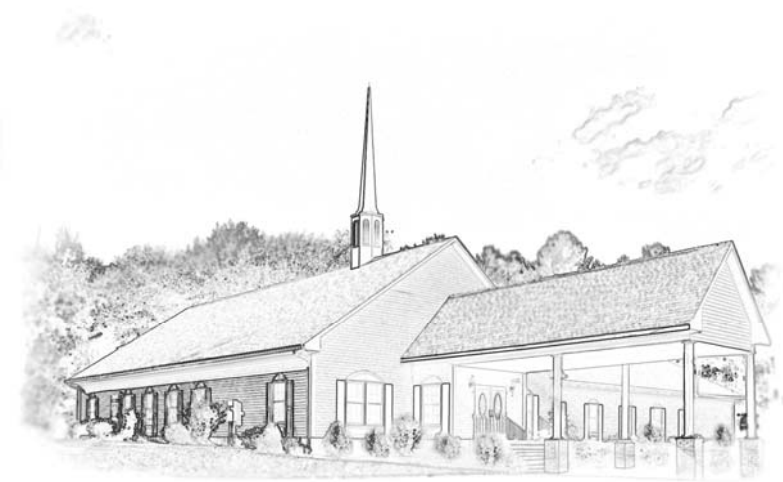
Consecration	7:00
Refreshments	To Follow the Service

### **Sabbath Morning**

Sabbath School	10:00
Worship Celebration	11:30

### **Sabbath Afternoon**

Fellowship Dinner	1:30
Dedication Service	3:00
Refreshments	To Follow the Service



*April 2-3, 2010*

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

# Welcome from the Pastor

April 2010,

We welcome you to our Dedication Service! This weekend commemorates an important milestone in Merrimack Valley's kingdom-of-God journey. What's the milestone? Due to the graciousness of God and the giving hearts of her members, MVC has retired the mortgage!

This is significant for three reasons. First, it provides an opportunity to "praise" God for how He has led us in the past. Second, it helps us to assess our "dedication" to Christ in the here and now. And third, it provides a unique opportunity to "commit" ourselves to God's vision for MVC's future.

Did you catch them? Did you catch the three themes mentioned above? They're "praise," "dedication" and "commitment." Throughout our celebration this weekend, you will hear those three themes reoccurring over and over again. By doing so, it is our hope that you will be a little introspective about how God has led you in the past, how dedicated you are to Christ now and catch more of God's vision for your life in the future.

Who knows? Maybe this Dedication Service will be a milestone weekend in your kingdom-of-God journey too?

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Pastor Phil Vasseur



# Consecration

Let Them Build Me a Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Friday

## Gathering

Vesper Host's Greeting	Juanita Ortiz
Song of Greeting	Ingrid Mergenthaler
<i>O Day of Rest and Gladness</i>	

## Praising

Thoughts for Reflection	Warren Saxton
<i>Let Them Build Me a Sanctuary</i>	
Song of Affirmation	Jovanie Whyte
<i>Give of Your Best to the Master</i>	

## Dedicating

Thoughts for Reflection	Andreas Goelzer
<i>The Courtyard for the People</i>	
Baptismal Vow	Dan Martella & Braighan Forrester
Music of Reflection	Lance Forrester
<i>You Are The Son</i>	
Baptism	Dan Martella & Braighan Forrester
Song of Proclamation	Jovanie Whyte
<i>There Is a Fountain</i>	

## Committing

Thoughts for Reflection	Dale Jacobson
<i>Dedicating the Temple</i>	
Song of Commitment	Ingrid Mergenthaler
<i>Sanctuary</i>	
Prayer	Steven Dovich

## Dispersing

Vesper Host's Benediction	Juanita Ortiz
Reception	Foyer

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## Song of Greeting

### ***O Day of Rest and Gladness***, #283 SDA Hymnal

O day of rest and gladness O day of joy and light  
O balm of care and sadness most beautiful most bright  
On Thee the high and lowly who bend before the throne  
Sing holy holy holy to the Eternal One

A day of sweet reflection thou art a day of love  
A day to raise affection from earth to things above  
New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest  
We seek the rest remaining in mansions of the blest

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## Song of Affirmation

### ***Give of Your Best to the Master***, #572 SDA Hymnal

Give of your best to the Master  
Give of the strength of your youth  
Throw your soul's fresh glowing ardor  
Into the battle for truth  
Jesus has set the example  
Dauntless was He young and brave  
Give Him your loyal devotion  
Give Him the best that you have

#### **Chorus:**

Give of your best to the Master  
Give of the strength of your youth  
Clad in salvation's full armor  
Join in the battle for truth

Give of your best to the Master  
Give Him first place in your heart  
Give Him first place in your service  
Consecrate ev'ry part  
Give and to you shall be given  
God His beloved Son gave  
Gratefully seeking to serve Him  
Give Him the best that you have

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## Song of Proclamation

### ***There Is a Fountain***, #336 SDA Hymnal

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains  
Lose all their guilty stains  
Lose all their guilty stains  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day  
And there may I though vile as he  
Wash all my sins away  
Wash all my sins away  
Wash all my sins away  
And there may I though vile as he  
Wash all my sins away

Thou dying Lamb Thy precious blood shall never lose its power  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Are saved to sin no more  
Are saved to sin no more  
Are saved to sin no more  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Are saved to sin no more

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## Song of Commitment

### ***Sanctuary***

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy tried and true  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

(Repeat)

#### **Ending:**

I'll be a living sanctuary for You

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# History

The history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Merrimack Valley dates back to the 1860's. Thousands of people from the cities of Lawrence, Lowell, and Haverhill flocked to tent meetings where our early church pioneers preached the joyous message of Christ's soon return. As congregations sprang up, a rich tradition of ministry developed, including church schools, community service, literature evangelism, and church planting. In 1995 the Lowell SDA and Lawrence SDA churches began discussing the idea of pooling talents, energy, and vision. A merger agreement was approved by both churches in a Joint Business Meeting on October 29, 1996, creating the Merrimack Valley SDA Church.

Merrimack Valley began worshiping together on November 2, 1996 in the former Lawrence church building. The Lowell church building was sold to the Lowell Hispanic Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the proceeds from that sale became the first substantial deposit in the new Building Fund. When the Lawrence church building was sold to the Lawrence Hispanic Seventh-day Adventist Church, Merrimack Valley began to rent the Tewksbury First Baptist Church for worship services and Pathfinder meetings.

A search for a permanent church home continued, focused on locations centered between the former Lowell and Lawrence locations. In September of 1999, a 4 acre parcel of land was purchased in Dracut on Route 113. As excitement began to grow, the *Heart to Build* campaign raised over \$159,000 on May 6, 2000. With pledges of ongoing financial support, construction began in the spring of 2001, and Merrimack Valley celebrated its first worship service in Dracut on December 22, 2001.

Despite early optimism that the building would be occupied debt-free, construction was completed with a \$300,000 mortgage. Over the next 8 years of faithful stewardship, the building was furnished, landscaped, outfitted with an organ, satellite downlink, audio and video equipment, and a permanent church sign. Finally, on December 26, 2009 the mortgage was completely retired, 4 years ahead of the repayment schedule.

Despite the departure of many original charter members, Merrimack Valley has become a growing community with a rich ethnic and cultural heritage. It continues to attract families into fellowship with its inspiring worship, youth ministries, and community outreach.

# Sabbath School

**Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow**

10:00 a.m. Sabbath

## Gathering

Prelude

Carla Bonfirm

Prayer

Marianne Wiacek

## Learning

Lesson

Dale Jacobson

The Sabbath School Clinic

Alice Jacobson & Ingrid Mergenthaler

Responsive Reading

*The Holy Scriptures*

Song of Praise

*Praise Him Praise Him*

## Dispersing

Benediction

Marge Patch

Postlude

Carla Bonfirm

## Responsive Reading

### *The Holy Scriptures*

The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

**We also have the prophetic word made more sure, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;**

knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

**From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me."**

The word of God is living and powerful, I and sharper than any, two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart.**

-From Deuteronomy 29, 2 Peter 1, 2 Timothy 3, John 5, Hebrews 4, and Jeremiah 15, N.K.J.V.

## Song of Praise

### **Praise Him Praise Him**, #249 SDA Hymnal

Praise Him praise Him Jesus our blessed Redeemer  
Sing O earth His wonderful love proclaim  
Hail Him hail Him highest archangels in glory  
Strength and honor give to His holy name  
Like a shepherd Jesus will guard His children  
In His arms He carries them all day long

### **Chorus**

Praise Him praise Him  
Tell of His excellent greatness  
Praise Him praise Him ever in joyful song

Praise Him praise Him Jesus our blessed Redeemer  
For our sins He suffered and bled and died  
He our Rock our hope of eternal salvation  
Hail Him hail Him Jesus the Crucified  
Sound His praises Jesus who bore our sorrows  
Love unbounded wonderful deep and strong

Praise Him praise Him Jesus our blessed Redeemer  
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring  
Jesus Savior reigneth forever and ever  
Crown Him crown Him Prophet and Priest and King  
Christ is coming over the world victorious  
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong

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# Worship Celebration

Go Light Your World

11:30 a.m. Sabbath

## Gathering

Prelude Marianne Wiacek  
Worship Host's Greeting Dale Jacobson  
Church Alive Rita McCall & Juanita Ortiz

## Praising

Call to Worship & Song of Praise Little Lights Adventurers &  
*Psalm 77:11-14* King's Kids Pathfinders  
*Awesome God with How Great Thou Art*  
Message & Prayer Dan Martella  
*What We've Learned*

## Offering

Gifts of Worship Vitali Bondar  
*Local Church Budget*  
Offertory Ingrid Mergenthaler & Marianne Wiacek  
*How Great Thou Art*  
Children's Corner Steven Dovich  
*Lamb of God*

## Dedicating

Prayer, Scripture & Message Frank Tochterman  
*Zeal for His House – John 2:13-17*  
Song of Dedication MV Praise Team  
*We Are His*

## Committing

Scripture & Message Phil Vasseur  
*Commitments Define You – Acts 2:42*  
Song of Commitment Synai  
*Go Light Your World*  
Prayer Phil Vasseur

## Dispersing

Worship Host's Benediction Dale Jacobson  
Postlude Sherri Dovich & Marianne Wiacek  
*Psalm XIX*  
Fellowship Luncheon Fellowship Hall

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## ***Song of Praise***

### ***Awesome God with How Great Thou Art***

Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom pow'r and love Our God is an awesome God

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Our God is an awesome God

Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art How great Thou art

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## ***Song of Dedication***

### ***We Are His***

We are His hands to touch the world around us.  
We are His feet to go where He may lead,  
And we are His love burning in the darkness.  
We are His love shining in the night.

We are His eyes to see the need in others.  
We are His voice to tell of His return,  
And we are His love burning in the darkness.  
We are His love shining in the night.

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## ***Song of Commitment***

### ***Go Light Your World***

There is a candle in every soul  
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold  
There is a Spirit who brings a fire  
Ignites a candle and makes His home

So carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the helpless, confused and torn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle, and go light your world  
Take your candle, and go light your world

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to  
Light his own candle some other way  
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to  
Still holds a candle without a flame

So carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle, and go light your world  
Take your candle, and go light your world

Cause we are a family whose hearts are blazing  
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky  
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus  
Make us a beacon in darkest times

So carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the helpless, deceived and poor  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle, and go light your world

Carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the helpless, confused and torn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle, and go light your world  
Take your candle, and go light your world  
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Friends helping friends  
become  
*Fully devoted followers*  
of **Christ**

# The Dedication

## Praise, Dedication & Commitment

3:00 p.m. Sabbath

### Gathering

Prelude	Marianne Wiacek
Multimedia Presentation	
<i>Our Church Family</i>	
Welcome & Prayer	Gary Wagner

### Praising

Song of Praise	MV Voices
<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	
History	Steven Dovich
Multimedia Presentation	Bob McCall
<i>Building the Church</i>	
Testimonies of Praise	Dan Martella
<i>Gary Patch, Joanie Reiss, Alice Jacobson</i>	
Music of Praise	Ladies Trio
<i>This Is the time I Must Sing</i>	

Mortgage Burning	
Doxology	Cheri Schroeder

### Dedicating

Scripture & Homily	Frank Tochterman
<i>A House of Prayer for all Nations – Mark 11:15-17</i>	
Litany	Dale Jacobson
Prayer of Dedication	Juan Borges
Music of Dedication	MV Voices
<i>Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	

### Committing

Presentation of Check	Ruthie Booth
Scripture & Homily	Phil Vasseur
<i>Where to Go from Here? – Hebrews 11:8-11</i>	
Song of Commitment	Ladies Trio
<i>Holy Ground</i>	

### Dispersing

Benediction	Phil Vasseur
Postlude	Marianne Wiacek
Reception	Fellowship Hall

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# Dedication Litany

Leader: To praise the Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
To honor our Creator and Redeemer,  
To worship God.

Congregation: **We dedicate this church to you, our God.**

Leader: To capture the teachable moments in our lives,  
To facilitate the growth of your people,  
To nurture our young.

Congregation: **We dedicate this church to you, our God.**

Leader: To fulfill the gospel commission,  
To give the hope of grace to the world,  
To save souls for your kingdom.

Congregation: **We dedicate this church to you, our God.**

Leader: To heal the broken-hearted,  
To share our joy in Christ,  
To support one another in Christian love.

Congregation: **We dedicate this church to you, our God.**

Leader: To serve our community,  
To help the helpless,  
To be good neighbors.

Congregation: **We dedicate this church to you, our God.**

Leader: Because we want to be friends helping friends become fully  
devoted followers of Christ.

Congregation: **We dedicate our lives anew to Christ;  
To worship God,  
To serve God,  
To do service for God, and  
To be a light unto the world.**

**Amen.**

## Song of Praise

### **Now Thank We All Our God**, #559 SDA Hymnal

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices  
Who wondrous things hath done in whom His world rejoices  
Who from our mother's arm hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given  
The Son and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven  
The one eternal God whom earth and heaven adore  
For thus it was is now and shall be evermore

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## Doxology

### **Praise God from Whom All Blessings**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

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## Song of Commitment

### **Holy Ground**

This is holy ground we're standing on holy ground  
For the Lord is present and where He is is holy  
This is holy ground we're standing on holy ground  
For the Lord is present and where He is is holy

These are holy hands He's given us holy hands  
He works through these hands and so these hands are holy  
These are holy hands He's given us holy hands  
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