

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

Welcome to the Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church. We are glad you chose to worship with us today. Our speaker today is Lydia Abay. Do you desire Bible Studies, baptism, a pastoral visit or prayer? Please one of the Elders.

Church Events This Coming Week

Today	10:00am Sabbath School 11:30am Worship Service 2:00pm Health Expo training
Sunday	Pathfinder community service - health expo
Monday	7:00pm Elders Meeting

Announcements

Little Lights Adventurer club is in need of helpers whether to be an active staff member or instructor, or even just to help out with the simplest of tasks all is welcome! If you are interested contact Carine Bonfim Ferreira. Remember we are doing this for the kids, and teaching them how to love and grow in Jesus as well as being active members of the community, there is no better way in teaching them than giving them support.

Health Expo: The Merrimack Valley and Billerica Churches, along with the NETS Evangelism Team, will be hosting a NEWSTART Health Expo at the Sampas Pavillion, 160 Pawtucket Blvd., Lowell, MA, on Sunday, September 25, from 10-4. All are invited to attend. Bring a friend, neighbor, co-worker and/or relative!

Earliteen class for ages 13-14 meeting in the old Junior classroom and taught by Tina Rodrigues and Cassidy Connolly. The Juniors, ages 10-12 will meet in the fellowship hall and will be taught by Roselene Bellevue and Rita & Bob McCall.

Prayer Requests: Do you have a prayer request? There is a prayer box on the mail sorter in the foyer of the church. Fill out a request form, fold it, and put it in the box or e-mail the prayer team at: prayer@mvsda.org and the prayer team will bring your request before the Lord.

Sunset Tonight 6:38

Next Friday 6:28

Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church
September 24, 2016

Worship Celebration

Finishing the Race

Gathering to Worship

Prelude
Worship Host's Greeting
Call to Worship

Carla Bonfim
Michael Casadine

Praising His Name

Praise Songs
You Raise Me Up
Face to Face #206
Victory in Jesus
Congregational Prayer
Gifts of Worship
Our Conference Budget
Offertory

Denia Sierra
Michael Casadine
Carla Bonfim

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner
Scripture Lesson
2 Timothy 4:7-8
Worship in Song
Sabbath Message
Finish The Race

Valqueria Gouvea
Niove Sierra
Rumbie & Brenden
Lydia Abay

Dedicating Our Lives

Hymn of Dedication
When We All Get To Heaven #633
Prayer of Dedication
Worship Host's Benediction
Postlude

Michael Casadine
Carla Bonfim

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

Future Church Events

October 1 9:30am Prelude Praise practice
 10:00am Sabbath School
 11:30am Worship Service
 2:00pm Pathfinder Bible Experience Practice
 2:30pm Adventurer Meeting-Dress Uniform

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

Giving Hearts: September - to date - Report

Offerings	Received	Monthly budget
Church Budget	\$4,230.00	\$ 5,942.00

Bulletin information should be sent to email: bob.w.mccall@gmail.com or phone Bob McCall at [978-808-1823](tel:978-808-1823). Items submitted each week by 7 p.m. Tuesday evening will be considered for inclusion in the bulletin.

Here to Serve

Audio/Visual	Andreas Goelzer	603-236-9423
Deacon	Gary Patch	978-314-9970
Deaconess	Natalie Connolly	978-957-6528
Elder	Steven Dovich	978-494-0519
Membership Clerk	Joan Reiss	978-256-1671
Pastor		
Recording Clerk	Sue Markin	978-957-6384
Sabbath School	Aaron Teckie	978-658-2633
Treasurer	Marge Patch	978-640-4949

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Adventist Retirement Webinar

The Southern New England Conference will be hosting a retirement webinar, provided by North American Division Retirement, for retirees currently receiving SHARP retirement benefits from the NAD Retirement. Please join us for the webinar to hear about some of the changes that will be taking place.

Date: Thursday, October 6, 2016
 Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Location: Southern New England Conference – Bailey Hall
 34 Sawyer Street, S. Lancaster, MA 01561

Please contact Margie Santos to R.S.V.P. :
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FREE EVENT ~ FALL FESTIVAL FOR FAMILIES at THAYER

The Thayer Performing Arts Center and Community Music School at Atlantic Union College, 438 Main Street, South Lancaster, MA) will hold its annual FALL FESTIVAL FOR FAMILIES from 3:00 - 6:00 PM on Sunday, October 2 (RAIN OR SHINE). The community is invited to tour the beautiful and historic mansion while listening to classical, folk, jazz, marches, and pops music throughout the afternoon featuring the Atlantic Wind Symphony, Youth Ensemble of New England, and chamber ensembles. Come enjoy free yummy treats including, cider, donuts, popcorn and pretzels. There will be games, cupcake and pumpkin decorating, plus face painting for children. TPAC Director Earl Raney says, "Come celebrate this beautiful fall season with our students and area musicians. This is a great way for children and adults to discover the joy of music making. If it rains all activities will continue inside!" Free and open to the public. For more information on this event or music lessons, please call 978-368-2100, email tpac@auc.edu, or visit www.tpacma.org.

Church members need to check their emails to see when they are scheduled to participate in the worship service and/or the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Thought Spot: "The runners put aside every indulgence that would tend to weaken the physical powers, and by severe and continuous discipline trained their muscles to strength and endurance, that when the day of the contest should arrive, they might put the heaviest tax upon their powers. How much more important that the Christian, whose eternal interests are at stake, bring appetite and passion under subjection to reason and the will of God! Never must he allow his attention to be diverted by amusements, luxuries, or ease. All his habits and passions must be brought under the strictest discipline. Reason, enlightened by the teachings of God's word and guided by His Spirit, must hold the reins of control.

And after this has been done, the Christian must put forth the utmost exertion in order to gain the victory. In the Corinthian games the last few strides of the contestants in the race were made with agonizing effort to keep up undiminished speed. So the Christian, as he nears the goal, will press onward with even more zeal and determination than at the first of his course." AA 311.2

Church Sign - Do you have a favorite spiritual message you would like to see posted on our Church Sign? There is a form in the church entry way. Fill it out according to the directions and drop it in the box.

Dracut TV: The Church Service today will be recorded and portions of the service will be broadcast on the local access channel (Cable TV), Internet and other media. For questions or other issues, contact the Audio/Visual Team.

Compassion Boston Announcements

Revelation Today: 13 days away!—We are now just 13 days away from the start of the Revelation Today evangelistic series here in Boston. We ask you to prayerfully consider how you can participate in these meetings, and to speak to your pastor or other leadership at your church about how you would like to volunteer. Also, don't forget to be praying for 5 people, by name, that you're hoping God will reach through these meetings. For more information, visit revelationtoday.com.

Daniel Seminars—Pastor Bill Brace of the “In Times Like These” radio broadcast will be hosting two Daniel Seminars starting in the month of September. The seminars are free and all are invited. In Braintree: Seminar begins on Monday, September 19 at 7:00 pm at the Braintree Seventh-day Adventist Church (250 Washington Street, Braintree, MA 02184) and continues Monday and Wednesday evenings through October 5. In Norwood: Seminar begins on Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 pm at the Norwood Seventh-day Adventist Church (59 Davis Avenue, 2nd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062) and continues Tuesday and Thursday evenings through October 6.

Health Expo in Lowell, September 25—On Sunday, September 25, The Merrimack and Billerica Churches, along with students from the NETS Evangelism Center, will be hosting a Health Expo from 10am to 4pm at the Sampas Pavilion at 160 Pawtucket Blvd, Lowell, MA 01854. The Expo will focus on NEWSTART health principles and include a free health screening. Bring the whole family—there will be a children's program! For more information, call (978) 364-0195 or visit compassionboston.org/calendar.

Parade in Braintree, October 1—The Braintree Seventh-day Adventist Church is hosting a parade on October 1 to hand out flyers and invitations to the Revelation Today series. Several pathfinder clubs will be involved, and everyone is invited to join. Meet in the church parking lot (250 Washington Street, Braintree, MA 02184) by 3:00 pm.

Prayer Walk in the Fenway, October 8—The next Compassion Boston Prayer Walk will be on Saturday, October 8 in the Fenway neighborhood, hosted by the Boston Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church (105 Jersey Street, Boston, MA, 02215). The walk begins at the church at 4 pm. All are invited to come and pray for this Boston neighborhood. For more information, visit compassionboston.org/prayerwalks