

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

**Welcome to Merrimack Valley Church Family!** We're so glad you chose to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with us. We hope you will feel at home!

### Church Events This Coming Week

Today	2:00 pm	Pathfinder Sabbath Practice
	5:00 pm	Adventurer Meeting – Fitness Fun
Sunday	2:00 am	Daylight Saving Time begins
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Church Board Meeting
Sabbath	10:00 am	Sabbath School
	11:30 am	International Sabbath Worship Service – Phil Vasseur & Synai
	1:00 pm	Fellowship Lunch – International theme
	2:00 pm	Pathfinder Sabbath Practice
	5:00 pm	Pathfinder Meeting
	7:30 pm	Pathfinder Staff Meeting

### Announcements

**Today** we welcome our speaker, John Grayson. John graduated from Atlantic Union College in 1964 with a bachelor's degree in theology. He is an ordained Seventh-day Adventist minister and has been a professor of religion at Mt Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts since 1977. Dr. Grayson earned a Ph.D. from Columbia University and a Masters Degree from the Seminary at Andrews University. Professor Grayson is a Fulbright Fellow, a Ford Fellow and a Danforth Associate. Before entering academia he pastored Adventist churches in Queens and Brooklyn New York.

**Daylight Saving Time** begins tomorrow morning at 2 a.m. Don't forget to spring your clocks forward 1 hour.

**International Women's Day of Prayer** is today. Women all around the world will be taking time to make this day a special day of Prayer. We will have a session of prayer immediately following today's service at the front of the sanctuary. Please feel free to join us.

**Sunset Tonight 5:43**

**Next Friday 6:50**

Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church  
March 7, 2009

# Worship Celebration

The Beloved Community

## Gathering to Worship

Prelude	Marianne Wiacek
Worship Host's Greeting	Juanita Ortiz
Call to Worship	

## Praising His Name

Praise Songs	The Cordero Family
<i>He Has Made Me Glad</i>	
<i>You are My All in All</i>	
<i>Praise to the Lord</i>	
Congregational Prayer	Eve Pajela
Gifts of Worship	Sherri Dovich
<i>Local Church Budget</i>	
Offertory	Marianne Wiacek

## Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner	Carine Garozzo
Scripture Lesson	Graciela Robles
<i>Matthew 5:43-47</i>	
Worship in Song	Stephanie Goelzer & Fermin Peralta
<i>Remember Me</i>	
Sabbath Message	John Grayson
<i>The Blessed Fall</i>	

## Dedicating Our Lives

Hymn of Dedication	#12
<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	
Prayer of Dedication	John Grayson
Worship Host's Benediction	Juanita Ortiz
Postlude	Marianne Wiacek

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

## Future Church Events

Mar 14	International Sabbath
Mar 21	Communion
Mar 28	Pathfinder Sabbath
Mar 28	Adventurer Sleepover and Bike Rodeo
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: February Report

Offerings	Received	Monthly budget
Church Budget	\$3,170.00	\$3,792.00
Building Fund	\$3,162.00	\$3,250.00
Special Offerings To-Date	Received	Needed
Sound System	\$1,143.00	\$6,025.00

**Bulletin information** should be sent to Sherri Dovich (e-mail: [bulletin@mvsda.org](mailto: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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**Church Board Meeting** is schedule for 7 pm Tuesday evening, March 10, 2009. Board Members, if you are not able to attend please contact Pastor Phil Vasseur by Monday evening.

**International Sabbath - March 14**, is a celebration of our cultural diversity here at Merrimack Valley Church. All are encouraged to wear clothing which exhibits their cultural heritage or country of origin. After the worship service our Fellowship Dinner will feature foods from around the world. We will need Entrées, vegetables, salads, bread, drink and dessert. Bring enough for your family plus a little extra for visitors. Please plan to share your heritage as we fellowship.

**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?*

**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:** Someone once said, “The commandment we break the most is the ninth—“Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy brother.” This commandment prohibits gossip, libel, slander, and misrepresentation at any time under any circumstances. We will miss the moral significance of this commandment if we consider it as a mere prohibition of lying in general. 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