
FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS



Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church Newsletter
March/April 2004

Casting Vision

Finding the Lost

By Pastor Dan Martella



Following an exhilarating performance at New York City's Carnegie Hall, celebrated classical cellist Yo-Yo Ma went home, slept through the night, and awoke the next morning exhausted and rushed. He called a cab to take him to a hotel on the other side of Manhattan and placed his \$2.5 million hand-crafted cello in the trunk. When he reached his destination he paid the driver, but forgot to take his cello with him.

Yo-Yo Ma suddenly realized what he had done as soon as the cab disappeared around the corner. He immediately launched a desperate search for his missing instrument. Fortunately he had the receipt with the cabby's ID number. After searching all day the taxi was located in a garage in Queens with the priceless cello still in the trunk. When Yo-Yo Ma was reunited with his cello, there was great joy.

Our heavenly Father has many children who are lost in today's cities and towns—people whose music will come to life when touched by the Master's fingers. An all out search must be made to find these dear people and reunite them with God. This is the mission of the church, and we accomplish this mission by sharing Jesus with our friends through personal and public evangelism.

This year our evangelistic outreach will include Bible Study Groups, Cooking School, Vacation Bible School, the placing of It Is Written on two local cable TV stations, and media interest card follow-up. The centerpiece of evangelism this year will again be the Video Bible School and Harvest Meetings in the Fall.

In March we will distribute 10,000 cards inviting friends across the valley to participate in the Video Bible School. Fifty plus Bible study contacts will need to be befriended with weekly

visits. Twenty volunteers from the church will be needed for this ministry. To sign up just contact Sue Markin or Andreas Goelzer.

In the fall we will once again hold public meetings in the church. This brief series of meetings will focus on bringing our Bible study students and other evangelistic contacts to a decision for Jesus Christ, baptism, and entrance into the church family.

Please remember the evangelistic efforts of our church in your prayers, giving, and personal participation. Let us be a church of friends helping friends become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Video Bible School

by Sue Markin

Last year's Video Bible School provided many blessings to our church. Two of our newest members were Video Bible School students. What a pleasure to see these people eagerly study God's Word and then follow God's leading in their hearts. There were several others who viewed quite a few of the tapes and with God's leading, will hopefully make a decision for Him some day.

The teams of Video Bible School instructors gained some valuable knowledge and experience in their witness for God. Under God's leadership, this year's video program promises to give us some new and exciting experiences. We are planning to have ten teams, or more, of two people to respond to the requested Bible studies. Two volunteers will be paired (husbands and wives make great partners) to take one video each week to the interested individual. The video will be dropped off, along with an outline and quiz for each lesson (two lessons per tape). The next week each team will return with another video, outlines and quizzes and will go over the

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The Secret of Believing Prayer

by *Gustav Mergenthaler*

THE SECRET OF BELIEVING PRAYER can be divided into various sections.

Today we want to look at God's word and prayer. In 2T 338 by E.G. White, she writes, "If the word of God is studied prayerfully, all reading which will have the tendency to divert the mind from it will be excluded. If we study the word of God with an interest and pray to understand it, new beauties will be seen in every line. God will reveal precious truth so clearly that the mind will derive sincere pleasure and have a continual feast as its comforting sublime truths are unfolded."

The vital connection between the Word and prayer is one of the simplest and earliest lessons of the Christian life. Before prayer, God's word strengthens me by giving my faith its justification and its petition. And after prayer, God's word prepares me by revealing what the Father wants me to ask.

In prayer, God's word brings me the answer, for in it the Spirit allows me to hear the Father's voice.

Prayer is not monologue, but dialogue. The most essential part is God's voice in response to mine. Listening to God's voice is the secret of the assurance that He will listen to mine. "Incline thine ear and hear," "give ear to me," and "hearken to my voice," are words that God speaks to man as well as man to God. His hearkening will depend on ours. My willingness to accept His words will determine the power my words have with Him. What God's words are to me is the test of what He Himself is to me. It shows the uprightness of my desire to meet Him in prayer.

It is this connection between His Word and our prayer that Jesus points to when He says, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7). The deep importance of this truth becomes clear if we notice the expression that this one replaces. More than once Jesus had said, "Abide in me and I in you."

His abiding in us was the complement and the crown of our abiding in Him. But here, instead of "Ye in me and I in you," He says, "Ye in me and my words in you." The abiding of His words is the equivalent of Himself abiding.

God, however, is the infinite Being in Whom everything is life, power, spirit, and truth, in the very deepest meaning of the

words. When God reveals Himself in His words, He does indeed give Himself—His love and His life, His will and His power—to those who receive these words, in a reality that passes all comprehension. In every promise, He gives us the power to grasp and possess Himself. In every command, He allows us to share His will, His holiness, and His perfection. God's word gives us God Himself. That word is nothing less than the Eternal Son, Jesus Christ. Therefore, all of Christ's words are God's words, full of a Divine, quickening life and power. "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life."

As the words of Christ enter our very hearts, becoming and influencing our very lives, our words will enter His heart and influence Him. My prayer will depend on my life: Whatever God's words are to me and in me will determine what my words will be to God and in God. If I do what God says, God will do what I say.

The Old Testament saints understood this connection between God's words and ours quite well. Their prayer really was a loving response to what they had heard God speak. If the words were a promise, they counted on God to do as He had spoken. "Do as Thou has said," "for Thou, Lord, hast spoken it," "According to Thy promise," "According to Thy word." In such expressions they showed that what God spoke in promise was the root and the life of what they spoke in prayer. If the word was a command, they simply did as the Lord had spoken: "So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken." Their lives were fellowship with God, the exchange of word and thought. What God spoke they heard and did; what they spoke God heard and did. In each word, He speaks to us, and the whole Christ gives Himself to fulfill it. For each word, He asks no less than that we give the whole man to keep that word and to receive its fulfillment.

"If my words abide in you." The condition is simple and clear. In His words His will is revealed. As the words reside in our hearts His desire will take the place of our own. Our will becomes the empty vessel that His fills, and the willing instrument which His will rules. He fills our inner being. In the exercise of obedience and faith, our will becomes stronger and is brought into deeper inner harmony with Him. Because He can fully trust us to desire nothing but what He wills, He is not afraid to give the promise, "If my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." To all who believe it and act upon it, he will make it literally true.

Disciples of Christ! While we have been excusing our unanswered prayers with a fancied submission to God's wisdom and will, the real reason has been that our own feeble

lives have been the cause of our feeble prayers! Nothing can make man strong but the word coming from God's mouth. By that we must live. The word of Christ makes us one with Him and fits us spiritually for touching and taking hold of God. We must love and live in that Word, letting it abide in and become part of us. "I did not understand that the secret of faith is this; there can be only as much faith as there is of the living Word dwelling in the soul." All that is of the world passes away. Whoever does God's will lives forever. Let us yield heart and life to the words of Christ, the words in which He gives Himself, the personal living Savior. His promise will become our rich experience: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

We are to receive God's word as supreme authority. We must accept its truth for ourselves. And we can appreciate these truths only as we search them out by personal study. We should read God's word daily, repeating Bible verses and promises, putting them on our doorposts and hanging them on our walls (Deut. 6:9). We can make the atmosphere of our homes, offices, or wherever we spend our time such that we constantly will be reminded of our new life in Christ. What a witness doing so would be. Then, as we make God's word the guide of our lives, for us is answered the prayer of Christ: "Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth." (John 17:17) The acknowledgement of the truth in word and deed is our confession of faith. Only thus can others know that we believe in the Bible, EGW, 6T402 403.

Watch for the next segment in the next issue of the newsletter.

Pathfinders

By Rita McCall

The Pathfinder club had their yearly inspection on January 4, 2004. We had a few missing uniform parts but everything else was fine. Lydia Rojas was our inspector since Sherri Dovich, the area coordinator for our club, is also a staff member of our club. Lydia observed the Golden Girls Unit finish their block-printing honor and begin the selection for their quilting honor. The boys were working on soap craft and the Chick-lettes (younger girls) were working on class work. They were tying knots and Lydia gave them a few hints on knot tying. She then played Catch Phrase with the Golden Girls Unit. Lydia played a drill down game with the kids. She gave commands and if the Pathfinders did not perform according to the marching and drilling rules they were eliminated. Jose Mortimer remained to the end! Congratulations, Jose!

The Mosquitoes and Archers (boys units) are now working on screen-printing and we can't wait to see the creations that they develop. The Golden Girls are working on their quilting honor and are doing a great job. Linda Martella has been teaching and guiding them in their creations. The Chick-lettes unit is working on cooking. There is always a delightful aroma coming from the kitchen on Sunday afternoon. They have made chocolate chip cookies, crescent rolls and cakes. Yum!

On February 29, we are planning to go bowling before our meeting. Family and church members are welcome to join us. We will be leaving from the church at 12:30 that Sunday and plan to return by 3:00.

On March 14, we will go maple sugaring and will observe the complete process and do some sampling! Again, family and church members are invited to join us. Details will be announced in the church bulletin.

Pathfinder Sabbath is always a special treat and this year Sheldon Cooper will be our guest speaker. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 27. The church service will be followed by an indoor picnic. We will spend the afternoon at the New England Aquarium and Saturday evening at the Salem Athletic Club. Family and church members are encouraged to join us. A sign-up sheet will be available on the church bulletin board. We will be able to play volleyball, basketball, wallyball, and swimming. This is a great family day that the Pathfinders look forward to. We hope you will come and help make it even more special.

Thank you all for supporting us and keeping us in your prayers. Our young people need our encouragement and guidance. Pathfinders is a great experience for all that participate. Stop by some Sunday afternoon. We would love to see you.

Schedule for March and April:

February 29	12:30 - 3 p.m.	Bowling
	3 - 6 p.m.	Regular Meeting, field uniform
March 14	10:45 a.m.	Maple Sugaring
	3 - 6 p.m.	Regular Meeting, dress uniform Staff meeting
March 21	3 - 6 p.m.	Regular Meeting, field uniform
March 27	10 a.m.	Pathfinder Sabbath Potluck picnic lunch New England Aquarium
	6 p.m.	Salem Athletic Club
April 4	TBA	Easter Egg Hunt
	3 - 6 p.m.	Regular Meeting, dress uniform Staff meeting
April 25	11:30 - 3	Camping Skills
	3 - 6 p.m.	Regular meeting - field uniform

A Widow's Tithe

By Yvonne Thomas, NAD Stewardship Newsletter

When I was 24, my husband died of cancer, and I was left with five children ranging in age from seven to twin girls a year old.

Shortly after my husband's death a gentleman who had known me as a child came to the door and asked if I would like to go to church sometime. I told him yes, for I needed something to help me through this awful time.

It was wonderful to learn the truths from God's Word. One Sabbath at church the pastor preached about tithing. He showed us a large board with two columns of numbers. The first column listed rent, food, electricity, clothes, medical expenses, and tithe and offerings, in that order. There was little left for the tithe. The second column listed tithe and offerings at the top and all other expenses listed below. As the pastor spoke, the Holy Spirit was doing His work. Until then I had felt exempt from returning tithe because of my situation as a widow on a small income with five children. How would we live if I took money out for tithe?

As I prayed about this, I felt God was saying, "Test Me; My Word is true." So with fear and trembling I placed my tithe in a tithe envelope, not knowing when my children would eat their next meal.

I cannot say that there were not times of hardship, but I can say that God was always true to His Word. One time we had nothing left in the cupboard. I gathered my children around for prayer, and within a few minutes we heard a knock at the door. There stood two ladies with bags of groceries. We lived twelve miles out in the country, so I knew that before I had asked, God was already acting to answer my prayer.

Miracle At Christmas

By Daniel E. Fider, NAD Stewardship Newsletter

On this Friday night the church was bustling with people arriving for meetings or preparing for the annual Christmas musical. As I drove into the parking lot someone shouted, "There's a car on fire!"

In shock we watched an old car go up in flames. It belonged to a single mother and her five children. By the time the fire truck arrived, it was too late to save the car. We pushed the burned-out hulk to the back of the parking lot.

Then I became angry. Why did such a tragedy happen to this poor woman who was hardly able to pay her bills? How was she going to manage her large family now? How could God be so unreasonable as to allow this tragedy? If my car had burned, I realized I could go to the dealer on Monday morning with a great excuse to pick out the car I've always wanted, and it would be mine, just like that.

As I walked into the church my anger at God carried over into the Sabbath School teachers' meeting I attended. I spoke of the seemingly senseless tragedy that God had allowed. The Sabbath School superintendent looked at me and said, "Maybe this tragedy is not for Joyce. Maybe God is waiting to see how we will respond." Nothing more was said about the matter.

I called the pastor and requested permission to ask the congregation for help the next morning. My wife suggested that I should forego whatever I had intended to spend for a Christmas gift for her. She said I could give the money to help purchase a used car that this mother could use on a temporary basis until something else could be worked out. Before Sabbath School started, I had collected \$250 privately. We brought the idea to the church during main service, hoping to collect about \$600. Within ten minutes after presenting the matter to the church, the congregation of about 500 people had contributed \$3,500.

God had more than answered my prayer and had rewarded the faith of a Sabbath School superintendent. But the miracle wasn't over. As soon as I took my seat after making my appeal, a deacon gave me a note that read, "I have a car in the garage that I am not using. If you want it for this woman, you may have it." When I picked up the car the next day, I found to my amazement that it was a full-size car suitable for this woman's family. It was the same make and model as the car I drove, two years newer, and had less mileage!

Within two days the family that had lost an old rusty car now had an almost-new one. They had paid the insurance for one whole year, paid off a portion of an outstanding school bill, and were rejoicing in the Lord.

Of course it was a miracle for them. And it was a powerful lesson for me.

Steve Green in Concert

Steve Green will be in concert at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord, NH on April 3, 2004 at 7 p.m. For ticket information call 603-225-1111.

Video Bible School

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previous week's quizzes with the student. The teams will be provided with answer sheets for the quizzes. During this review with the student, the team members will have the opportunity to answer any questions that arise. If the questions can't be answered right then, the student will be told that the question will be researched for the following meeting. Working with teams of two provides great support for each member. Jesus used this approach to witnessing with His disciples.

Andreas Goelzer and I will be working again this year as coordinators for the Video Bible School and believe that God wants to bless our church with even greater success for Him. Two things are needed from our church family. The first is the prayers of church members that God will bless our outreach for Him to the community, our families and friends. Secondly, volunteers are needed to make up the teams that will go out to the homes. Most of us are uncomfortable about trying something like this, but with the training session each team member attends, along with a well organized program set up by the Kenneth Cox Evangelism team, all that is needed is the willingness to try an adventure with God. He will be with you every step of the way! Please contact Andreas or myself so we can organize the teams soon. Invitations for the Video Bible School will be mailed starting in March.

Thank you for your support!

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Start Saving Your Dollars for the Church Sign

Donations may be sent to Merrimack Valley SDA
Church, marked "church sign"

SCRIP Program date

by Ingrid Mergenthaler

Hopefully by now everyone knows what *SCRIP* is.

Schoolpop recently bought the National Scrip Center. Everything remains the same except the NSC MBNA Master Card. Schoolpop did not buy the NSC MBNA MasterCard because Schoolpop has the Schoolpop Visa Card instead. The VISA Card contributes to our organization 1percent of all purchases as well as an initial bonus of \$20.00 for the first use of the card. Other benefits are zero percent interest for 6 months and a low APR thereafter. With the Schoolpop Visa, all payments are reliably processed and paid on a quarterly basis. Schoolpop has invested \$10 million in a technology infrastructure focused on customer reporting and processing.

You will need to contact Jennie Richardson at 866-386-3383, ext. 302 or email her at jrichardson@schoolpop.com if you are interested in signing up for the VISA card or if you need to switch from the old MasterCard. NOTE: The MBNA MasterCard is no longer providing our organization with a percentage of the purchases made on that card.

At the last business meeting several ways were shared by which we can add to the Building Fund without spending extra money.

There is also a new card called The American Express Encompass Everyday card. It is not a credit card, but is used as a debit card anywhere American Express is accepted.

I shared at the business meeting, that if as few as 25 families participate in the *SCRIP* program, Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church could raise more than \$7,000.00 a year. It doesn't get much easier than this!

What are we waiting for? Let's start using a program that has been proven as a great fundraiser! The website you can go to for a list of all participating merchants is:
www.nationalscripcenter.org/Merchant%20List.pdf

The merchant list grows regularly, so it's a good idea to go to the website on a regular basis to see the new additions.

Also, the traditional *SCRIP* for specific merchants has not changed. If you want to order specific merchant cards you can still do that.

There will be more info coming in the next newsletter. In the meantime, go to the website, start using this program, and contact me at (603) 894-7295 if you have any questions.

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ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - KIDS CHORUS



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - LADIES CHORUS



Pictured from left: Sherri Dovich, Linda Martella, Ingrid Mergenthaler, Marge Patch, Karen McClendon, Jean McKillop, and Jon Kidd

12 VOICES OF CHRISTMAS CAST



Pictured from left: back: Pastor Martella, Bob Moynihan, Warren Saxton, Michael Casadine, Steven Dovich, Greg Irrgang, and Dale Jacobson, front: Heidi Martella, Gus Mergenthaler, Ashley Moynihan, Jeanette Voltaire, and Alice Jacobson

MERRIMACK VALLEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CONGREGATION 12-20-2003



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PATHFINDERS - INSPECTION



Pictured from left: Archers, Chick-lets, and Golden Girls units

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Pictured: King's Kids Pathfinder Club

SOAPCRAFT



Pictured back to front: Taylor Masotta, Lydia Rojas, Jose Mortimer, and Michael Casadine

BAKING



Pictured: Celina Uy

PIZZA OUTING WITH THE BOYS UNIT



Pictured from left: Matt Heng, Jose Mortimer, Taylor Masotta, Ricky Rocha, Rutendo Gomwe

QUILTING



Pictured: Linda Neang

Kids - get your crayons and color this picture



Jesus Is Alive
Matthew 27, 28, John 18-20

Bible Word Search - Easter

All the words listed below are in the puzzle. Circle each word as you find it. After you have found all the words, the leftover letters will reveal the mystery word.

A	R	S	P	R	I	N	G	E	H	R	I	S	E	N
L	P	A	S	S	O	V	E	R	E	T	R	I	A	L
I	B	B	C	A	L	V	A	R	Y	M	A	S	M	J
V	M	B	U	N	P	R	E	D	E	E	M	E	D	E
E	O	A	A	H	T	O	G	L	O	G	L	A	D	S
R	T	R	G	E	T	H	S	E	M	A	N	E	U	U
A	R	A	E	D	C	W	G	T	S	P	I	C	A	S
C	R	B	L	R	A	G	O	U	L	F	E	N	C	P
H	E	R	O	I	S	L	R	R	I	E	G	A	A	R
R	T	S	E	N	P	E	E	C	S	E	S	R	C	I
I	S	T	A	S	J	M	U	N	L	H	A	A	J	E
S	O	M	B	E	T	R	A	Y	E	D	I	E	U	S
T	O	I	R	A	C	S	I	R	E	T	E	P	D	T
R	R	I	H	C	R	U	H	C	Y	O	J	P	A	O
G	A	R	D	E	N	O	I	T	A	V	L	A	S	N

Alive
Angel
Apostles
Appearance
Arrest
Barabbas
Betrayed
Calvary
Christ
Church
Cross
Crucified
Death
Eggs
Emmaus
Garden
Gethsemane
Golgotha
Iscairiot
Jerusalem
Jesus

Joy
Judas
Magdalene
Mary
Parade
Passover
Peace
Peter
Pilate
Priest
Redeemed
Risen
Romans
Rooster
Salvation
Sanhedrin
Spring
Tomb
Trial
Worship

Bible Quiz - Easter

- Who condemned Jesus to die on the cross?
 - The elders of the temple
 - The chief priests
 - The roman emperor
 - The roman governor
- Who did the Roman soldiers force to carry Jesus' cross?
 - Joseph of Arimathea
 - Barabbas
 - Pontius Pilate
 - Simon of Cyrene

- Who was NOT among the first to discover, on the resurrection morning, that Jesus had risen from the dead?
 - Mary Magdalene
 - Mary, mother of James
 - Simon Peter, the disciple
 - Thomas, the disciple
- Which of Jesus' disciples refused, at first, to believe that Jesus had risen?
 - James
 - John
 - Peter
 - Thomas

MVC Library

The library here at the Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist church is looking for books published in the past 15 years. If you have some you would like to donate, please contact Nancy Saxton at 603-893-5809.

You can view this newsletter on-line at
<http://www.mvsda.org/?section=newsletter>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 20 Lee Gugliotto Seminar
- 21 Lee Gugliotto Seminar
Fellowship dinner
- 22 Lee Gugliotto Seminar
- 26 7:30 p.m. Elder meeting
- 29 1 - 3 p.m. Pathfinders - Bowling
3 - 6 p.m. Pathfinder mtg - field uniform

March

- 6 SNEC - Teen Prayer Conference
Nursing home ministry
- 9 7:30 p.m. Church board mtg
- 13 Communion
Nursing home ministry
- 14 10:45 a.m. Pathfinders - Maple Sugaring
3 - 6 p.m. Pathfinder mtg - dress uniform - staff mtg
- 20 International Sabbath
Fellowship dinner
- 21 3 - 6 p.m. Pathfinder mtg - field uniform
- 25 7:30 p.m. Elder meeting
- 27 Pathfinder Sabbath
- 28 10 - 5 p.m. Craft Fair

April

- 3 Nursing home ministry
Newsletter submission due
7 p.m. Steve Green Concert
- 4 2 a.m. Daylight Savings time begins
Easter egg hunt
3 - 6 p.m. Pathfinder mtg - dress uniform - staff mtg
- 10 Fellowship dinner
Nursing home ministry
- 13 7:30 p.m. Church board mtg
- 25 11:30 - 3 p.m. Pathfinders Camping Skills
3 - 6 p.m. Pathfinder mtg - field uniform
- 29 7:30 p.m. Elder meeting

****Watch the MVC bulletin or MVSDA.org for further information regarding up coming events****



Craft Fair

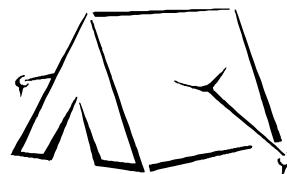
Sunday, March 28, 2004
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Merrimack Valley SDA Church
(see page 12 for more details)

Easter Egg Hunt

Bring the Kids for a Fun-Filled Event
Sunday, April 4, 2004
Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church



Southern New England Conference Campmeeting



June 18 - June 26, 2004
Campmeeting grounds
South Lancaster, MA

Speakers & presenters include:

Dr. Donald G. King, Dr. M. Lloyd Erickson,
Charles Sandefur, Steve Darmody, Patricia R. Garey,
Jeff Wilson, and Dr. Leonard Holst.

Cooking School

Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist
Church



April 2004

Watch for more
information in the
church bulletin.

Salisbury Beach Picnic



Fun in the Sun for the whole family
August 29, 2004
Salisbury Beach, Salisbury, MA

In the Kitchen

Spring Master Cleanser

By Juanita Ortiz

2 Tablespoons fresh lemon or lime juice
 1 Tablespoon pure maple syrup (up to 2 tablespoons if you want to drop less weight)
 1/10 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 8 ounces spring water

Mix and drink 8-12 glasses throughout the day. Eat or drink nothing else except water, laxative herb tea, and peppermint or chamomile tea. Keep the Cleanser in a glass container (not plastic) or make it fresh each time. Rinse your mouth with water after each glass to prevent the lemon juice from hurting the enamel of your teeth.

Fresh fruit or vegetable juices diluted with equal amounts of water will also stimulate cleansing. Some good vegetable choices are carrots, celery, beets, and greens. Soup broths can also be used. Juices with blue-green algae, spirulina, or chlorella provide more energy, as they contain quality protein (amino acids) and are easily assimilated.

Taken from the book *The Detox Diet* by Elson M. Haas, M.D.



Nature's Whey

Merrimack Valley SDA Church health food store is

open for business. The order forms are located on the Community Service cabinet in the fellowship hall, and should be returned to Joan Reiss with your payment. Payment for bulk orders of herbs and grains may be paid after delivery.

****Don't forget, the church building fund receives a percent of your purchases****

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

3 Eliana Rocha
 8 Marge Patch
 17 Melissa McClendon
 18 Sue Markin
 19 Kyn-Ree Lee
 21 Tyler Lewandowski
 25 Linda Neang
 26 Maxine Sears
 28 Jose Mortimer
 30 Danielle Mortimer Jr.
 31 Shayla Crowley

APRIL

2 Wanda Candelario
 3 Tom Sing
 7 Louise Ford
 7 Dan Martella
 9 Elizabeth Dovich
 10 Blanche Castle
 10 Sherri Dovich
 12 Petty Gomwe
 16 Ingrid Mergenthaler
 18 Joyce LaRoche
 20 Millie Vazquez
 21 Taylor Masotta
 22 Gloria Candelario
 24 Celina Uy
 29 Diana Newell

In Celebration

Alexander Jacob Dovich



Born Friday, January 16, he weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces. He is the son of Steven and Sherri Dovich, and joins his sister Elizabeth.

In Memory



Mildred Irene Howe, mother of Joan Swenson died Thursday, January 8, in Dayton, Ohio. She was 93 years old. A memorial service was held Thursday, January 15, at the Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church, Dracut, Massachusetts. Mildred donated funds for the Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church baptistry. Our sympathies continue with Joan and her family and friends.

Pauline McClendon, mother of Tim McClendon died Friday, February 6, in Breman, Alabama. She was 79 years old. Our sympathies continue with Tim and his family. Her husband's address is 1393 County Rd., #68, Breman, Alabama 35033.

Craft Fair

The first Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church sponsored Craft Fair will be held at the church Sunday, March 28, 2004 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



If you or anyone you know has crafts they want to sell, a table can be rented for \$30.00. Contact Karen McClendon for an application (978) 658-2893.

In addition to the crafts, the Adventist Book Center will be there with books, CD's, tapes and children's materials, and the church will also be selling baked goods. Volunteers are needed to bake for the bake sale. Look for a sign up sheet on the church bulletin board.

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****If you do NOT wish to receive this newsletter in the future please contact Sherri Dovich****

A Night in October



**An Evening of Food, Fun and Entertainment
Sunday, October 24, 2004
Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church**

Web resources

<http://www.mvsda.org> - Merrimack Valley SDA Church
<http://www.mvsda.org/?section=newsletter> - MVC online newsletter
<http://www.adventist.org> - SDA World Church
<http://www.sneonline.org> - Southern New England Conference
<http://www.plusline.org> - Adventist resources
<http://www.pathfindersonline.org> - NAD Pathfinders
<http://www.twopaths.com/wordsearch.htm> - Bible Word Search Puzzles

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