

# FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS



Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church Newsletter  
November/December 2003

*Casting Vision*

## Time to Take Action



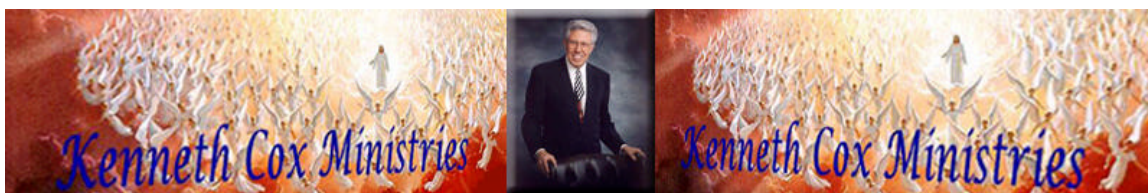
Seventh-day Adventists today tend to shy away from addressing social justice issues. While we have found a comfortable niche in community services and disaster relief ministries, few of us join ranks with Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, Habitat For Humanity, AIDS researchers, the United Way, and other service programs in the community.

The founders of our church were active in addressing the social issues of their day: Slavery, prohibition, health reform, and the improving role of women. John Byington, our first

General Conference President, engaged in civil disobedience by helping slaves to gain their freedom. Joseph Bates joined the antislavery movement amid fears of losing what friends he still had left after helping launch the American Temperance Society. James White was a pastor in the Christian Connection, the first denomination to ordain women. Ellen White encouraged Adventists to take a pacifist stance during the Civil War. Early editions of Bible Readings for the Home included a chapter on "Our Duty to the Poor."

It is time for God's people to recapture and champion the practical and social implications of the gospel when it comes to such issues of feeding the hungry, clothing the ragged, bridging the racial divide, healthful living, wholesome entertainment, literacy and education, the preservation of the family, and a host of other issues. It's time to take action. It is the Christian thing to do. The Adventist thing to do.

## You are invited to attend this special Seminar What is Jesus Doing Now?



<i>Christ Must Have Something to Offer</i>	7:00 p.m.	Friday	October 31
<i>Entrance into God's Kingdom</i>	11:30 a.m.	Saturday	November 1
<i>Book of Life</i>	2:30 p.m.	Saturday	November 1
<i>Tabernacle of the Testimony</i>	4:30 p.m.	Saturday	November 1
<i>Everlasting Covenant</i>	10:30 a.m.	Sunday	November 2
<i>It is Finished</i>	1:15 p.m.	Sunday	November 2

Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church, 408 Broadway, Dracut, MA

**Complimentary lunch services** will be provided on Saturday and Sunday.

**Children's Programs** will be available for kids from 0 - 11 years of age. There will be singing, Bible stories, crafts and much much more.

# Certain Answers to Prayer

by *Gustav Mergenthaler*

Prayer must be specific. Our prayers must be a distinct expression of definite need, not a vague appeal to His mercy or an indefinite cry for blessing. It isn't that His loving heart does not understand or is not ready to hear our cry. Rather, Jesus desires such definite prayer for our own sakes because it teaches us to know our own needs better. Some of our prayer is even pointless. We ask to be delivered from sin, but do not name any sin from which a deliverance can be claimed. Others pray for God's blessing on those around them—for the outpouring of God's spirit on their land or on to the world—and yet have no specific field where they can wait and expect to see the answer. To everyone the Lord says, "what do you really want, what do you expect me to do?"

Just as every Christian must have his/her own specific field of labor in which to serve God, they must also make their prayers specific. Not many prayers will reach the mark if we just pour out our hearts in a multitude of petitions, without taking time to see whether every petition is sent with the purpose and expectation of getting an answer.

Bow before the Lord with silence in your soul and ask such questions as these: What is really my desire? Do I desire in faith, expecting to receive an answer? Am I ready to present it to the Father and leave it there in his bosom? Is there agreement between God and me that I will get an answer?

Our expression of need, sin, love, faith and consecration must be accompanied by an explicit statement of what we are asking for and what we expect to receive. In response, the Father loves to give us a token of his approval and acceptance. The word of Jesus teaches us more. He does not say (Mark 10:51) "what do you want?", but "what do you want me to do for you?"

One often wishes for a thing without wanting it. I wish to have a certain article but the price is too high, so I decide not to take it. I wish, but not really want it. The lazy man wishes to be rich, but does not want it. Many people wish to be saved, but perish because they do not want it. Do you really want to have it enough to pray continuously until He hears you, no matter how long it takes?

How many prayers are wishes sent up for a short time and then forgotten! And how many are sent up year after year as a matter of duty, while we complacently wait without the answer. One may ask if it wouldn't be better to make our wishes known to God, leaving it to Him to decide what is best,

without our seeking to assert our wills. The answer is: by no means.

The prayer of faith, which Jesus sought to teach His disciples, does not simply proclaim its desire and then leave the decisions to God. That would be the prayer of submission for cases in which we cannot know God's will. But the prayer of faith, finding God's will in some promises of the Word, pleads for the fulfillment of the promise until it comes. In Matthew 9:28 or Mark 10:51 He said that faith had saved them. Faith is nothing

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## Sabbath School - Primary

### *Primaries are multiplying*

By *Linda Martella*

Primary Sabbath School has grown not only in height during the past year but in numbers as well. We now have 9-10 regular members up from 3-5 regular members.

This quarter we are exploring three main themes:

Community: What is important in life - we study about Deborah and Barak, Gideon, and Samson and Samuel;

Service: We serve God wherever we are - we study about Daniel; and

Grace: God's grace gives us hope and joy - through the birth of Jesus.

Bob and Rita McCall and Linda Martella take turns leading out in this division. Every week there are many activities, including crafts, singing, Bible quizzes, nature nuggets, mission features, games, Bible lessons and more.

You are always welcomed to visit this action backed division, you might even find you want to get involved. It's a wonderful ministry to work with this busy group of growing and fun-loving Primary Division members.



Pictured from left: Back row - Brian Portillo, Visitor, Rejoice Asomugha, Justin, Celina Uy, Front row - Visitor, Youda Ly, and Gabriella Rocha

# Pathfinders

by Rita McCall

The King's Kids Pathfinder club is off to a great start. We had our first meeting and registration on August 28th. We have 13 Pathfinders and 2 teens in training for leadership. Chali Masotta is our Deputy Director and a unit counselor. Bob McCall, Sherri Dovich, Sary Neang and Michael Casadine are unit counselors and Steven Dovich is our worship coordinator.



Pictured from left: Back row: Rita McCall, Bob McCall, Jose Mortimer, Taylor Masotta, Rutendo Gomwe, Sherri Dovich, Michael Casadine, Ashley Moynihan, Middle row: Franky Sok, Sary Neang, Flor Portillo, Danielle Mortimer, Carine Garozzo, Chali Masotta, Front row: Matt Heng, Sothy Voeun, Morgan Garneau, Celina Uy, Linda Neang, and Jodie Masotta.

Our first activity this year was Fall Camporee, September 19, 20, & 21 sponsored by the Southern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. It was held at the Camp Meeting grounds in South Lancaster, MA. Hurricane Isabelle threatened to cancel the weekend, but the sun was shining when we arrived to set up camp, and the rest of the weekend was just as good. The theme for this camporee and pathfinder year is "Use Me Lord". And many of our activities this weekend revolved around this theme. Like, seeing and tasting food rations used in refugee camps, bagging school supply items and personal hygiene items to be sent to underprivileged children in Honduras through Adventist Development and Relief Agency International (ADRA), and discussing ways to serve others in their own church, neighborhood and community.

The worship song services were exhilarating. And, I must say the youth in Southern New England are spiritually alive, talented, and ready and willing to serve their God. After the fun activities Sunday morning we were awarded a Blue Ribbon for a camporee first place.

Ricardo and Eleana Rocha joined us for the weekend and

cooked all our meals, we are most grateful for their help. Dale Cady, Karen McClendon, Ingrid Mergenthaler and Marge Patch made homemade desserts, a big thank you to them as well.

A special thank you to all who donated school supplies and hygiene products. Our club was able to put together 20 bags through the generosity of this church.

The girls units are working on the Block Printing honor. They have made their own stamps by cutting designs in potatoes. They also have created some lovely cards and gift bags with the help of the Stampin'Up demonstrator.

The boys units are working on model rockets and advanced model rockets. Their creations will be ready to soar in the next few weeks.

Induction Ceremony was held on Sabbath, October 4. Five new members were welcomed into the club.

We have been apple picking and to Topsfield Fair. The plans for the rest of October/November involve a fundraiser basket party on Sunday, October 19 at 3:00. If you have not received an invitation please join us anyway at the church and bring a friend.

We will be collecting food for the Thanksgiving Baskets and distributing the baskets to needy families.

Orders for fresh holiday wreaths will be taken until November 8, 2003 for delivery the week after Thanksgiving. Profits will help us attend the North American Division Camporee in Oshkosh, WI next summer.

We earned \$150 with your bulb orders. Thank you.

Pictures of all our activities are available for viewing through the Pathfinder web site. You may access the web site through the church web site [WWW.MVSDA.ORG](http://WWW.MVSDA.ORG) and click on Pathfinders and then Bob McCall's Pathfinder page or go directly to [WWW.GEOCITIES.COM/KINGSKIDSPATHFINDER](http://WWW.GEOCITIES.COM/KINGSKIDSPATHFINDER)

## SCHEDULE

Oct 25	1 - 5 p.m.	Can Collecting - bag distribution
Oct 26	TBA	Can Collecting - bag pickup Regular meeting - field uniform Fall Fun day
Oct 31 - Nov 2		Pathfinder Leadership training weekend
Nov 9	3 - 6 p.m.	Regular meeting - Dress Uniform Staff meeting
Nov 16	3 - 6 p.m.	Regular meeting - field uniform
Nov 22	TBA	Food basket distribution
Dec 7	3 - 6 p.m.	Regular meeting - Dress uniform Staff meeting
Dec 14	3 - 6 p.m.	Regular meeting - field uniform

# Picture Gallery

## PATHFINDERS - FALL CAMPOREE CAMPSITE



## SUNDAY FUN EVENTS - ROBOT MANIA



Pictured: Franky Sok with blindfold

## TASTING REFUGE RATIONS



Pictured: Morgan Garneau

## SUNDAY FUN EVENTS - JUMP A ROPE



Pictured from left: Chali Masotta, Jodie Masotta, Carine Garozzo, and Michael Casadine. Franky Sok

## PUTTING TOGETHER SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS



Pictured from bottom left: Jodie Masotta, Flor Portillo, Jessica Masotta, Chali Masotta, Morgan Garneau, Michael Casadine, Matt Heng, Sothy Vooun

## SUNDAY FUN EVENTS - FRISBEE TOSS



Pictured: Jodie Masotta throwing the Frisbee

# Picture Gallery

## PATHFINDERS - APPLE PICKING



Pictured: Matt Heng

## TOPSFIELD FAIR - BUMPER CARS



Pictured from left: Jose Mortimer, Rutendo Gomwe, and Sothy Veoun



Pictured from left: Elizabeth Dovich, Steven Dovich

## TOPSFIELD FAIR - GIANT PUMPKIN



Pictured from left: Sothy Voeun, Matt Heng

## INDUCTION CEREMONY



Pictured: King's Kids Pathfinder club

## MVC - DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE



Pictured from left: Pastor Dan Martella, Richardo Rocha, Rufaro Gomwe, and Kellywan Kan



### Fall Fun Day

Scheduled for Sunday, October 26. Come for the fun, come for the fellowship, come for the games, come for the prizes, or just come to help. It's a day for the whole family, and don't forget to bring your friends. Watch the MVC bulletin for more information, or contact Vivian Irrgang.



### 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 % of your purchases\*\*

### Birds

Two word searches using the same list of words, one is easy and one is hard. Can you figure out which is which?

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- KITE
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- LOON
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- MARTEN
- MOCKER
- MYNA
- ORIOLE
- OSTRICH
- OWL
- PEACOCK
- PELICAN
- PENGUIN
- PHEASANT
- QUAIL
- RAVEN
- ROBIN
- ROOK
- SNIBE
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- THRUSH
- TURKEY
- WARBLE
- WOODPECKER
- WREN

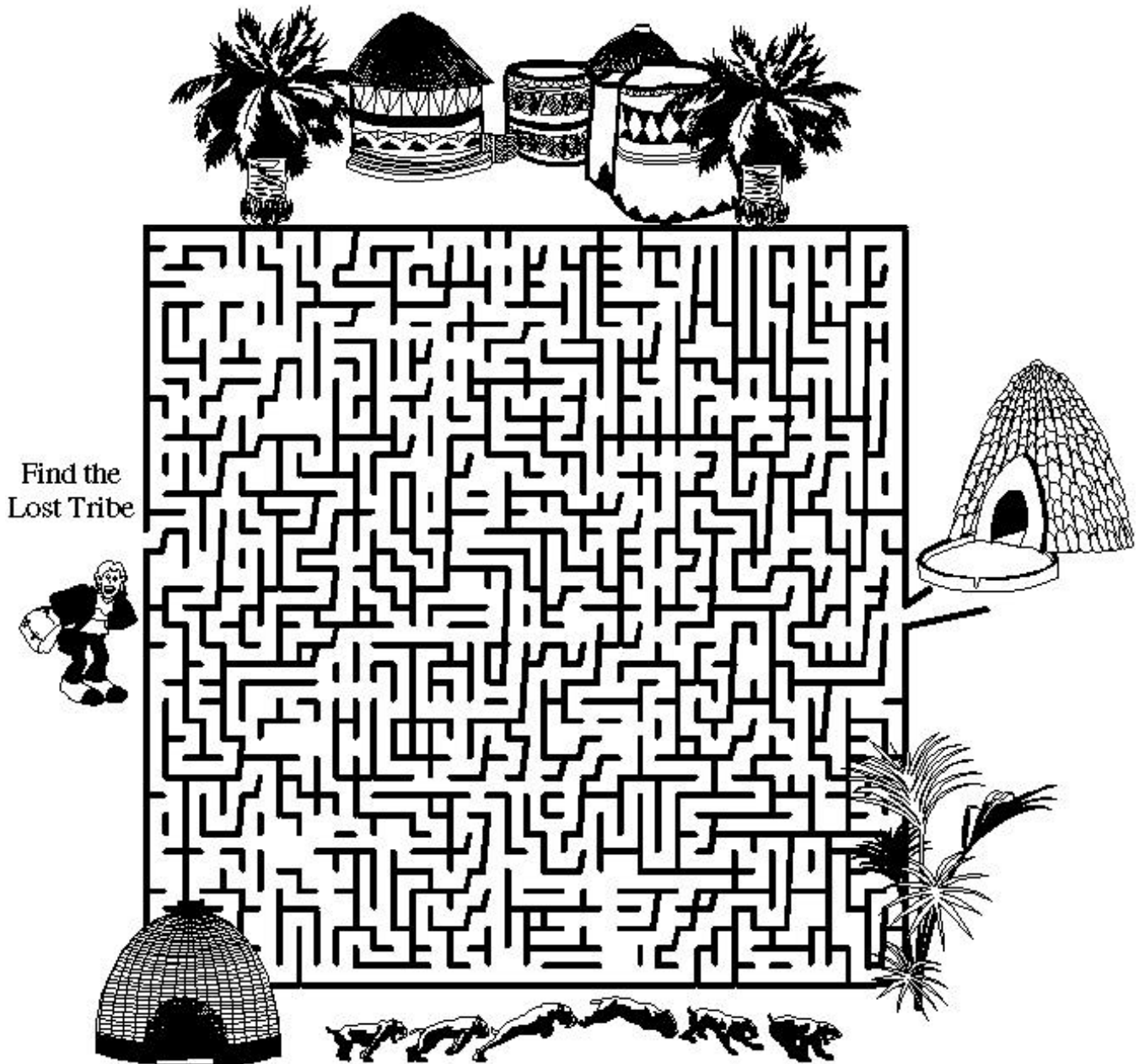
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## Telling others about Jesus isn't always easy... but it is very important!

Pretend that you are a missionary in the rain forest. You have just heard about a tribe that lives far away. The tribal leaders want to hear about Jesus Christ and about how Jesus can give them eternal life. You must find your way through the rain forest to find them and tell them about Jesus.

In reality, not many of us will ever become missionaries in the rain forest... but we are missionaries to our friends and neighbors. When we understand how much God loves us, we begin to realize how important it is to tell them about Jesus. If you don't tell your friends about Jesus' love, they may never know what they are missing. Yes, telling others about Jesus is very important.

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16)."*



Friends helping friends become fully devoted followers of Christ



# Bible Study Groups

## **Billerica/Tewksbury**

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### ***Unsealing Daniel's Mysteries***

Beginning: Friday, November 7 at 7:00 pm  
Hosts: Gary & Marge Patch  
4 Eric Drive ~ Billerica ~ 978/663-4544

## **Lawrence**

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### ***The Voice of Prophecy Speaks***

Beginning: Wednesday, November 12 at 7:00 pm  
Hosts: Blanche Castle & Louise Ford  
75 1/2 Chester Street ~ Lawrence ~ 978/685-6162

## **Lowell**

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### ***Unsealing Daniel's Mysteries***

Beginning: Tuesday, November 11 at 7:30 pm  
Hosts: Gustav Mergenthaler and Ricardo & Lia Rocha  
70 17th Street ~ Lowell ~ 978/455-1478

## **Merrimack Valley Cambodian**

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### ***New Beginnings***

Beginning: Saturday Afternoons, October 11  
Host: Chan Chou  
4 Westfall Road ~ Pelham ~ 603/453-2165

## **Metheun**

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### ***Home Bible Fellowship***

Beginning: Monday, November 10 at 7:30 pm  
Hosts: Jay & Marianne Wiacek  
22 Delmont Street ~ Metheun ~ 987/682-2843

## **Metheun Spanish**

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### ***Jesus' Faith***

Beginning: Friday, November 7 at 6:30 pm  
Hosts: Juanita Ortiz and Michael Casadine  
3 Winchester Avenue ~ Metheun ~ 978/683-1319



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October

- 25 Pathfinders - can collecting bag distribution
- 26 Week of Prayer  
Pathfinders - can collecting - meeting - field uniform  
Fall Fun Day
- 28 Ken Cox meeting setup
- 30 Ken Cox meeting dress rehearsal
- 31 Evangelistic Series - Ken Cox  
Pathfinders - leadership training weekend

### November

- 1 Evangelistic Series - Ken Cox  
Pathfinders - leadership training weekend
- 2 Evangelistic Series - Ken Cox  
Pathfinders - leadership training weekend
- 8 Nursing home ministry
- 9 3 - 6 p.m. Pathfinder mtg - dress uniform - staff mtg
- 11 7:30 p.m. Church board
- 15 Nursing home ministry  
Fruit delivery
- 16 Fruit pickup  
3 - 6 p.m. Pathfinder mtg - field uniform
- 22 Fellowship dinner  
Pathfinder food basket distribution
- 23 7:00 p.m. Dracut Community Thanksgiving Service

### December

- 4 7:30 p.m. Elder meeting
- 6 Christmas Party  
YES  
Nursing home ministry  
Newsletter submissions due
- 7 3 - 6 p.m. Pathfinder mtg - dress uniform - staff mtg
- 9 7:30 p.m. Church board
- 13 Nursing home ministry  
Fruit delivery
- 14 Fruit pickup  
3 - 6 p.m. Pathfinder mtg - field uniform
- 20 Christmas program  
Fellowship dinner
- 31 6:30 p.m. Agape supper/Communion

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

### Church Yard Sale

Was held on Sunday, September 14. Over \$280 was raised, \$200 was put towards the new shrubs and flowers around the front of the church. Thanks to all who helped with this event.



## Dracut Community Thanksgiving Service

### Time

7:00 p.m. Sunday, November 23

### Place

St. Marguerite D'Youville Catholic Church  
1340 Lakeview Ave., Dracut, MA

### Speaker

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## Adult Christmas Party

Sabbath evening, December 6

Watch for more details about the Yankee Swap and food menu in Your bulletin



## Christmas Worship Celebration

Join us for a Celebration of Christ's Birth on Sabbath December 20 during the worship service. We will hear from the "12 Voices of Christmas" how their lives were impacted by the birth of the Savior, and our hearts and voices will be lifted in songs of praise. Be sure to invite your friends and family to join you for this wonderful worship experience.



## Agape Supper and Communion Celebration

Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church

6:30 p.m. Wednesday  
December 31, 2003

Start the New Year by  
renewing your commitment  
to Jesus



## Steve Green in concert

7:00 p.m. April 3, 2004 at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord, NH. For ticket information call 603-225-1111.

## In the Kitchen

### Bisignano Spinach

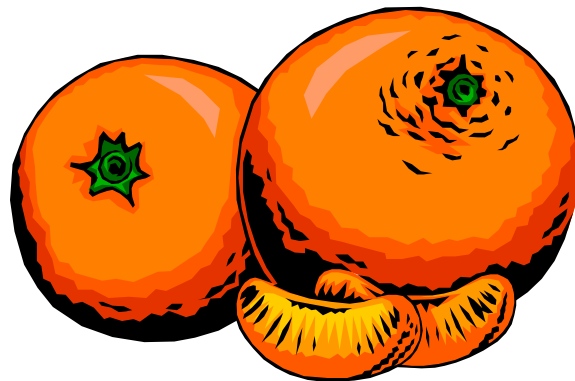
By: Juanita Ortiz

- 2 10 oz packages frozen chopped spinach, cooked or  
1 1/2 pounds fresh spinach, cooked and finely  
chopped
- 1 16 oz carton (2 cups) ricotta or cottage cheese
- 1 cup bread crumbs or packaged herb stuffing
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup sliced fresh mushrooms or canned sliced  
mushrooms, drained
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 8 oz (1 cup) sour cream
- 1/2 cup spaghetti sauce, canned or homemade
- 1 lb mozzarella cheese, sliced
- 1 tsp basil
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1. In a large bowl, combine spinach, ricotta or cottage cheese, bread crumbs, eggs, mushrooms, and green pepper.
2. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
3. Pour mixture into a buttered 9 x 13 inch backing dish and spread sour cream on top.
4. Pour on a layer of spaghetti sauce, using most, but not all, of the sauce. Cover with a layer of mozzarella cheese slices.
5. Spread remaining spaghetti sauce over cheese slices. Sprinkle with basil and Parmesan cheese.
6. Bake for 30 minutes.  
Serves 6-8

## \$ For the Building Fund \$

There has never been an easier way to make your donations to the building fund. Just shop at your regular stores, and the church gets a percentage back. The *SCRIP* program makes it possible to earn money without spending extra money. There are two ways to do this: 1) buy a gift certificate for the stores you know you are going to shop at, and or 2) get a *SCRIP* MasterCard. By using the MasterCard you are guaranteed at least 1% of your purchase will come back to the church. Many stores give anywhere from 3-8%. If you have any questions, want to purchase *SCRIP* certificates (Home Depot, Olive Garden, etc.), or want more information on obtaining a *SCRIP* MasterCard, please contact Ingrid Mergenthaler, or one of the Fund Raising Committee Members.



## Florida Citrus Fruit

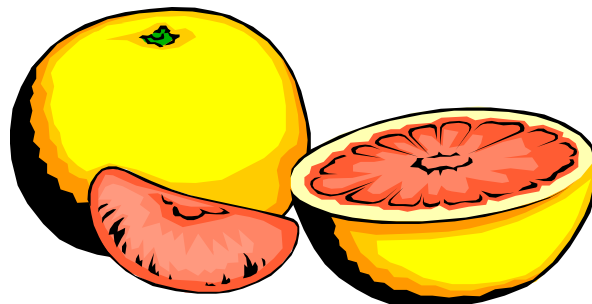
Will be available starting in November. Watch for more information on order deadlines. Remember all proceeds go towards the church building fund.

### Delivery

November 15  
December 13  
January 17  
February 14

### Pickup

November 16  
December 14  
January 18  
February 15



## Christmas Wreaths

King's Kids Pathfinder Club will be selling fresh holiday wreaths to raise money so they can attend the North American Division Camporee in Oshkosh, WI next summer.



Orders will be taken until November 8, for delivery the week after Thanksgiving. Contact Rita McCall for more information.

## BIRTHDAYS

### NOVEMBER

- 1 Richard Farley
- 1 Dean Hodson
- 3 Carmen Guevara
- 3 Elizabeth Santana
- 9 Jessica Masotta
- 13 Agnes Walker
- 20 Sharon Stuart
- 21 David Esmeal
- 24 David Masotta
- 25 Richard Campbell
- 28 Sary Neang
- 29 Stan McKillop
- 30 Jessica Grant

### DECEMBER

- 1 Vivianne Lewandowski
- 3 Frederick Clare
- 3 Brian Portillo
- 4 Jeong Sook Ahn
- 6 Elizabeth Bryner
- 10 Florence Asomugha
- 10 Rutendo Gomwe
- 11 Tim McClendon
- 12 Sarah Moynihan
- 25 Thouncy Sing

## In Memory

**Agapito Vazquez**, father of Millie Vazquez and Grandfather of Margarita Santana de Velez's died Monday, September 15 in Puerto Rico. Our sympathies continue with Millie and her family, and Margarita and her family.

## 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.

## Community Service

During the month of October the Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist church is collecting items for House of Hope, a shelter for moms and their children. There is a flyer posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall with more details, or you can contact Karen McClendon for more information.

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

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## Start saving your Dollars For the Church Sign

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

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but the purpose of the will resting on God's word and saying, "I must have it". To believe truly is to will (want it) firmly. Only when our own will is entirely surrendered to the Father can we receive from the Father the liberty and power to want what He desires.

God's child is like a son/daughter who lives only for the Father's interests, seeks His Father's will rather than its own, and is trusted by the Father with His business. God speaks to that child: "what do you want?" Some fear to search for the will of God, or, when found, they struggle to claim it in faith. True humility is always accompanied by strong faith. Seeking to know only the will of God, that faith then boldly claims the fulfillment of the promise in Mark 11:24 "whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours".

Prayer: Lord Jesus! Teach me to pray with all my heart and strength that there may be no doubt with You or me about what I have asked. I want to know what I desire so well that as my petitions are being recorded in heaven, I can also record them here on earth and note each answer as it comes. Make my faith strong so that I can see clearly what Your Word has promised that the Holy Spirit may work within me and

transform me so that Your will be done. Lord! Renew, strengthen, and sanctify my entire will for the work of effectual prayer. Amen.

Watch for the "The Secret of Believing Prayer" in the next issue of the newsletter.

## 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.sneconline.org> - Southern New England Conference

<http://www.plusline.org> - Adventist resources

<http://www.pathfindersonline.org> - NAD Pathfinders

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