



Announcement Sheet

September 9, 2017

Sabbath Joy Begins Next Week — 6:35 p.m.

Bulletin

The deadline for all bulletin announcements will be Wednesday by 12:00 p.m. Please contact Nora Renzi for any requests at NoraRenzi@gmail.com or by calling (978) 401-6791. Thank You!

This Sabbath



- A prayer journal is located in the foyer for those that would like to request special prayer from their church family.
- Vesper will be at 6:45pm
- The Selection Committee for 2017: Jeff Drew, Mike Brown, Mary Roberts, Sharon Brown, Ralph Diller, Jethro Jean-Baptiste, Nora Renzi, Suzanne Young. This group will meet immediately after Church today to choose the members of the Nominating Committee. Please pray for God's blessing!
- Adventurers' Club meeting is this Sabbath, September 9th 4-6 PM. It is not too late to register! You can register at the meeting. The Adventurers' Club is for children who are in Pre-Kindergarten-4th grade. Also, anyone who would like to come and see what Adventurers is all about may come to the meeting today as well. If you have any questions, please see Ollyce Gardner.

Calendar Events

- Business Meeting September 10, 2017 at 7:30pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. The agenda will include three items: 1. Financial Report 2. Church Board Quorum 3. Downstairs Renovation Project.
- Let's Move Day: Sign up for the walk/run
Please join the health ministry in ~ 3 miles run/walk.
Registration fees \$ 15-20. Proceeds to support the community for Cancer Treatment Support, Village Food Pantry and Teen Suicide prevention.
When: Sept 10th 2017
More info: community5k.racewire.com or call/text Gael @ 5084983566
- ESPRESSIVO FLUTE AND HARP CONCERT September 24th, 3pm at The Virginia Thurston Healing Garden Cancer Support Center. 145 Bolton Rd., Harvard, MA 01451. Featuring Maria Ramey on flute and Autumn Ramey on harp. Playing together for more than twelve years, the pair enjoys creating beautiful music and exploring the colors that emerge when their instruments blend together. They are thrilled to share their music and will be presenting a relaxing and uplifting program of classical, Irish and spiritual music. Ticket price is \$15 at the door with all funds going to support services at the center.
- Christmas Program Participants - We are looking for those who would like to be a part of the Christmas program this year. We would like to include all ages for this program, so please think about what you can do. The program will be on December 23rd. Please contact Ollyce Gardner if you are interested or she will come looking for you! You can reach her by text at 774-327-5604 or by email at bayberrysda@yahoo.com.

Weekly Events

- Come join us in kicking off The Warren Clarke Memorial Open Mic Friday September 29th from 7pm-10pm. Signups will begin at 7, first performance will start at 7:30. The Village Church young adults will provide a safe, casual, Christian atmosphere, where the areas young adults can perform live music and their talents. There will be worship and testimony time. Free refreshments and light snacks will be provided. For any questions please contact Matthew Renzi at 978-398-2094

■ **Village Services Televised** - Our services are televised on the local channel. **Clinton:** Friday 7:30 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 9:30 a.m. **Lancaster & Sterling:** Saturday 8:00 a.m., Friday 2:00 p.m.

■ **Prayer Meeting** – We invite you to a special time of prayer each Wednesday evening, at 7:00 p.m. If you have concern and would like your church family to pray for you, would like to strengthen your prayer life, or become a prayer warrior for others please join us. “Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.” Jeremiah 29:12

■ **The French/Haitian Creole Sabbath School Class** will function every Sabbath at the E.G White library and it is open to everyone who speaks the language or wants to learn it, follow direction from the entrance from the parking lot.

■ **Bread of Life -Village Food Pantry:** Bread of Life serves the community distributing food each week. This week they will be open on Thursday 4:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed in various areas. If you have an interest in helping or have any questions please Carl Bruso, Sr., 978-365-5414; Sandra Mendes, 508-304-4324, or Humberto Montoya 617-272-0520. *Please help us with can goods. We really could use them to distribute them to our food pantry participants.*

General Announcements

■ **We would like to thank the Village Church family for all your support during this very difficult time.** Your prayers, food, visits, calls, cards and many kindnesses are very much appreciated. Thank you especially to our Pastors and Carl Bruso for all your work conducting the funeral and setting up the sound and video for the program. The repast following the funeral was truly outstanding – the food and fellowship helped to make the difficult day easier to bear. We love you and cannot thank you enough. Please continue to remember us in prayer as we heal. – The Clarke Family

■ **CALLING ALL FLUTISTS!** Join our flute choir at Thayer Performing Arts Center, under the direction of Maria Ramey, and enjoy both music and fellowship in the beautiful, historic mansion. We'll be playing classical, spiritual, traditional music and more! Rehearsals are Monday evenings 7:30-8:45 and performances are scheduled through the semester for church services, community settings and at Thayer. Call TPAC at 978-612-6428 for more information or to register. Tuition is \$130 for the fall semester.

■ **"Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart" Ps 37:4.** Our desire is to see all our young people in the Kingdom. Join us for a 24 hour prayer vigil and fasting for our young people starting on Sabbath Oct 20th at 6pm to October 21st 6pm. For More information e-mail Margaret Gibbons: gibbonsp1@msn.com

■ **If you are interested in the progress of our church, we are looking for someone to represent the Village Church at the Atlantic Union Conference Festival of the Laity SEEDS Conference. If interested see Michael Brown.**

■ **We are still raising money for a new Sound System.** Our goal is to reach \$20,000 and match that same amount from the Memorial Fund. Please continue to support!

■ **Remember Embracing Ani O'Connor,** there are still commitment cards and special offering envelopes in the lobby, join us as we commit to helping Ani and her family.

■ **All public announcements** from the front of the Church during Ministry Matters *must be pre-approved* by the Head Elder. *Last minute* announcements from the front of the Church will no longer be accepted on Sabbath morning. Please call Mike Brown at: 1-(978) 906-3524.

■ **The Young Adult Department** is currently collecting various goods on behalf of the Community Services Department of the conference. Donations can be dropped off at the church in the box the states " Community Services Collection". Please see insert in the bulletin for a list of items that can be donated.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COLLECTION DRIVE

WALKER YOUNG ADULT CENTER

CSS DONATION ITEMS NEEDED

As of: July 26, 2017

Shelter Needs:

Personal hygiene items for guests (toothpaste, toothbrush, combs, deodorant, shampoo, etc.)

New clothes in all sizes:

T-shirts

Shorts

Underwear

Socks

Flip-flops

Baby Needs:

Diapers (all sizes)

Wet wipes

Onesies

Pull-ups

Food Pantry Needs (non-perishable items):

Tuna

Canned vegetables

Canned stew

Canned soups

Peanut butter

Crackers

Cereals

Microwaveable items (mac and cheese, rice, soups, meals, stew, cakes, etc.)

Snacks

Rice

Beans

Coffee, tea

Christmas Items (please make sure they are all new AND unwrapped, as we have to sort items and stock our Christmas room, so we need to see each item):

New toys for all ages from infant to older teens

Gift cards

New clothes, especially larger sizes for older teens

Accessories such as pocket books, jewelry, socks, wallets, etc.

New puzzles

New books

New bicycles

Coats in all sizes

Diapers in all sizes

Electronics for teens

Trending toys, such as items from Frozen, Spiderman, Smurfs, Disney Princesses, etc.
