

Responsive Reading: *The Christian Family*

Leader: “Honor your father and mother” – which is the first commandment with a promise – “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” (Ephesians 6:2-3)

Congregation: We hear the call to honor our parents, recognizing the importance of family bonds in our Christian walk.

Leader: “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves.” (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

Congregation: We strive to embody the qualities of love within our families, fostering an environment of kindness, patience, and mutual respect.

Leader: “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother’ – which is the first commandment with a promise – ‘so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.’” (Ephesians 6:1-3)

Congregation: We heed the instruction to obey our parents, recognizing the wisdom and guidance they provide in nurturing us in faith and virtue.

Leader: “However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.” (Ephesians 5:33)

Congregation: We acknowledge the importance of mutual love and respect within the material relationship, reflecting the selfless love of Christ in our interactions with one another.

TOGETHER: As members of the Christian family, may we uphold the principles of love, honor, and obedience, seeking to glorify God in our relationships and reflecting His grace and mercy to the world. Amen

Our Fundamental Beliefs

The Seventh-day Adventist Church maintains 28 fundamental beliefs based on the Church’s interpretation of the Bible. Below is a brief summary of our beliefs and some scripture references. For more information visit <https://www.adventist.org/beliefs>

1. **The Holy Scriptures:** The Holy Scriptures are the written Word of God, given by divine inspiration through holy men of God who spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.
2. **Trinity:** There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal Persons.
3. **Father:** God the eternal Father is the Creator, Source, Sustainer, and Sovereign of all creation.
4. **Son:** God the eternal Son became incarnate in Jesus Christ. Forever truly God, He became also truly man, Jesus the Christ.
5. **Holy Spirit:** God the eternal Spirit was active with the Father and the Son in Creation, incarnation, and redemption. He inspired the writers of Scripture.
6. **Creation:** God is Creator of all things and has revealed in Scripture the authentic account of His creative activity.
7. **Nature of Man:** Man and woman were made in the image of God with individuality, the power and freedom to think and to do.
8. **Great Controversy:** All humanity is now involved in a great controversy between Christ and Satan regarding the character of God, His law, and His sovereignty over the universe.
9. **Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ:** In Christ's life of perfect obedience to God's will, His suffering, death, and resurrection, God provided the only means of atonement for human sin, so that those who by faith accept this atonement may have eternal life.
10. **Experience of Salvation:** In infinite love and mercy God made Christ, who knew no sin, to be sin for us, so that in Him we might be made the righteousness of God.
11. **Growing in Christ:** By His death on the cross Jesus triumphed over the forces of evil.
12. **Church:** The church is the community of believers who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
13. **Remnant and Its Mission:** The universal church is composed of all who truly believe in Christ, but in the last days, a time of widespread apostasy, a remnant has been called out to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.
14. **Unity in the Body of Christ:** The church is one body with many members, called from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.
15. **Baptism:** By baptism we confess our faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and testify of our death to sin and of our purpose to walk in newness of life.
16. **Lord's Supper:** The Lord's Supper is a participation in the emblems of the body and blood of Jesus as an expression of faith in Him, our Lord and Savior. This service is open to all believing Christians.
17. **Spiritual Gifts and Ministries:** God bestows upon all members of His church in every age spiritual gifts which each member is to employ in loving ministry for the common good of the church and of humanity.
18. **The Gift of Prophecy:** One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is prophecy. This gift is an identifying mark of the remnant church and was manifested in the ministry of Ellen. G. White. As the Lord's messenger, her writings are a continuing and authoritative source of truth which provide for the church comfort, guidance, instruction, and correction.
19. **Law of God:** The great principles of God's law are embodied in the Ten Commandments and exemplified in the life of Christ.
20. **Sabbath:** The beneficent Creator, after the six days of Creation, rested on the seventh day and instituted the Sabbath for all people as a memorial of Creation.
21. **Stewardship:** We are God's stewards, entrusted by Him with time and opportunities, abilities and possessions, and the blessings of the earth and its resources.
22. **Christian Behavior:** We are called to be a godly people who think, feel, and act in harmony with the principles of heaven.
23. **Marriage and the Family:** Marriage was divinely established in Eden and affirmed by Jesus to be a lifelong union between a man and a woman in loving companionship.
24. **Christ's Ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary:** There is a sanctuary in heaven, the true tabernacle which the Lord set up and not man.
25. **Second Coming of Christ:** The second coming of Christ is the blessed hope of the church, the grand climax of the gospel.
26. **Death and Resurrection:** The wages of sin is death. But God, who alone is immortal, will grant eternal life to His redeemed. Until that day death is an unconscious state for all people.
27. **Millennium and the End of Sin:** The millennium is the thousand-year reign of Christ with His saints in heaven between the first and second resurrections.
28. **New Earth:** On the new earth, in which righteousness dwells, God will provide an eternal home for the redeemed and a perfect environment for everlasting life, love, joy, and learning in His presence.



SOUTH LANCASTER VILLAGE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

March 23, 2024

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Sabbath School 9:45am to 10:50am

Praise and HymnsPatricia Clarke, Chorister
Lickey Blaney, Pianist

Opening Hymn Hymn #109
Marvelous Grace

Prayer & Superintendent’s RemarksMary Roberts

4th Commandment.....Congregation
8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: 10 but he seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not to any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, they manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it. Exodus 20:8-11 NKJV

Mission Story Mission 360 Weekly Story

Hymn of Meditation Hymn #286
Wonderful Words of Life (first stanza and chorus only)

Sabbath School – Lesson 12: Worship That Never Ends
Memory Text

33I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.”

Psalms 104:33 NKJV

Sanctuary ClassFednold Meunier
Chapel..... Tom Philippou
Hybrid Class (Library/Zoom)..... Young Adults

This class is studying the Lesson Book: Inverse SDA Quarterly
*Contact Christopher Bazile or Jethro Jean-Baptiste for login details

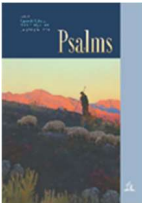
Lower Division Lessons:

Beginners–Primary <https://www.gracelink.net/>
Junior.....<https://guidemagazine.org/>
Earliteen<https://www.realtimefaith.net/>

The topic of our lessons during the first quarter of 2024 is, “Psalms”
Study online at www.ssnet.org, the It Is Written app or download the Sabbath School Quarterly SDA app from the Play Store.

- ◆ To pick up your quarterly from the church contact Beth Currie.
- ◆ Quarterlies are also available at the ABC.

13th Sabbath School Offering – March 30, 2024
Southern Asia Division



Worship Service 10:50am

Prelude Organ/Piano
Ministry Matters.....Ollyce Gardner
Musical MeditationResound
New Horizons by Jason W. Krug

Responsive Reading..... Valeria Mayers
Tribute to Christian Education.....Tom Nicholas
Music SelectionSLA Band
Swing Till the Walls Come Down by David Bobrowitz

Opening Hymn: Watch, Ye Saints Hymn #598
Invocation..... Guillermo Oliveira
WelcomeCamilla Moraes

Children’s WorshipTom Nicholas
Giving Opportunity: Conference Budget Andrew Mizray
Special Music SLA Choir
The Word Was God by Rosephanye Powell

Prayer Loy Blackwell
Prelude: Now, Dear Lord, As We Pray (1st stanza) Hymn #671

Special MusicIl Voce
No Night There by Dan Forrest, featuring Arielle Flores, violin

Scripture Reading & Speaker Introduction..... Elijah Blackwell
1Now the boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation. 2And it came to pass at that time, while Eli was lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, 3and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of the Lord where the ark of God was, and while Samuel was lying down, 4that the Lord called Samuel. And he answered, “Here I am!” 5So he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” And he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” And he went and lay down. 6Then the Lord called yet again, “Samuel!” So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” He answered, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” 7(Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him.) 8And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you did call me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord had called the boy. 9Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, ‘Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel answered, “Speak, for Your servant hears.” 1 Samuel 3:1-10 NKJV

Sermon Richley Lincy
Recognizing God’s Voice When He Calls You By Your Name

Closing Hymn: Sweet, Sweet Spirit..... Hymn #262

BenedictionJustin Rivera
Organist: Patricia Clarke Song Leader: Jovan Rivera & Friends

Offering Schedule		Sunset Schedule	
Mar. 30 th	Local Church Budget	Mar. 23 rd	7:03pm
Apr. 6 th	Local Church Budget	Mar. 29 th	7:11pm
Special offerings are to be placed in a giving envelope. Loose offering is for the local church budget.			
Online Giving The link for donations/online giving has been improved & simplified. ◆ Online Giving: https://www.villagesdachurch.org/giving.html ◆ Checks can be mail to P. O. Box 866, South Lancaster, MA 01561			

Online Services are live streamed on YouTube at Village SDA Church Live Streaming and choose videos to select the service or at the church website www.villagesdachurch.org and scroll down to Latest Service.

Upcoming Events...

3/23 at 6:30pm	Vespers hosted by Marie Dauphin
3/26 at 10:00am	Bread of Life Food Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
3/27 at 7:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
3/23 at 12:30pm	Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
3/29 at 7:00pm	SLA Constituency Meeting (SLA Chapel)
4/12 at 7:00pm	House of Refuge (Village Church)

Church Family Prayer Needs Please include the list below in your daily prayers. To add someone on the prayer list, email their first or last name to SLVillage.Bulletin@gmail.com and put “Prayer” in the subject line. Personal details regarding a prayer request are not needed.

Bazile Family	Jinx	Peguero Family
Beneche	Kids in our Church	Perrone
Bible Study Group	Ludlow Family	Political Unrest
Bruso	Malcolm Family	Powell Sisters
Church Leadership	Mayer	Seymour & Drew Families
Coltey	Mel	SNEC Leadership
Drew/Seymour families	Missing Members	SLA Students/Teachers
Elderly and Shut-in	Missionaries	Sylvain
Hazard	National Leadership	Youth/Young Adults
Homeless	Ngunda/Magembe	

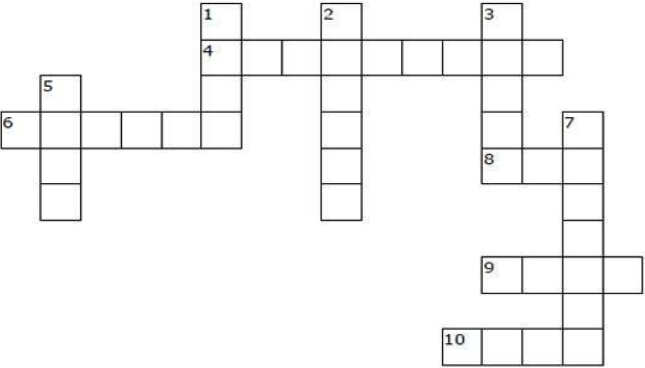
*Names are refreshed quarterly

- Online Prayer Sessions are available for the church family and take place each day. Participants call 848-220-3300 and use code #5640047.

Morning	Afternoon	Evening
6:30am Daily	12:30pm Sabbath in Sanctuary	8:15pm Sun – Thurs 7:00pm Fri

Sharing Your Faith

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. John 1:46
Puzzle is based on John 1:43-51



- ACROSS
4. A friend of Philip

6. To come after

8. To observe something with your eyes

9. A large woody plant with a trunk, limbs, and leaves

10. To move toward something
- DOWN
1. To recognize someone; to be familiar with someone

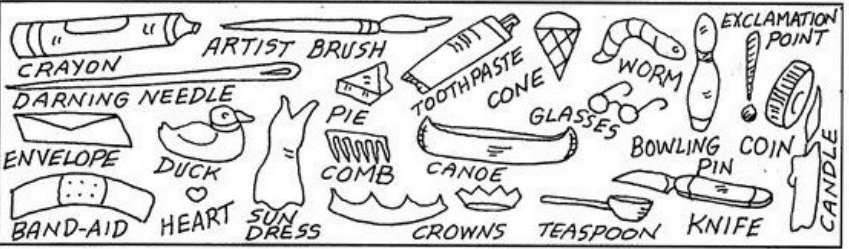
2. A man that Jesus called to be a disciple

3. The Son of God

5. The opposite of bad

7. To accept something as true

TREE	NATHANAEL	COME	PHILIP	BELIEVE
FOLLOW	GOOD	JESUS	SEE	KNOW



Find the hidden objects in the picture above.

Light Under a Bowl (Matthew 5:14-16)
Jesus said if you put a light under a bowl, no one will see it.
He wants us to let our light shine!

Bible Character Word Scramble

- AMAD _____
- AYMR AMDGNLAEE _____
- OMSSE _____
- NGIK RHDOE _____
- ESPHOJ _____
- SUJSE _____
- DUAJS _____
- TEHTAWM _____
- EVE _____
- DIVDA _____
- ONAH _____
- RTUH _____
- LEKU _____
- GLTHAOI _____

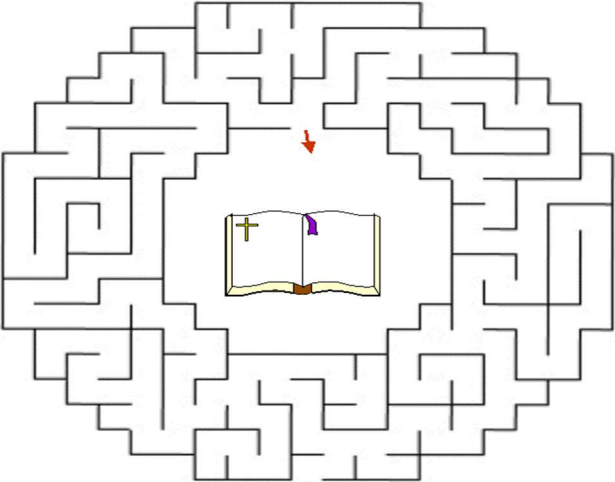
The Call of Samuel

And the Lord came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!"
And Samuel replied, "Speak, your servant is listening."
1 Samuel 3:10 (NLT)
Based on 1 Samuel 3:1-10



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N Z J W L W V E G A F W E Q P
H H H L V J G E M C A W Z M S
S O L O N R A L W P U R I U T
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LAMP	WORD	VISIONS	EYES	SERVANT
BOY	SPEAK	CALL	REVEALED	LORD
NIGHT	SAMUEL	LISTENING	WEAK	ARK
LIE	SEE	TEMPLE	THIRD	ELI



Welcome to the Village Church! We are thrilled to welcome South Lancaster Academy today. The Village Church is committed to the spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being of our members. We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today and hope you are blessed.

Announcements

From the Board...

- Child Safety** is of the utmost importance in our church community! The Southern New England Conference participates in Shield the Vulnerable, a program that focuses on reducing potential dangers to children. Three recommendations being implemented immediately include:
 - Escort family members* seeking water or the restroom during services.
 - Two teachers* are needed in each Sabbath School class (except beginners where parents are present).
 - Background checks* are conducted for each person working with our children including Sabbath School, Adventurers and Pathfinders. This has been in place for several years.Please do your part to help ensure our community remains a safe place for all to grow spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Questions regarding this program can be directed to Suzanne Young.

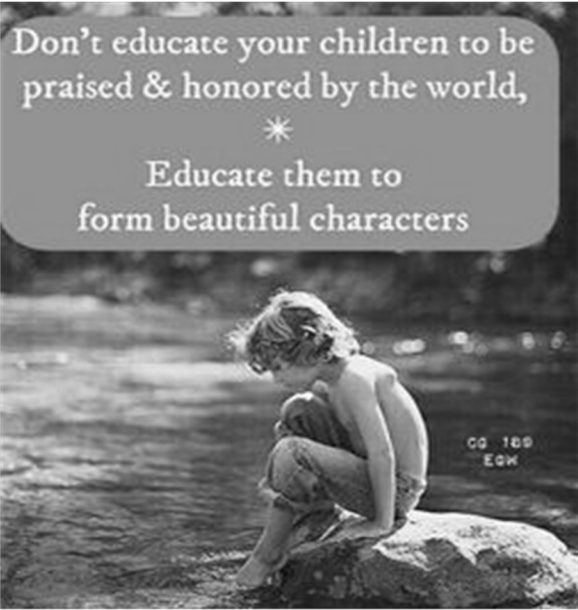
General Announcements...

- Patrick McDonough** passed away unexpectedly this week. Memorial information will be shared with the congregation when details have been finalized. In the meantime, the Drew/Seymour families would like to be remembered in prayer while we give them needed space to grieve.
- Adventurer Club** gives children ages 4-9 the opportunity to participate in peer group activities that will not only improve their social skills but help them learn meaningful object lessons to draw them closer to Jesus. Contact Gina Decene at adventurers@villagesdachurch.org for more details.
 - Spring Escape** is scheduled for May 31st-June 3rd at the Southern New England Conference Campground. Please continue to support the club with your prayers and consider contributing financially to the club as they prepare to attend this exciting event.
- Bread of Life Food Pantry** is inviting all to minister to our community. In addition to the needs below, feel free to on Tuesday morning for food box preparation and distribution.
- Church Board** meeting is schedule for April 1st.
- Fellowship Meals** are organized for the 1st and 3rd Sabbath of each month. When there is a special program we may schedule additional meals.
- House of Refuge** welcomes all to praise Jesus through music and testimony on the second and fourth Friday of each month from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the church Fellowship Hall. The second Friday is open for everyone, and the fourth Friday is especially for high school age youth. If you would like to share your voices, talents and let your heart be filled with love and peace, please contact Becki Renzi.
- Kids Choir** for ages 6-12 is going to start practicing soon. Please contact Glorie Lopez at glorielopez@yahoo.com to register your participation.

- Musicians Wanted** Do you like to sing or play an instrument? Would you like to participate in the worship service? Volunteers are encouraged to contact Glorie Lopez at glorielopez@yahoo.com
- Pathfinder Club** This is a worldwide organization of young people and all young people ages 10 to 16 are welcome to join. If you have the red pathfinder field uniform shirt, please wear it for every meeting. Contact Lisa Drew at pathfinders@villagesdachurch.org for more information.
 - Believe The Promise** is the International Pathfinder Camporee theme in Gillette, Wyoming August 5-11, 2024. The camporee will highlight the exciting story of Moses. Our club is planning to participate and could use your spiritual and monetary support.
- Sick and Shut-In** We have several members who have been unable to attend services due to illness or mobility challenges. Three members who welcome cards and wish to be remembered in prayer are:
 - Marie Barthalemy (aka Sylvain) at home
 - Karen Perrone at Beaumont Rehabilitation; 238 W. Main St., Rm. 321; Northborough, MA 01532
 - Jinx Tull at Sunrise Assisted Living; 6 Beth Ave.; Leominster, MA 01453


South Lancaster Academy...

- Christian Education Sponsors Needed...** The Worthy Student Fund at SLA helps several students stay in a Christian education environment. Your help is needed to keep them there! Please mark your tithe envelope to donate to this cause or send a check to SLA.
- Constituency Meeting** is scheduled for March 29th at 7:00pm in the school chapel. All are invited to come learn more about our school.
- Spring Break Schedule is April 16th-19th** Start planning your family adventures!



Southern New England Conference...

- Change of Hours** The Southern New England Conference recently changed their hours of operation. They are open for business:
Monday to Thursday: 9:00am to 6:00pm Friday: Offices Closed
This change accommodates guests who need a later appointment and allows more time for Sabbath preparation. Thank you for your support.
- Adventist Book Center** is here to help you grow your spiritual and physical health. When was the last time you visited the ABC in person or online? Did you know that in addition to the traditional books and vegetable protein options they now offer online shopping and books for kindle and nook, and recipes at <https://www.abchealthfoods.com>:

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday-Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
11am-3pm	10:00am-5:30pm	9:00am-1:00pm
- Camp Meeting 2024** Save the date for Campmeeting and immerse yourself in uplifting worship and inspiring Biblical messages! See you June 21-29! More details are available on the bulletin board
- Camp Winnekeag** What are you doing this summer? Visit the camp website at <https://www.snecyouth.com/about-9> for camper registration. Ready to have the best summer job? Scroll a little further down and apply to work as a staff member.
- I'm A Believer... Share Your Why?** is the SNEC social media campaign scheduled for February, March and April. Join the digital disciples to receive weekly email updates and inspring ideas on how you can creat content about your faith. Register and take part in the opportunity by scanning the QR code.
- 2024 Mission It's Possible** is going to Cuba! These trips invite people to experience Jesus through service to the world. On the yearly mission trips for SNEC organized by the Youth Department opportunities to serve include preaching, VBS, Compassion/outreach, construction, food service, and school setting ministries. This year the team is building housing for six families who lack adequate shelter. Want to help?
 - Pray – it's the only way to succeed!
 - You can spread the word about this project.
 - Make a contribution. We still need to raise \$15,000 and any gift will be put to good work.
- 2024 Mission to Taiwan** Young Adult and Youth Sabbath School Ministries are sponsoring a trip to Taiwan April 3-15, 2024. Please pray for God to lead the plans that are being finalized and for the trip to be a success.
- Spring Spiritual Revival Retreat** will be at Camp Winnekeag March 29-31. The theme of this retreat is "In the Spirit and Power." Our guest speaker Pastor Pavel Gois will share how to experience God's leading, and move from discouragement to joyful freedom.

Send all bulletin announcements to slvillage.bulletin@gmail.com by 12:00pm on Wednesday. Announcements are subject to editing. Late announcements will be included the following week. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube at SLVillage

