We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today and hope you are blessed. This portion can be torn off and returned in the offering plate, to an elder, or the clerk.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

*Mark all that apply*

- □ First time guest
- □ Returning guest
- □ New to the area
- □ Prayer Request
- □ Would like a visit from the Pastor
- □ Would like to know more about this church
- □ Would like to transfer my membership

*Membership transfers to and from the Village Church are initiated by the clerk of the new church*

My home church is: _____

*Notes:*

# ADVENTURER PLEDGE

**Because Jesus loves me,**
**I will always do my best.**

# ADVENTURER LAW

**Jesus can help me to:**

**Be obedient**
**Be pure**
**Be true**
**Be kind**
**Be respectful**
**Be attentive**
**Be helpful**
**Be cheerful**
**Be thoughtful**
**Be reverent**

## 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. 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 wit
8. **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.

WELCOME TO THE

# SOUTH LANCASTER VILLAGE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

## October 3, 2026

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## Sabbath School — 9:45am to 10:50am

Praise and Hymns ..... Esther Nagembe, Chorister
Liccy Blaney, Pianist

Opening Hymn ..... Hymn #539
*I Will Early Seek the Savior*

Prayer ..... Salome Mathieson

Welcome & Superintendent's Remarks ..... Suzanne Young

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 the 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 #326
*Open My Eyes That I May See* (first stanza and chorus only)

Sabbath School – Lesson 1: The Creator Speaks
*Memory Text*

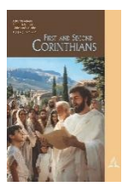
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14 *ESV*

Sanctuary ..... Marie Dauphin
Chapel ..... Tom Philippou
Lower Division Lessons:
Beginners–Primary ..... https://www.gracelink.net/
Junior ..... https://guidemagazine.org/
Earliteen ..... https://www.realtimefaith.net/
Youth ..... https://cornerstoneconnections.net

*The topic of our lessons during the third quarter of 2026 is, "First and Second Corinthians." Study online at www.ssnet.org, the It Is Written app or download the Sabbath School Quarterly SDA app from the Play Store. A limited number of printed quarterlies are available from the Sabbath School department. They are available for purchase at amazon.com and adventistbookcenter.com*

*13th Sabbath School this quarter is September 26th*




## Worship Service — 10:50am

Prelude ..... Organ/Piano

Praise and Worship ..... Adventurers

Ministry Matters ..... Patricia Clarke

Processional

Opening Hymn ..... Hymn #245
*More About Jesus*

Invocation ..... Kendrick Massawe

Welcome ..... Leighanne Bien-aime

Adult's Worship ..... Adventurers

Giving Opportunity ..... Mbalu Ngunda
*Offering:* Local Church Budget
*Offertory:* Anne-Marly Guerrier

Prayer ..... Malachi Namawa
Hymn #495 *Near to the Heart of God*

Scripture Reading ..... Adventurer

[7] Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord.
[8] For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its
roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be
green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease
from yielding fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 NKJV

Special Music ..... Village Adventurer's Club

Sermon ..... Luis Peguero
You Were Born to Flourish

Investiture & Awards Ceremony

Special Music ..... Village Adventurer's Club

Closing Hymn ..... Hymn #573
*I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go*

Benediction ..... Luis Peguero

Recessional

Postlude ..... Organ

## Offering Schedule

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| Oct. 10th | Disaster & Famine Relief *(Atlantic Union)* | |
| Oct. 17th | Local Church Budget | |

## Sunset Schedule

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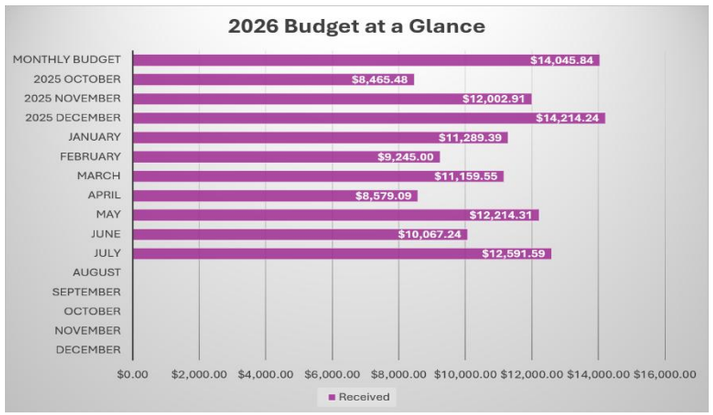
| Oct. 3rd | 6:26pm |
| Oct. 9th | 6:14pm |

*Special offerings are to be placed in a giving envelope — Loose offering is for the local church budget — Children's Offering is for Christian education.*
*Online Giving: The link for donations/online can be found at the Google Play Store and* https://www.villagesdachurch.org/giving.html

***Budget Update*** Our annual budget for 2025-2026 is $168,550 and our monthly goal is to receive $14,045.84. Please prayerfully consider your giving.




***Upcoming Events and Speakers…***

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| 10/3 at 6:00pm | Vespers (Sanctuary) |
| 10/5 at 7:00pm | Church Board (Fellowship Hall) |
| 10/6 at 10:00am | Bread of Life Food Pantry (SNEC Warehouse 2) |
| 10/6 at 12:00pm | Bulletin Submissions Due |
| 10/7 at 5:30pm | Elders Hours (Fellowship Hall) |
| 10/7 at 7:00pm | Prayer Meeting (Chapel) |
| 10/9 at 7:00pm | House of Refuge (Chapel) |
| 10/10 | Speaker: Ofelia Maskewich |
| 10/12-10/13 | SLA No School |
| 10/15 at 7:00pm | SLA Board Meeting |
| 10/16 | SLA Walkathon |
| 10/17 | Speaker: Luis Peguero |
| 10/17 at 12:30pm | Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall) |
| 10/17 after vespers | Family Movie Night |
| 10/18 | SLA SAT Testing |
| 10/24 | SLA: Fall Festival |
| 10/29 at 6:00pm | Pumpkin Decorating (Sterling SDA Church) |
| 11/7 at 12:30pm | Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall) |

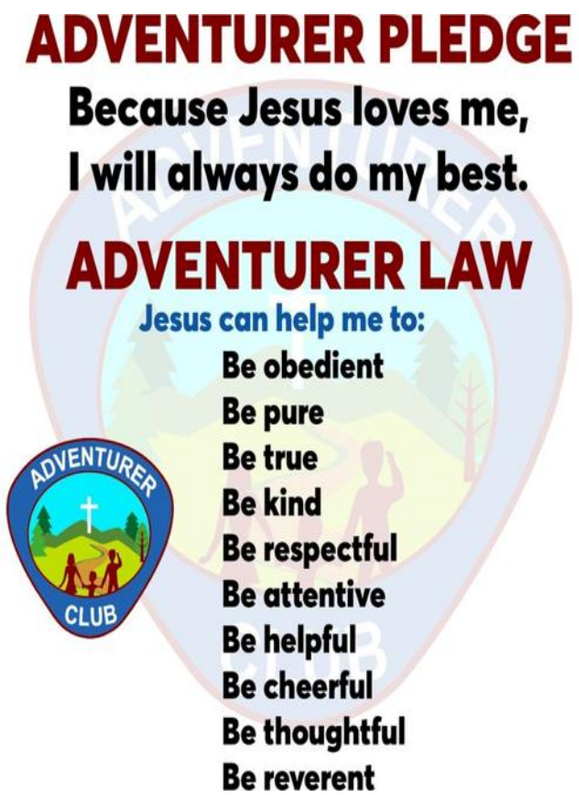
***Online Services*** are live streamed on YouTube at Village SDA Church Live Streaming and choose videos to select the service or at the church website www.villagesdachurch.org and scroll down to Latest Service.

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

**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:
  1. *Escort family members* seeking water or the restroom during service.
  2. *Two teachers* are needed in each Sabbath School class (except beginners where parents are present).
  3. *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 Bupe Mziray or Suzanne Young.
- ***Please remember*** that the Sanctuary is a sacred space. Parents and adults, we encourage you to demonstrate how to treat this space before, during, and after the services. Kids, remember your Adventurer and Pathfinder law and pledge to walk softly in the sanctuary.




**General Announcements…**

- ***Board Meeting*** is October 5th at 7:00pm
- ***Bread of Life Food Pantry*** is inviting all to minister to our community. Please come on Tuesday morning for food-box preparation and distribution over at the SNEC campus. Nonperishable items are needed for distribution.
- ***Camp Winnekeag Pathfinder Lodge*** building project still needs donations. Consider giving $5 a month toward building the new Pathfinder Lodge. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.
- ***Elder Hours*** are every Wednesday evening from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Jeff Drew will be at the church for anyone who would like to speak to an elder. He can also be reached at 978-877-3253.
- ***Fellowship Meal*** is scheduled for the first and third Sabbath of each month. Kitchen access is restricted to the team members during meal prep time. If you would like to join the fellowship meal team, please contact Bupe.
- ***House of Refuge*** All are invited to join us for song, great food, an amazing sermonette and open mic in the Youth Chapel from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. The House of Refuge will meet on the second Friday of every month. If you would like to participate, please contact Becky Renzi.
- ***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.

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| Beneche | June | Peguero Family |
| Brown Family | Kids in our Church | Political Unrest |
| Church Leadership | Ludlow Family | Powell Sisters |
| Coltey | Malcolm Family | SNEC Leadership |
| Elderly and Shut-in | Michael | SLA Students/Teachers |
| Hazard | Missing Members | Sylvain |
| Jeannine | Missionaries | Wasam Family |
| Jinx | National Leadership NIC | Youth/Young Adults |

- ***Prayer Sessions*** are available online 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<br>7:00pm Fri |

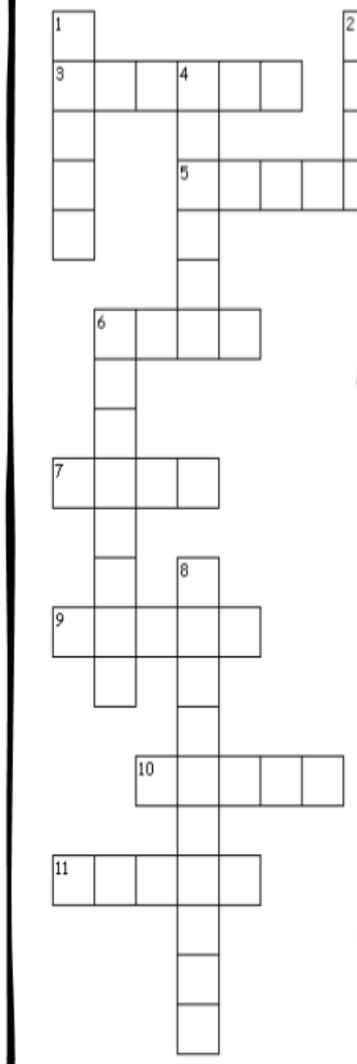
- ***Pumpkin Decorating*** The Sterling Women's Ministries would like to invite you to their annual Pumpkin Decorating event on Thursday, October 29th at 6:00pm in the Sterling SDA Church multipurpose room. We are asking for $15 per pumpkin donation/fee. These make beautiful Thanksgiving center pieces and often can be cooked and used in soup or pie after the holiday. Please text or call Fawn at 508-331-4435 by October 25th if you would like to register. Bring a friend and some fall snacks!
- ***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:
  - June Nelson at Corcoran House, 40 Walnut Street, Clinton
  - Jinx Tull at Clinton
- ***Your Giving Makes a Difference!*** Thanks to your generous support of our Student Aid budget this month our church was able to provide *$9,200 in scholarships directly to the accounts of 17 of our students currently attending SLA* who applied for assistance before the deadline last month. *This is in addition to the $74,664 our church is committed to contributing this school year through our constituency subsidy.* Thank you for investing in our young people and helping make Christian education possible!
  - Please remember to keep our church budget in your giving so we can fund our church ministries while keeping the lights and heat on.

**South Lancaster Academy…**

- ***Alumni Weekend*** is October 9th-11th and the weekend is full of activities.

- ***Committee of 100*** reached their interim goal of 50 members by the end of 2026! Now on to fill the remaining 50 slots. Each member will donate $1,000 in a year to SLA and then have the opportunity to vote on how the funds get spent. So far funds have been used to purchase new desks, bookshelves, cafeteria tables, the soccer field fencing, and much more. For more details visit https://www.mysla.org/committee-of-100

# PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE



**Across**

3. Went to Heaven in chariots of fire.

5. Abraham's wife.

6. Jesus' closest friends: Peter, James, and _____

7. Was blinded by a light for three days.

9. Tricked his father with goat hair.

10. The promised son of Abraham.

11. Killed a giant with a stone.

**Down**

1. Walked on water with Jesus.

2. Married Boaz.

4. His brothers put him in a well.

6. King Saul's son.

8. Third person in the Trinity.

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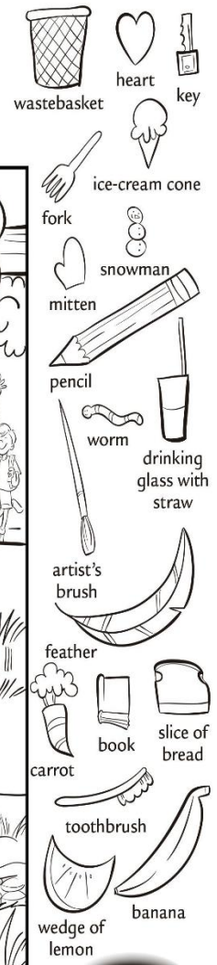
# Hidden Pictures®

## "This Way, Hikers!"

By Jennifer Harney

In this big picture, find the wastebasket, ice-cream cone, heart, fork, pencil, key, mitten, book, slice of bread, carrot, banana, wedge of lemon, artist's brush, drinking glass with straw, toothbrush, feather, worm, and snowman.

Can you find these **Hidden Pictures**®




**BONUS!**

Can you also find the rabbit, magnifying glass, mushroom, and pushpin?

Highlights

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# The BIBLE

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