



December 1, 2018

An Army of Youth (Literally)

If we took a survey this morning and broke down the age of the congregation by percentages, those under the age of 18 would take a heavy lead. Today's services are completely taken over by the students from Spencerville Adventist Academy and Blue Mountain Academy from Hamburg, Pennsylvania. At last count, 116 are in the choir and 26 in the orchestra, as well as those leading the service. Wow! Maybe this is how church should always be! If you like to express appreciation or simply to comment, connect with us by filling out a Connection Card and placing it in the offering plate or turn it in at the Welcome Desk.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly receiving goal: \$8,723

Local Combined Budget Giving

Through November 17, 2018 - Week 20

Received: \$186,086

Receiving Goal: \$175,000

Annual Budget: \$540,000

ONLINE ADVENTIST GIVING

A safe and easy way to give your tithes and offerings!

- Go to web site: spencervillesda.org
- Use an electronic check or credit card
- *Click* into secure site
- Receive confirmation via e-mail

Three-and-Done Debt\$1,333,828

Total Debt.....\$4,184,996

SUNSET TIMES:

Today: 4:43 p.m./Next Sabbath: 4:43 p.m.

JOINING SPENCERVILLE: If you would like to transfer your membership or be baptized to become a member of the Spencerville Adventist Church, please submit a Connection or Welcome Card to the Hospitality Desk in the Foyer or in the offering plate.

National Domestic Violence Hotline — 800-799-7233

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WiFi connectivity is available. The network is: SpencervilleChurch and the password is: Spencerville16325.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE:	Meditation on “Veni Emmanuel” 15th-c French melody (arr. P. Moore)	
IN COMMUNITY		Declan Robinson and Natasha Weber
†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 115:	O Come, O Come, Immanuel VENI EMMANUEL	
PRAYER		Caleb Salazar
THANK OFFERING		Alina Weber
CHILDREN’S LESSON		Lindsey Gispert
ANTHEM:	Breath of Heaven Amy Grant	Daniela Cruz Marlyn Antwan, accompanist
SERMON:	Star Gazers of the Bible The Undeserved Gift	Rachel Ingram-Clay Nathan Chhakchhuak
OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 123:	As With Gladness Men of Old DIX	
BENEDICTION		Rachel Ingram-Clay
SONG SERVICE		Clever Salazar, chorister Mark Willey, pianist

†Indicates congregation is to stand

*Please assist us in maintaining a reverent spirit of worship by muting your electronic devices.
You may be photographed or appear in video during the services this morning.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:15 a.m.

PRELUDE:	Sinfonia (from <i>Messiah</i>) Georg Frideric Handel	Combined Orchestras
IN COMMUNITY		Declan Robinson and Natasha Weber
†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 115:	O Come, O Come, Immanuel VENI EMMANUEL	
†INVOCATION		Larissa Krueger
TITHES AND OFFERINGS:	Local Church Budget	Alessia Richli
OFFERTORY:	And the Glory of the Lord (<i>Messiah</i>) Georg Frideric Handel	Combined Choirs
PRAYER		Abigail Touma
THANK OFFERING		Isabelle Touma
CHILDREN'S LESSON		Lindsey Gispert
SCRIPTURE LESSON:	Matthew 2:7-11	Amanda Lucini
ANTHEM:	Recits: There were shepherds Chorus: Glory to God George Frideric Handel	Kiersten Zinke, soprano with Combined Choirs

†Indicates congregation is to stand

Rachel Ingram-Clay
Nathan Chhakchhuak

DIX

Nathan Chhakchhuak

Toccata on “Veni Emmanuel”
Andrew Carter

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You might notice that the worship services today have a distinctly younger look to them as we welcome the high school students from Spencerville Adventist Academy as our worship leaders today. Our speakers this morning, both members of the senior class, set the tone for the beginning of the Christmas season.

We also welcome the choirs and orchestras of Spencerville Adventist Academy and Blue Mountain Academy located in Hamburg, Pennsylvania. The soloist this morning is Kiersten Zinke, a senior at Spencerville Adventist Academy.

If you enjoy the musical selections from today's second worship service, you must return at 4:00 p.m., for the *Messiah* Sing-a-long. The afternoon concert will feature both the combined choirs and orchestra as well as guest soloists Prethi John, soprano; Kim Machado, mezzo; Aaron Tucker, tenor; and Jim Williams, bass. This is a great opportunity to simply listen or bring your score and sing along to favorite choruses such as "And The Glory," "Oh Thou That Tellest," "For Unto Us" as well as the "Hallelujah" chorus.

Happy birthday to Arpeet and Purna! We want you to know that we are proud of both of you. Continue to be a blessing to everyone. God bless you both is our humble prayer. All our love—*Mamma and Pappa*

Membership Transfers

This is the second reading of these names.

Incoming:

Eolia **Sibila** from Sligo Adventist Church in Takoma Park, Maryland
Trent, Alyssa, Moraya, Reily, and Ellie **Truman** from Crowley Adventist Church in Crowley, Texas
Mario, Gabriella, Larissa, and Sabrina (along with son, Jeremy) **Oliveira** from Eglise Adventiste in
Dammarie-les-Lys, France.

This is the first reading of these names.

Incoming:

Kim **Parraway** from Berrien Springs All Nations Adventist Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan
Nelson **Parraway** from Ridge Area Adventist Church in Avon Park, Florida
Edwin and Shelly **Tenali** from Olney Adventist Church in Olney, Maryland

Condolences

We are sad to announce the passing of Curt Ross on November 19. Curt had been ill for some time. Services have yet to be determined. Please remember his wife, Vivian, children, and other family members as they mourn especially at this time where there is such an emphasis of family. We look forward to that great family reunion when Jesus comes again.

Italian Potluck Today

Today's potluck has an Italian theme and menu. We invite our guests to join us as we fellowship and eat together.

Messiah Sing-A-Long Today

The concert this afternoon at 4:00 p.m., featuring the music from the *Messiah* Sing-a-long, will also allow you to financially support the SAA Honors Chorus raise funds for a tour to the National Choir Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana in March.

MNF Bible Study

Don't forget to join the Men's Monday Night Bible Study group this Monday at 7:00 p.m. Food, fellowship, and football. Doesn't get better than that!

Mid-Week Prayer Gathering

Each week we gather at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School room on Tuesday evenings for a season of prayer. There is a short presentation followed by prayer time. Former Spencerville pastor, Bonita Shields, continues her six-week series exploring of the book, *Steps to Christ*.

Annual Toy Drive

It's that time of year to make the young patients of Shady Grove Adventist Hospital and Washington Adventist Hospital have a happier Christmas. We will be accepting toys through December 22. Please pick up a suggested list at the Welcome Desk. The Christmas cart will be located in the foyer where

you can place your gifts. Your generosity by giving, praying, and thinking of those little ones in the hospital this holiday season are really appreciated.

Tot Time

Our smaller members (ages 12-36 months) along with their parents/guardians are invited to come to Tot Time on December 7, at 9:30 a.m. here at the church to enjoy play, fun, and friends. For more information, call/text Carla David at 301-250-0861.

Evensong: Lessons and Carols

Join us next Sabbath afternoon at 4:00 p.m., for our Adventist Lessons and Carols. This service will incorporate readings about both the first and second Advents of Jesus, with carols for choir and congregation and the cantata "Sleepers Awake" by Johann Sebastian Bach.

2018 Charitable Contributions

In order for contributions to be receipted for 2018, donations must be post-marked or received in the church office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31 (please remember that the office is closed from December 24-28). Mail will be collected daily from our mailbox. Donations received after 5:00 p.m. on December 31 will be receipted as 2019 contributions. Contributions made via Adventist Online Giving by debit card or credit card will be receipted in the year in which the AdventistGiving server receives the authorization to charge your card.

Community Services Needs You

Your offering on December 8 will help Adventist Community Services (ACS) continue to transform communities and people's lives in practical ways. ACS accomplishes programs for youth, seniors and their caregivers, urban dwellers, and more. For information or to donate online go to communityservices.org.

2019 Devotional Books

Descriptions and order information regarding the 2019 devotional books is posted on the bulletin board near the office. There are books for everyone—preschoolers through adults. Order early so you will have them in time when the new year begins in just eight weeks! Books can also be purchased at the local Adventist Book Center.

Great Controversy Tour

2019 Great Controversy Tour (June 21 - July 4, 2019) with Dr. Gerard Damsteegt, specialist in church history and development of prophetic interpretation. See the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation come alive. Visit Rome and the Reformation sites in the Waldensian Valleys, Switzerland, France, and Germany. These tours give you a new vision how to inspire church members for Jesus' coming and future challenges. A most exciting experience! Call 269-815-8624, or email GCTours@mac.com for more information.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today

12:45 p.m. — Fellowship Potluck Lunch

4:00 p.m. — Messiah Sing-A-Long

Monday, December 3

7:00 p.m. — MNF Bible Study

Tuesday, December 4

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. — Keep in Stitches

5:00 p.m. — Bulletin information due

7:00 p.m. — Tuesday Night Study Group

7:00 p.m. — Prayer Gathering: Bonita Shields (Part 4)

Wednesday, December 5

6:30 p.m. — Adventurers

6:30 p.m. — Pathfinders

7:30 p.m. — Choir rehearsal

Thursday, December 6

7:00 p.m. — SAA Christmas Concert, Grades 4-12

Friday, December 7

9:30 a.m. — Tot Time

Sabbath, December 8

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services:

Speaker: Chad Stuart

Offering: Adventist Community Services

Diaconate Team: Brockett, Hernandez, Sines

HIS Team: Noble, Reinhardt

4:00 p.m. — Evensong Concert: Lessons and Carols

SABBATH SCHOOL

Sabbath School meets from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. for all age groups. There are many classes to choose from, and we invite you and your family members to select which class is right for you.

Most of the adult classes follow the Adult Bible Study Guide, but with different emphases. Adult Bible Study Guides are available for free at the Welcome Desk.

Please see the directory below to find a class that is right for you. For more information, please visit our Welcome Desk.

Sanctuary Class: Ed Zinke.....Sanctuary
George Reid Class.....South Porch, Classroom A
Spanish-language Class.....South Porch Classroom B
Prayer and Praise Class.....South Porch Classroom C
Hallway Class.....Hallway Off Foyer
Conference Room Class.....Conference Room
Great Expectations Class.....Family Room A
A Practical Approach.....Family Room B
Bible Discussion Class: 1 Kings.....Family Room C
Young Adults.....Fellowship Hall—Fireplace End
Collegiate Class.....Fellowship Hall—Kitchen End
Youth (Grades 9 - 12).....East Wing
Middle School (Grades 7 - 8).....East Wing
Juniors (Grades 5 & 6).....East Wing
Primary 2 (Grades 3 & 4).....East Wing
Primary 1 (Grades 1 & 2).....East Wing
Kindergarten (ages 4 and 5).....East Wing
Beginners 2 (Ages 3 through 4).....West Wing
Beginners 1 (Birth through 2).....West Wing

Emergency Medical Assistance. This facility is equipped with an Automatic External Defibrillator. If a medical emergency arises, immediately call attention to the situation. Trained individuals will respond. If you are in need of immediate assistance, contact a deacon. A nurse or physician will respond to assist you.