



December 28, 2019

# Goodbye 2019, Hello 2020

Welcome to the last Sabbath of 2019! Our church has experienced many things this year for which we can be abundantly grateful to God for His leading and support. We've also lost many members, and have families and friends who are grieving, looking keenly to the soon return of Jesus. Let us gather together this last time this year to worship in thankfulness and supplication to God as we enter 2020. Of one thing we can be certain—God will not forsake us, and is our constant Guide. Please consider filling out the Connection card and dropping it in the offering plate or turn it in at the Welcome Desk in the Foyer.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Receiving Goal for December: \$38,723

### Local Combined Budget Giving

Giving through December 14, 2019 - Week 24

Received: \$223,410

Receiving Goal: \$257,076

Annual Budget: \$550,000

### SUNSET TIMES:

Today: 4:49 p.m./Next Sabbath: 4:56 p.m.

### ADVENTIST GIVING ONLINE

A safe and easy way to give your tithes and offerings online using an electronic check or debit/credit card!

Go to: [spencervillechurch.org/give](http://spencervillechurch.org/give)

Click into the secure site.

Receive a confirmation via email.

Current Debt .....\$3,223,697

**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

## CHURCH STAFF DIRECTORY

Senior Pastor	Chad Stuart	Minister of Music and Organist	Mark Willey
Associate Pastors	Lerone Carson	Choir Director	Michael Patterson
	Gaspar Colón	Office Manager	Carol Strack
	Andrea Jakobsons	Treasurer	Eugene Korff
	Jason Lombard	SAA Principal	Tissiana Bowerman
	Kandace Zollman	Prayer Request Voicemail	301-384-2920 ext. 140
Pastors Emeritus	Charlotte McClure	Spencerville Adventist Academy	301-421-9101
	Steve Willsey		


Diaconate Team: Roth, Sackett, Stele, Wangsness

HIS Team: Henkel, Hess, Wetmore

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE:	Three Versets on “Away in a Manger” Mark Blatchly	
WELCOME		Pastor Kandace Zollman
†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 142:	Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA	
PRAYER		Pastor Gaspar Colón
THANK OFFERING		Pastor Colón
Thank Offertory:	It Came Upon a Midnight Clear arr. Dennis Alexander	Lucas Chow, piano
CHILDREN’S LESSON		Mark Willey
HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 141:	What Child Is This? GREENSLEEVES	
SERMON:	Am I Growing?	Pastor Chad Stuart
OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 123:	As With Gladness Men of Old DIX	
BENEDICTION		Pastor Stuart
		
SONG SERVICE		
LESSON STUDY: Sanctuary Class (other classes listed on p. 8)		Richard Guldin

†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:	Three Versets on “Away in a Manger” Mark Blatchly	
WELCOME		Merle Poirier
CHORAL INTROIT:	From heaven above to earth I come VOM HIMMEL HOCH	Juliana Baioni, soprano
†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 142:	Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA	
†INVOCATION		Pastor Chad Stuart
TITHES AND OFFERINGS:	Chesapeake Advance	Al Reece
OFFERTORY:	Angels We Have Heard on High French Carol (arr. J. Althouse)	Juliana Baioni, soprano
PRAYER		Pastor Gaspar Colón
THANK OFFERING		Pastor Colón
CHILDREN’S LESSON		Mark Willey
SCRIPTURE:	2 Peter 1:3-8	Sharon Reece
ANTHEM:	To Believe Matthew Evancho	Juliana Baioni, soprano
SERMON:	Am I Growing?	Pastor Stuart

†HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 123: As With Gladness Men of Old

DIX

†BENEDICTION

Pastor Stuart

†CHORAL RESPONSE:

Glory to God in highest heaven

Juliana Baioni, soprano

VOM HIMMEL HOCH

POSTLUDE:

Toccata on “Antioch”

Craig Phillips

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## ABOUT THE MUSIC

Juliana Baioni is visiting her home church for the holidays after having recently moved to California to receive a Performance Certificate in Vocal Performance at La Sierra University in Riverside. She is currently a member of three choirs, a vocal ensemble, and will play the lead role of Maria in LSU's production of *The Sound of Music* this March.

## Membership Transfers

*This is the first reading of these names.*

### Incoming:

Lewis **Bertus** and Carmay **Leerdam** from Ooltewah Seventh-day Adventist Church, in Ooltewah, TN

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## Thank You!

Thank you does not seem to be enough to convey our appreciation to two of our pastoral staff members.

**Pastor Gaspar Colón** will be retiring from pastoral work as of December 31. While he will not be leaving, he will have “graduated” from his position on the pastoral staff.

Pastor Colón has spent most of his time working on nurture and congregational support. Many of

our congregation have benefited from his kind words and quiet presence as they have experienced various seasons of their life during his time here at Spencerville. While we will see him in the pew, we will miss him on the front lines.

Another completely inadequate expression of appreciation goes to our minister of music, **Mark Willey**. Mark has served in this capacity for almost 25 years. We would venture to say some

of you have never known any other minister of music than Mark. He has enriched our lives and our worship with music, not only his own, but those of others. And more than a few would say he's their favorite story teller for the children's lesson time.

This is not a goodbye, because Mark will remain as organist, choir accompanist, and the coordinator of the Evensong Concert Series. But he will officially step away from the ministry of music position as of January 1, 2020.

Thank you, Gaspar and Mark. You have made an indelible mark on Spencerville that will not be forgotten.

### **Toy Drive Update**

A big thank you to all who participated in our annual Toy Drive benefiting the Shady Grove Adventist Hospital Pediatric Unit. A special thank you to Sharon Williams and her middle school students for their major contribution! We were able to donate more than 350 gifts this year. Because of your generosity, you made the hospital stay of many children easier this season.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

A partial nominating committee report is available at the Welcome Desk. This report serves as the first reading, so please plan to pick one up to review before next Sabbath when it will be voted. Please be aware that it is not yet complete as there are some responses we are still waiting for and some positions yet to fill. Those will be brought before the church for a vote as they come in.

### **Grief Relief Seminar**

As one might imagine, grief does not take a

“vacation” during the holidays. In fact, the holidays can exacerbate an already hurting heart. The grief seminar continues tomorrow at 2:00 p.m., with Pastor Mike Oxentanko speaking on “Regret.”

### **2019 Charitable Contributions**

In order to be receipted for 2019, contributions must be post-marked by December 31, or received in the church office by 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 31. Donations received in the church office after 5:00 p.m., on December 31 will be receipted as 2020 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. Please note office hours will be: December 30, 1:00-5:00 p.m.; Tuesday, December 31, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon; and 1:30-5:00 p.m.

### **Official in 2020**

As of January 1 we want to officially welcome two new pastoral staff members. Both have been working with us for the past several months, but their status changes a bit at the turn of the new year.

**Pastor Kandace Zollman** has been part-time the past few months working alongside Pastor Colón and part-time women's ministries coordinator for the Chesapeake Conference. Pastor Kandace will now step into the full-time position of pastor for nurture and pastoral care. We look forward to the joyful and prayerful presence she brings to our congregation.

**Michael Patterson** has also been with us the past several months working alongside minister of music, Mark Willey. They've made a great musical team, as Michael has led the choir, and Mark planned the

services and played the organ or piano. The great news is that this team will remain and move into 2020 with just a bit of switching roles. Michael will, as of January 1, be the minister of music, planning worship services, and leading the musical direction. Mark will continue on and assist Michael in this process. We are grateful for the talent that Michael brings and look forward to this seamless transition that results in the music we have always appreciated, as well as the new perspective Michael will bring to our worship.

### **First Sabbath Fellowship**

We will have a potluck lunch next Sabbath, January 4. Why not make a New Year's resolution to start attending and contributing to this event? It is a great way to meet people in the congregation, plus sample some dishes you might not have tried before. Each member/family needs to bring enough food for their family and to share so that our guests are cared for. Start planning today what you will bring!

### **Spencerville's 40 Days of Prayer**

The Prayer Ministry team will commence 40 days of prayer on January 7. Each Tuesday evening Prayer Gathering will focus on a different topic. Participants will individually read daily devotionals that focus on practical and biblical preparation for Jesus' soon return. This is a wonderful way to begin 2020. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining us in this endeavor. January 7's topic will be "The Power of Prayer." More details to follow.

### **Chesapeake Conference 10 Days of Prayer**

Each day at 6:30 a.m., from January 8-18, the Chesapeake Conference will be participating in the

10 days of prayer (and where desired fasting) to recommit ourselves to God at the beginning of the new year. The Chesapeake Conference will provide a call-in prayer line each morning from 6:30 to 7:00 am. The theme is "Seeking God's Spirit" as we explore how to have a richer Christian experience. Various pastors will facilitate this prayer time with a different daily topic. The call-in number and code are:

Conference Dial-In Number: 605-475-4000

Participant Access Code: 721521#

### **Still Needing Assistance**

Support Adventist Children's Choir (ACC) by buying Yankee Candles. Shop online through January 8 at [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com) and enter group number 990101435.

### **SAA Academy Day**

Academy Day at SAA is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Students in 8th grade and up who would like to learn what the high school has to offer should register at [www.spencervilleacademy.org](http://www.spencervilleacademy.org) under the Academy Day tab. If you have questions or would like more information please contact Gigi Mattox at 240-883-3502 or [gmattox@spencerville.org](mailto:gmattox@spencerville.org).

### **New Music in 2020**

Spencerville Church is organizing a Sanctuary Orchestra. Plans for the orchestra will begin soon! If interested, contact Michael Patterson at [Mpatters@wau.edu](mailto:Mpatters@wau.edu). Please state the instrument you play and for how long. Rehearsals and performance schedule to be determined. More details to come.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, December 29

2:00 p.m. — Grief Relief Seminar

### Monday, December 30

Church office is open from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, December 31

8:30 - 5:00 p.m. — Church office open from  
(except noon to 1:00 p.m.)

5:00 p.m. — Bulletin deadline

5:00 p.m. — Last time for charitable donations  
delivered to church office

7:00 p.m. — Cancelled (Tuesday Night Study  
Group will reconvene on January 7)

### Wednesday, January 1

Happy New Year!

### Sabbath, January 4

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Worship Services:

Speaker: Pastor Andrea Jakobsons

Offering: Local Church Budget

Diaconate Team: Tom Henkel and friends

HIS Team: Esveld, Mayer

12:45 p.m. — Fellowship Potluck

7:30 p.m. — Young Adult Game Night

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**Prayer Meeting Resumes January 7.** Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. See announcement for 40 days of prayer.

**Need Prayer?** Call the Spencerville Prayer line (301-384-2920, ext. 140). Leave a message regarding prayer requests or praise reports to be shared with our Prayer Ministry team. Leave a number if you wish someone to return your call.

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## SABBATH SCHOOL CLASSES

Sabbath School meets from 10:00 to 11:00

a.m. for all age groups. There are many classes to choose from; we invite you to select a class from the directory below. Most of the adult classes follow the Adult Bible Study Guide, but with different emphases. For a free Adult Bible Study Guides or more information on our classes, please visit our Welcome Desk in the church foyer.

Sanctuary Class: Richard Guldin.....	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: Luke .....	Family Room C
Collegiate & Young Adults....	Fellowship Hall, Fireplace 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

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**In case of an emergency.** 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.