



**November 21, 2020**

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Whether you're a guest or a member, we're excited that you've chosen to worship with us. To protect the health and safety of those participating, our worship services are pre-recorded in the auditorium at Spencerville Adventist Academy while the renovations in our Sanctuary continue. Look for additional ways to digitally connect with your church family in our Friday email, the *Worship Update*. If you would like to receive these updates, visit [spencervillechurch.org/weekly-update](http://spencervillechurch.org/weekly-update) to sign up online.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly receiving goal: \$8,723

#### Local Combined Budget Giving

Giving through October 31, 2020 - Week 18

Received: \$139,405

Receiving Goal: \$153,328

Annual Budget: \$550,000

### ADVENTIST GIVING ONLINE

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

Visit [spencervillechurch.org/give](http://spencervillechurch.org/give)

Log into the secure site.

Receive a confirmation via email.

Current Debt as of September 30, 2020 \$3,091,763

### SUNSET TIMES:

Today: 4:47 p.m./Next Sabbath: 4:44 p.m.

## CHURCH STAFF DIRECTORY

Senior Pastor

Chad Stuart

Associate Pastors

Lerone Carson

Jason Lombard

Matthew Piersanti

Kandace Zollman

Pastor Emeritus

Charlotte McClure

Minister of Music

Organist

Office Manager

Treasurer

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:15 a.m.

WELCOME		Pastor Chad Stuart
INTROIT & HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 8:	We Gather Together KREMSER	*Festival Virtual Choir
PRAYER		Mark Noble
CHILDREN'S LESSON		Pastor Kandace Zollman
SERMON:	Seven Pictures: Open The Door Revelation 3:14-22	Pastor Chad Stuart
RESPONSE:	The Savior is Waiting CARMICHAEL arr. Michael Patterson	Denique Isaac, soprano Spencerville Adventist Academy Strings
BENEDICTION		Pastor Stuart
**POSTLUDE:	Marche Triumphale Sigrid Karg-Elert	Spencerville Brass Mosaic Mark Willey, organ

*\*combined voices from the Sligo, Spencerville, and Takoma Park church choirs*

*\*\*recorded in the Sanctuary before the platform reconstruction began*

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning! We will continue to provide updates on the status of our “in-person” worship services. Visit [spencervillechurch.org](http://spencervillechurch.org) for the latest information.

## **Thank You for Giving!**

*The offering on November 14 has been designated for Annual Sacrifice (Global Mission) - World Budget.*

Your continued support of the ministry being done through Spencerville Church is appreciated. Thank you! Please continue to use the Adventist Giving website to remit your tithe and offerings at [spencervillechurch.org/give](http://spencervillechurch.org/give). Or we can also receive contributions through the postal system. Our mailing address is:

*Spencerville Adventist Church  
16325 New Hampshire Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20905*

## **Drive-in Worship Services**

We're pleased to announce that weekly drive-in worship services will be held in the back parking lot of the church at 11:30 a.m. each Sabbath, weather permitting. Join us as we worship together! Pre-registration is requested by visiting [spencervillechurch.org/drivein](http://spencervillechurch.org/drivein).

## **Show 'n Tell Holiday Presentations**

You are cordially invited to participate in a series of presentations conceived with the idea of providing fun, emotional support and inspiration during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. The presentations will be delivered online via Zoom and are for everyone—women, men, youth, and children—all are welcome! Presentations are scheduled as follows:

## **Baking (and Sharing) Our Best Holiday Cookies!**

*November 22 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.*

Join Alessia and Beate Richli, Denise Pfannenstiel and Geri Mueller. Recipes from this event will be shared!

## **Navigating Anxiety and Loneliness?**

*November 29 from 5:00-6:00 p.m.*

Discussion, Questions, and Answers with Psychotherapist Kim Machado.

## **An Enchanted Photo Trip to the Beautiful Countries of Iceland and Namibia**

*December 6 from 5:00-6:00 p.m.*

A photo presentation with Dan Weber as well as the making of an Icelandic dish with Heidi Weber.

## **Favorite Christmas Carols from the Homes of Our Church Members**

*December 13—5:00-6:00 p.m.*

## **Sharing Your Best Christmas Ever**

*December 20—5:00-6:00 p.m.*

An interactive evening with Geri Mueller.

## **Surprise Yourself with Night of Painting**

*December 27—5:00-6:00 p.m.*

Online Paint Night with Cheryl Roeske. A list of necessary art supplies will be provided for those who want to paint, but all are invited to come and watch!

**To receive a Zoom link for the presentations, please contact Geri Mueller by email at [gerimueller@gmail.com](mailto:gerimueller@gmail.com).**

## Holiday Food Drive

It's time again for our annual Food Drive to support needy families in our congregation and community. This year, because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are doing things a little bit differently than usual. Instead of the Pathfinders collecting donations from the community around the church, we are asking each of you to get involved. You can support the food drive in one of the following ways:

### 1. Collect donations from your neighbors.

Paper bags are available at the church office for your neighbors to fill with their donations. Each bag has a list of requested food items attached, along with instructions for returning the filled bags. Please take as many bags as you need, and leave one with each of your neighbors. They can drop off their filled bags at the church, or you can ask them to drop off their filled bags at your house, or collect them directly from your neighbors. If you decide to pick up donations or ask your neighbors to drop them off at your house, we ask that you make sure any expired items are removed before dropping them off at the church.

### 2. Donate food items directly.

You can also donate non-perishable food items such as macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables (corn, green beans, carrots, peas, etc.), boxed cereal (corn flakes, Cheerios, Frosted Mini Wheats, etc), canned fruit (peaches, pears, apples, etc.), caned soup (vegetable, minestrone, chicken noodle, cream of mushroom or celery,

etc.), rice (bags or boxes), stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, gravy mixes, cranberry sauce, muffin or corn bread mix, packaged bread crumbs, pie crust mix and fillings, just to name a few suggestions.

Bring your donations to the church before December 12. Donations can be dropped off by the entrance door under the portico on the north side of the building.

Please make sure that all items have their original labels, and that items are not expired. **All donations must be dropped off at the church no later than December 12.**

## Christmas Toy Drive for Kids at Shady Grove Hospital

Every year, the Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church partners with Shady Grove Adventist Hospital to provide toys for children hospitalized during the Christmas season. Being away from home during the holidays can be tough for kids, but your generosity can help make their experience a little bit brighter. Here are a few ideas for some of the most requested items: Barbies (fashion dolls), action figures/superheroes, small toddler toys, stuffed animals (12-15 inches tall, no beanie babies), Megablocks/Duplos, small lego sets, Paw Patrol items, teenage coloring books, Big Mo's toy baby cars (other cars of this size), baby socks, sensory infant books, baby rattles/toys.

You can participate in any of the following ways:

**1. Bring your new, unwrapped donations to the church no later than December 12.**

**2. Make a monetary donation**, either by check or online at [www.spencervillechurch.org](http://www.spencervillechurch.org). Be sure to mark your donation with “Christmas Toy Drive.”

**3. Purchase your items online**, through retailers such as Amazon, Walmart, etc. and have them delivered to the church to the attention of Brad Martin. If you decide to use this method, make sure that all items will be delivered no later than December 12!

### **Men’s Monday Night Football(less) Virtual Bible Study Group**

The next MNF gathering will take place this coming Monday, December 7, at 7:15 p.m. via Zoom. The Bible study begins at 7:30 and adjourns by 8:45. Join us online using this link: [spencervillechurch.org/mnf-bible-study](http://spencervillechurch.org/mnf-bible-study). If you have questions, contact Paul Rivera at [mensministry@spencervillechurch.org](mailto:mensministry@spencervillechurch.org) or 301.949.6367. Also, please take three minutes to complete the online Men’s Ministry registration at [spencervillechurch.org/mens-ministry](http://spencervillechurch.org/mens-ministry).

### **Tuesday Evening Prayer Meeting**

Prayer meeting is a vibrant small group meeting every Tuesday evening at 7 o’clock via Zoom. The group is currently in a series discussing the prayers in the Bible—with a new prayer each week—led by Kevin Sullivan and Tim Lale. Join prayer meeting on your device through [spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting](http://spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting). Alternatively, you can join the meeting through your phone by calling 301.715.8592. You’ll need the meeting ID: 479 808 915. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening!

### **Attention Parents!**

It’s always a treat to see your children via Zoom each Sabbath morning. Although we would love to see them in person again, we are thankful for technology which allows us to remain connected while apart. We realize that at times we each need a break from Zoom, and so **for the holiday Sabbaths of November 28 and December 26, we will be suspending the Children’s and Middle School Sabbath School classes** so that you may have this time to be with your loved ones. We pray that you will continue to stay safe, especially during the holidays, and we look forward to the day when we can meet together again.

### **Evening Devotions on Facebook Live**

Join Pastor Kandace online on the Spencerville Facebook page: [facebook.com/spencervillesda](https://facebook.com/spencervillesda) for a devotional time of prayer on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

### **Planning for Christmas**

To preserve a long-standing tradition that the Spencerville Church has held, we are laying the groundwork for a Christmas concert to be recorded in our newly refurbished sanctuary space. The concert is tentatively scheduled for broadcast on December 19, and we are making it available to our broadcast partners. We will be using best practices and social distancing, pre-recording all of the pieces and readings separately to limit the number of people in the room at any one time. In this time, when

we are unable to be together in a single room, we are praying that a shared experience like this will help the Christmas season feel as special as possible. More information will be shared as it's available.

## **A New Address for Pastor Gaspar and May-Ellen Colon**

Recently we bid a fond farewell to Pastor Gaspar and May-Ellen. On November 2 they left Maryland and are now in Hawaii. Although we have been informed that they will still be staying quite busy in ministry, we are sure they will be enjoying their retirement and living in close proximity to their children and grandchildren.

Their new address:

Gaspar and May-Ellen Colon  
44-139 Bayview Haven Place  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

## **Are You Connected? It's Not Too Late!**

We believe that small groups are the best way to have every person in the Spencerville Community growing spiritually and relationally. We would enjoy the opportunity to tell you more about it! Please visit [spencervillechurch.org/smallgroups](http://spencervillechurch.org/smallgroups) to learn more. For more regarding the benefit of small groups, look for Pastor Chad's series of sermons beginning on August 15; and his Sermon Debrief videos on the Spencerville Church YouTube page ([spencervillechurch.org/youtube](http://spencervillechurch.org/youtube)). As the Holy Spirit convicts your heart, we want to hear from you!

## **Do You Have a Prayer Request?**

Call the Spencerville Prayer line at 301.384.2920, ext. 140. Leave a message with your prayer request and/or praise report to be shared with our Prayer Ministry team. Leave a number if you wish someone to return your call.

## **Fourth Quarter Sabbath School Lesson Study Guides**

The Sabbath School lesson study guides are available for the fourth quarter, which begins today. If you prefer a paper copy, visit [spencervillechurch.org/quarterly](http://spencervillechurch.org/quarterly), or contact the church office by phone at 301.384.2920 or via email at [office@spencervillechurch.org](mailto:office@spencervillechurch.org) and we will be happy to put one in the mail for you, or you can drop by to pick up your copy. Please remember to wear your mask when you visit the church.

If you prefer, the study guides can be accessed online for adults, youth, and children. Use your smart phone or tablet to search for "Sabbath School" in Apple's App Store or on Google Play.

## **Used Hymnals**

There are still 1 or 2 over-used hymnals from the Sanctuary that have definitely seen better days. If you would like to give one of these used hymnals a good home, please contact the church office and we will be happy to set one or two aside for you; or you can stop by during office hours. Just call to let us know when you're coming. Please remember to wear your mask whenever you visit the church.