



December 19, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

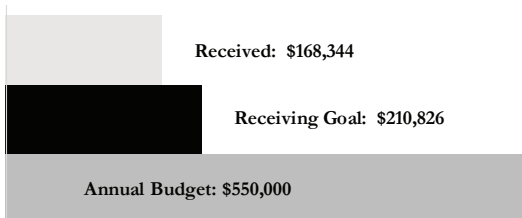
Whether you're a guest or a member, we're excited that you've chosen to worship with us. To protect the health and safety of those participating, our worship services are pre-recorded in the auditorium at Spencerville Adventist Academy while the renovations in our Sanctuary continue. Look for additional 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 to sign up online.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly receiving goal: \$8,723

Local Combined Budget Giving

Giving through November 28, 2020 - Week 22



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

Log into the secure site.

Receive a confirmation via email.

Current Debt as of November 30, 2020 \$3,064,878

SUNSET TIMES:

Today: 4:45 p.m./Next Sabbath: 4:49 p.m.

CHURCH STAFF DIRECTORY

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

National Domestic Violence Hotline — 800-799-7233

ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:15 a.m.

WELCOME		Pastor Chad Stuart
HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 132:	O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES	Spencerville Singers Spencerville String Mosaic
PRAYER		Cindy Di Pinto
CHILDREN'S LESSON		Mark Willey
SCRIPTURE READING:	Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7; John 1:1-5; John 8:12	Doug and Christy Zinke
ANTHEM:	The First Noel THE FIRST NOEL	Spencerville Singers Spencerville String Mosaic
SERMON:	The Glimmer of Light Luke 2:1-20	Pastor Stuart
RESPONSE:	Silent Night STILLE NACHT	Sharon Williams, voice Brody Wiedermann, flute Michael Patterson, piano
BENEDICTION		Pastor Stuart
POSTLUDE:	Concerto in G minor - III. Presto Felix Mendelssohn	Devon Hunt, piano Michael Patterson, piano

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 for the latest information.

Membership Transfers

This is the second reading of these names.

Incoming:

Englawni **Chhakchhuak** from Washington Mizo Adventist Church in Beltsville, Maryland
Yvonne **Henderson** from Remnant Adventist Church in Burtonsville, Maryland

Outgoing:

Kathleen **Hess** to Mesa Palms Adventist Church in Mesa, Arizona

Meet the New Members of Our Spencerville Church Family

Englawmi comes to us from the Washington Miso Church. Her two boys, Jonathan, 14, and Tyler, 9, are attending Spencerville Adventist Academy. Originally from Myanmar, she came to this country 18 years ago, and was a stay at home mom until more recently when she found employment as a stylist at a hair salon. It was there that she learned English.

Originally from Wilmington, North Carolina, Yvonne has lived in Washington, DC most of her life. She works with the state of Maryland Department of Education where she is a child advocate. She has an adult daughter, Chelsea; and her son, Sean is 17.

Congratulations!

Brian and Amber (Davis) Carr are pleased to announce the arrival of Benjamin Lawrence Carr, born on December 1. Benjamin weighed in at 6.1 pounds and was 19 inches long. Parents and baby Benjamin are happy, healthy, and so blessed this Christmas!

Condolences

Again our hearts are heavy as we share the news of the death of Steven Perez, son of long-time Spencerville member, Charline Haviland. Stephen died unexpectedly from unknown causes on December 8. He was the brother of Rick (Marilyn) Perez.

Spencerville member, Betty Stewart lost her battle with long-time health issues, and died in her sleep of natural causes this past Monday, December 14. She was the mother of Spencerville members, Barbara Carreno and Carol Melashenko.

Please remember these families as they grieve the loss of family members. Soon Jesus will return and there will be no more death or sorrow.

Christmas Lessons and Carols Concert This Afternoon!

To preserve a long-standing tradition of the Spencerville Church, we will have the Lessons and Carols Christmas Concert again this year; however, this year it will be pre-recorded and made available for broadcast at **4:30 p.m. this afternoon**. To watch, visit our website at <https://www.spencervillechurch.org/carols>. Using best practices and social distancing,

the pre-recording of all the pieces and readings have happened separately to limit the number of people in the room at any one time. In this time of COVID-19, when we are unable to be together in a single room, we are praying that the shared experience of this concert will help the Christmas season feel as special as possible.

Thank You for Giving!

The offering on December 19 has been designated for:

Local Church 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. 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*

2019 Charitable Contributions

In order to be receipted in 2020, **contributions must be post-marked OR received in the church office by December 31.** (Please take note or the holiday office hours). Donations received in the church office after December 31 will be receipted as 2021 contributions. Contributions made via Adventist Online Giving by debit card or credit card will be receipted in the year in which the Adventist Giving server receives the authorization to charge your card.

Holiday Office Hours

Monday, December 21 — Closed
Tuesday, December 22 — 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 23 — 8:00 a.m.-noon
Thursday, December 24 — Closed
Friday, December 25 — Closed
Monday, December 28 — Closed
Tuesday, December 29 — 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 30 — 8:00 a.m.-noon
Thursday, December 31 — 8:00 a.m.-noon
Friday, January 1 — Closed

Prayer Line

The holidays are not always “merry and bright” under the best of circumstances, and the pandemic is causing us to look ahead through a shadowed uncertainty. But as followers of “Emmanuel—God with us” we know where to go for reassurance and direction! We understand that most people have busy morning schedules, so we encourage you to share longer conversations at a later time. The prayer line is available Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m., and Sabbath and Sunday at 5:30 p.m. To join the prayer call, simply dial 425-436-6376. When you are asked for an access code, type in 7924151, and follow the directions. It is that easy! Let’s come together and tap into the most powerful Force in the universe. He was willing to come here to reclaim His people...and He is eager to have us come together and share our battles with Him.

Calling All College Age Students:

We are excited to announce a new virtual collegiate level sabbath school! We meet Sabbath afternoons at 2:30 p.m. and would love to have as many people as possible join the discussion. The recurring Zoom link is: <https://spencervillechurch.org/collegiate/zoom>. For questions or more information, please contact Lindsey Gispert at: lslg.gispert@gmail.com.

Drive-in Worship Services

Due to the updated COVID-19 protocols for Montgomery County that went into effect on December 15, we regret to share that **our drive-in worship services are canceled for the next two Sabbaths, December 19 and December 26**. We hope to be able to return to our weekly drive-in worship services beginning January 2, which will feature Pastor Matthew Piersanti's first sermon at Spencerville Church. Of course, all of these Sabbaths we will hold our regularly scheduled online broadcast services.

Attention Parents!

It's such a treat to see your children via Zoom each Sabbath morning, however, we realize that at times we each need a break from Zoom, and so **next Sabbath only, 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 seeing you all again on January 2, and even more so to the day when we can meet together again.

Show & Tell Holiday Presentations

You are cordially invited to participate in the remaining presentations with the idea of providing fun, emotional support, and inspiration during the Christmas Season. Many have already enjoyed "attending" the first three presentations. Each of the presentations are delivered online via Zoom and are for everyone—women, men, youth, and children—all are welcome! Remaining presentations are scheduled as follows:

Sharing Your Best Christmas Ever

December 20—5:00-6:00 p.m.

An interactive evening with Geri Mueller.

Surprise Yourself with Art Night

December 27—5:00-6:00 p.m.

An online painting event with artist, 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.

First Quarter Sabbath School Lesson Study Guides

The Sabbath School lesson study guides for the first quarter, 2021 are now available online for adults, youth, and children. Using your smart phone or tablet, search for "Sabbath School" in the Apple App Store or on Google Play. If this is not an option for you, or you would prefer a paper copy, visit spencervillechurch.org.

[org/quarterly](#), or contact the church office by phone at 301-384-2920 or via email at office@spencervillechurch.org and we will be happy to put one in the mail for you.

Men's Monday Night Football(less) Virtual Bible Study Group

The next MNF gathering will take place on Monday, December 21, 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. If you have questions, contact Paul Rivera at 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.

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. 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!

Evening Devotions on Facebook Live

Join Pastor Kandace online on the Spencerville

Facebook page: facebook.com/spencervillesda for a devotional time of prayer on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

It's Never Too Late To Get Connected!

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 to learn more. 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.