



April 15, 2023

WELCOME

We're thankful to have you with us this morning as we worship together. Whether you're sitting in our Sanctuary or worshipping with us online, know that we consider you part of our community! We wish you a Sabbath filled with blessings. Again, welcome!

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INTERNET ACCESS

In order to facilitate participation in our services, complimentary internet access is available for those with WiFi equipped devices. You may connect using the information below:

Network: SpencervilleChurch

Password: Spencerville16325

CONNECT WITH US   

@spencervillesda

NEED TO KNOW

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

If you'd like to transfer your membership or be baptized into membership at the Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church, please submit a Connection Card to the Welcome Desk or place it in the offering box, both of which are located in the foyer.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

This facility is equipped with an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). If a medical emergency arises, please call attention to the situation immediately and trained individuals will respond. All persons in the area should make room for the emergency responders to gain access. If you experience sudden illness and need immediate assistance, please contact the Welcome Desk or the deacon posted in the lobby. A nurse or physician will respond.

SUNSET TIMES

Today: 7:38 p.m.

Next Sabbath: 7:45 p.m.

FIRST SERVICE

9:00 A.M.

*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 service.*

Welcome		Pastor Crystal E. Ward
Song of Praise	Come Christians Join To Sing	
Children's Lesson		Jim Clemons
Songs of Praise	Come Ye Sinners Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me	
Prayer		
Sermon	"Crossbar of Contradiction"	Bill Knott
Song of Response	How Deep The Father's Love For Us	
Benediction		Bill Knott

The offering this Sabbath has been designated for Local Church Budget

Tithe and offerings may be returned via the collection boxes in the foyer, online at spencervillechurch.org/give, or by mail using the address on the back cover.

Praise Team

Vocals: Karen Miranda, Fernanda Rinza, Sofya Puyul

Guitar: Saneliso Sokupa

Strings: Deric Tomenko, Keri Tomenko

Piano: German Rodriguez

SECOND SERVICE

11:15 A.M.

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Welcome		Pastor Crystal E. Ward
Prelude	In Death's Strong Bands the Savior Lay, BWV 625 <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>	Mark Willey, organ
†Hymn of Praise, No. 300	Rock of Ages <i>TUNE: TOPLADY</i>	
Invocation		Pastor Crystal
Special Music	Ezekiel Saw De Wheel <i>William L. Dawson</i>	SAA Cantares Emilie Flores, director
Baptism	Abigail and Madelyn Zappia	Pastor Matthew Piersanti
Children's Lesson		Jim Clemons
Prayer		Marilyn Clemons
Anthem	Grace <i>arr. Mark Hayes</i>	SAA Cantares Emilie Flores, director
Sermon	"Crossbar of Contradiction"	Bill Knott
†Hymn of Response, No. 280	Come, Ye Sinners <i>TUNE: RESTORATION</i>	
Benediction		Bill Knott
**Postlude	Toccata <i>Eugène Gigout</i>	Mark Willey, organ

† Indicates congregation is to please stand

** During the postlude, you are invited to remain seated or to depart in the joy of Jesus Christ.

MUSIC NOTES

For worship today, we welcome back Spencerville Adventist Academy Cantares, under the direction of Emilie Flores. The academy choir has recently returned from a trip to Cincinnati, Ohio for the American Choral Director's Association (ACDA), where they were selected to join a large honors chorus in conjunction with various schools nationally. We hope you enjoy the beautiful songs for today's service.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

This is the second reading.

INCOMING

Ed & Bonnie Koch from Philadelphia Chestnut Hill SDA Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Sergio & Tetiana Shulga from Bila Tserkva #2 (Bila Tserkva, Kyiv Oblast Ukraine)

OUTGOING

Israel Garcia to Frederick Spanish Adventist Church in Frederick, Maryland

This is the first reading.

INCOMING

Scott, Manuela, Angela, McKayla, and Christian Coppock from Reaching Hearts International Adventist Church in Laurel, Maryland

OUTGOING

Brent, Lisa, and Kyle Hardinge to Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan
Hans and Angela Holbrook to Cape Cod Adventist Church in Osterville, Massachusetts

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Ed Koch is a civil engineer and will retire in March from Lockheed Martin after 37 years of service. His wife, **Bonnie**, is interested in community service and friendship evangelism, an interest that Ed also shares. They have two children who live near to them.

Sergii Shulga is the brother of Svitlana Caron. Svitlana, along with her husband, Valeri, also recently transferred their membership to Spencerville. Sergii is a designer of leather accessories and his wife, **Tetiana**, is an accountant. They have two daughters, Elina is nine and in the 4th grade, and Anita is 4 years old.

CHURCH/SCHOOL LIFE

CONDOLENCE

Former Spencerville member James (Jim) C. Lanning went to sleep in Jesus this past April 4. Jim and his wife, Phyllis, were members of the Spencerville Church from the time the congregation was first meeting in a tent on the McNeill property on Good Hope Road, across from the old school. Jim and Phyllis moved to West Virginia in 1993. All of their children Debbie, Jim, David, and Neal attended Spencerville Junior Academy. Their son, Jim, and his wife, Jane, both current Spencerville members, have appreciated the condolences and outpouring of love in the days following their father's death. A memorial service will be held on **Sunday, May 21 at 3:30 p.m.** at the Williamsport Adventist Church located at 16421 Lappans Road in Williamsport, Maryland. A meal will be served following the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to Project Propel, the non-profit organization that his granddaughter, Elizabeth, founded. To learn more about Profit Propel visit their website at ProjectPropel.org. Donations can be made on their website, on your tithe envelope, marked Project Propel, or sent to the Lanning residence: Project Propel, 513 Orchard Way, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service will be held on **Sabbath, April 29 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Spencerville Sanctuary for John Stephenson, who died this past December 7. There will be light refreshments following the service.

CONGRATULATIONS

Chris and Brittany Thorp are the proud parents of Riley Lynn, born on April 11. She weighed in at 7 lbs, 13 oz, and is 21 inches long. She is "Healthy as can be!" Jacob now has the title of big brother. Grandparents Richard and Diane Jacobson are excited to add another grandchild to their family.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY PANEL DISCUSSION

Join us **this Afternoon at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary for an important discussion regarding religious freedom in the workplace. Pastor Crystal E. Ward will moderate this discussion. This event will also be live on [YouTube.com/spencervillechurch](https://www.youtube.com/spencervillechurch). Pick up a flyer at the welcome desk with more details including information about the panelists.

OFFERING FOR APRIL 15

*Offering on April 15 is for
Local Church Budget*

Your prayerful support of the ministries and church campus needs of the Spencerville Church is appreciated.

Our online giving page through Adventist Giving is available 24/7 to receive your tithe and offering contributions. Give online at spencervillechurch.org/give.

SAA TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 26

Tuition assistance applications for Spencerville Adventist Academy's 2023-2024 school year are being accepted through Friday, May 26, 2023. Applications for tuition assistance must be submitted through spencervillechurch.org/tuition-assistance and must be verified with supplemental documentation that all applicants are required to submit. To be eligible for assistance, applicants must have been members of Spencerville Church for at least six months prior to July 1, 2023, as verified by the membership clerk's official records; and must be regularly attending or actively serving in a ministry capacity. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at office@spencervillechurch.org.

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCH

Next Sabbath is our Monthly Fellowship Potluck Lunch. The theme of this month's lunch is "bring your favorite childhood dish". This is that special time when we can relax and enjoy the company of old and new friends while enjoying the delicious dishes lovingly prepared. Members, be sure to bring enough food to feed your family, and guests. Food is to be brought ready to serve. There are refrigerators, a freezer, and a warming oven in the kitchen for items that need to stay cold or hot; and plenty of counter space for dishes that can be left at room temperature until the end of second service. Whether you're a member or our guest, join us **next Sabbath, April 22**, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the close of the second worship service.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date, **June 26-30 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** Children's Ministries is excited to invite all children between the ages of 0-11 for a week of fun. This year we are on the move, following Jesus here, there, and everywhere so that we can learn to move forward in our journey of faith.

8-WEEK GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Have you lost a loved one in the past 3-12 months? We're here to help you work through the Grieving process. Spencerville Church, in partnership with Capital Caring Hospice, will be providing a free 8-week grief counseling series "*Finding Hope in Healing*" for those who have experienced loss. These sessions will help you as you grieve while benefiting from the interaction with others that have a shared experience. The series begins **May 4, 2023** and will meet every **Thursday evening (May 4 through June 22) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at Spencerville Church. Sign up to attend at spencervillechurch.org/grief.

FIND CONNECTION IN A CONNECT GROUP



View a list of open Connect Groups and sign up using the QR code below, or visit: spencervillechurch.org/connectgroups.

SPENCERVILLE PRAYER MEETINGS

If you would like to join the virtual prayer meeting that meets each **Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.**, here is the information needed to join. On the web, visit spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting. When prompted, enter the password "*prayer*". If you prefer

to meet in person, join us the Sanctuary each **Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.** We are looking for volunteer pianists who are willing to accompany the group for two or three hymns. If you are interested, contact Pastor Crystal at cward@spencervillechurch.org. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend either of these meetings.

JOIN US FOR SEASON TWO OF OUR BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES VIDEO SERIES

The first three episodes of our weekly "Biblical Perspectives" video series are now available on YouTube. Hosted by Pastor Chad and theologian, Dr. Frank Hasel, this season's videos explore the Three Angels' Messages in a practical and conversational manner. We invite you to watch them on our YouTube channel at spencervillechurch.org/bpvideo. After doing so, be sure to leave a comment letting us know your thoughts!

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Our Prayer Ministry team would be happy to pray for you. Leave a message with your prayer request or praise report on the Spencerville Prayer line at 301.384.2920, ext. 140. Leave your number if you would like someone to return your call. Alternatively, you can also send an email to the prayer team at prayerline@spencervillechurch.org.

PARENTS, REGISTER YOUR KIDS FOR OUR SUMMER BASEBALL LEAGUE!

Do your kids enjoy baseball? If so, we have a fantastic summer league that you will want to check out. Spencerville Adventist Baseball League, (SABL) is well supported by Spencerville members, but the league also extends an invitation to the local churches and community as well. Our goal is to promote a Christian environment that is fun and enjoyable, and nurtures a child's desire to learn the game of baseball. The SABL philosophy is to teach children the game while promoting teamwork and sportsmanship. We also strongly encourage the children's parents to become involved with their child's team to enhance their experience. Registration closes on May 22. **Early Bird Discount ends, May 15.** For additional information, or to register your child(ren) send an email to sabl@spencervillechurch.org or visit spencervillechurch.org/SABL.

TAKOMA ACADEMY CLASS OF '83

The Takoma Academy Class of '83 is seeking classmates, friends, and family to attend the Alumni Weekend, **April 21-23**. For class event details, see the Takoma Academy Class of 1983 Facebook group or text Susan McMillan at 952.567.9415.

PRAYER NEWSLETTER



Are you receiving the weekly newsletter from Prayer Ministry? Use the QR code to sign up, or visit: spencervillechurch.org/prayerministry.

SAA HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA

"Cinderella" will be presented **tonight and tomorrow**, Tickets are available at the door or email SAADramaTickets@gmail.com to reserve your seat today and support our Spencerville Adventist Academy Youth.

2023 ANNUAL CHESAPEAKE WOMEN'S RETREAT

"In His Presence" is the theme of the 2023 Chesapeake Conference Annual Women's Retreat which will be held **October 27-29** in Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania. Visit ccosda.org/wmretreat for additional information and registration.

CALENDAR

APRIL

- 15 Religious Liberty Panel Discussion
Spencerville Church - 4:00 p.m.
- 18 Virtual Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 19 In-person Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Evensong: Pro Musica of WAU - 4:00 p.m.
- 29 Church Social: Game Night - 8:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT

**COMBINED BUDGET GIVING AS OF
MARCH 25, 2023 – WEEK 39 OF 52**

Received: \$453,202

Receiving Goal: \$452,774

2022-23 Church Budget: \$580,000

CURRENT DEBT AS OF FEB 15, 2023 \$2,605,222

ONLINE GIVING



To make a donation, visit the church website at spencervillechurch.org/give or scan the QR code with your mobile device. Thank you for your generosity!

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CHURCH BUSINESS

SERMON NOTES

ANNUAL CONSTITUENCY MEETING FOR SPENCERVILLE ADVENTIST ACADEMY

The following is a list of additional names of Spencerville members who were nominated by the church body at large to serve as representatives at the annual SAA Constituency meeting which will be held on **Sunday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend, however, voting privileges are restricted to those elected by the church body as official delegates.

This is the first reading

- Rob Abraham
- Heather Cordero
- Vyacheslav Demean
- Nahum Herter
- Becky Koeppen
- Maurice Mead
- Salma Moretta
- Breathe Ngamije
- Caleb Salazar
- Irina Tomenko
- Ava Wilt
- Liz Weigle



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