



September 2, 2023

WELCOME

Whether you are a member or our guest, watching online or sitting in our Sanctuary, we are happy that you have chosen to join us for worship this morning. We consider you a part of our church family and are excited to spend this special time with you. We would enjoy hearing from you using the Connection Card in your bulletin, or contacting us via our website. We wish you a Sabbath filled with blessings. Again, welcome, we are glad you are here.

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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: SpencervilleChurchGuest

CONNECT WITH US

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NEED TO KNOW

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

If you'd like to transfer your church 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: 7:37 p.m.

Next Sabbath: 7:26 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	Here I am to Worship	
Children's Lesson		Pastor Kandace Zollman
Songs of Praise	Who You Say I Am At the Cross	
Prayer		
Sermon	"The Real Pandemic"	Pastor Crystal
Song of Response	Jesus Paid it All	
Benediction		Pastor Crystal

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: Caleb Salazar

Strings: Matthew Nashed

SECOND SERVICE

11:30 A.M.

*Please assist us in maintaining a reverent spirit of worship by muting your electronic devices.
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Welcome		Pastor Crystal E. Ward
Prelude	Elegy <i>George Thalben-Ball</i>	Jason West, organ
†Call to Worship	<i>Leader: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. He saw all that He had made, and it was very good.</i> All: But sin severed the harmony we once shared with God and we see its effects in the world all around us. <i>Leader: Yet, the people living in the land of deep darkness saw a great light dawning.</i> All: For in Adam all would die, but in Christ all will be made alive. <i>Leader: Thanks be to God, who delivers us through Jesus Christ our Lord!</i>	Lisa Beardsley-Hardy
†Hymn of Praise, No. 341	To God Be the Glory <i>TUNE: TO GOD BE THE GLORY</i>	
Invocation		Pastor Crystal
Children's Lesson		Pastor Kandace Zollman
Call to Prayer	The King Of Love My Shepherd Is <i>Charles Gounod</i>	Claire Iverson, soprano

† Indicates congregation is to please stand

Prayer		Frank Hardy
Anthem	We Are a Garden Walled Around <i>Robert Farlee</i>	Claire Iverson, soprano
Sermon	“The Real Pandemic”	Pastor Crystal
†Hymn of Response, No. 462	Blessed Assurance <i>TUNE: ASSURANCE</i>	
Benediction		Pastor Chad
**Postlude	Final on Hyfrydol <i>Jason West</i>	Jason West, organ

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

MUSIC NOTES

Our vocal soloist this morning is Claire Iverson, a professional musician and Masters student at the Maryland Opera Studio. The anthem is a setting of a hymn text by the great 18th century hymn writer, Isaac Watts. Beautiful in its imagery of Christ as the gardener of his people: “We are a garden walled around, Chosen and made peculiar ground; A little spot enclosed by grace Out of the world’s wide wilderness.”

We welcome Jason West back to the organ bench. No stranger to Spencerville, he’s frequently substituted through the years. He is very active musically throughout the area, having held music positions at churches throughout the area.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

This is the first reading.

INCOMING

Judy Glass from Lincoln College View Adventist Church in Lincoln, Nebraska

Bob & Glory Rambob from Seaside Adventist Church in Seaside, Oregon

Laina Quaccoo from Ellicott City Adventist Church in Ellicott City, Maryland

OUTGOING

Andrew & Peter Moses to Frederick Adventist Church on Frederick, Maryland

Yvonne Hill Gotham to Takoma Park Adventist Church in Takoma Park, Maryland

CHURCH/SCHOOL LIFE

CONDOLENCES

Lois Poirier (92) mother of Spencerville member Tim Poirier (Merle) and grandmother of Ellen Musselman (John) and Lisa Froellich (Mark) died peacefully on August 24 in Leominster, Massachusetts.

OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 2

Today's offering is for Local Church Budget

Your prayerful support of the Church Operating Budget, which funds the ministries, utilities, and maintenance of our church, is appreciated.

Our online giving page is available 24/7 to receive your faithful contributions are at spencervillechurch.org/give.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on **Monday, September 4** in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

FIND COMMUNITY IN A CONNECT GROUP

View the list of available Connect Groups by using this QR code, or on our website:



spencervillechurch.org/connectgroups. Several

new groups are available as part of our Connect Group season which begins in September. Many of our established groups will continue as well. If you're interested in hosting or leading a new Connect Group, please contact Keri Tomenko at connectgroups@spencervillechurch.org.

JOIN ONE OF OUR TWO NEW CONNECT GROUPS!

SPENCERVILLE PICKLEBALL

The kickoff event for the Spencerville Pickleball Connect Group is September 10 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the Spencerville Adventist Academy Gym. All ages are welcomed to join. There will be a coach available to help run a clinic for beginners and two other courts will be reserved for recreational/competitive play. Register today bit.ly/SpencervillePickleball

FITNESS FOR A HEALTHIER YOU

Join Julia, an experienced fitness trainer with 18 years in the field, for dynamic functional training sessions. Together, we'll focus on fundamental exercises like squats, lunges, pushups, extensions, and abduction raises, to target major muscle groups and cultivate a strong core.

Through these exercises, we create new neuromuscular connections by consciously engaging in specific movements. This training approach translates into our daily activities, enabling us to execute movements more efficiently and safely, as our brain retains the correct techniques. Let's build strength, prevent injuries, and enhance our overall fitness journey! **Starting September 6**, this group will meet in the Fellowship Hall every **Wednesday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. for 8 weeks**. The session finishes on October 25.

SPENCERVILLE SANCTUARY CHOIR

The Spencerville Sanctuary Choir will begin its regular season of weekly rehearsals and worship services starting on **Wednesday, September 13, at 7:30 p.m.** Join your voice in the long legacy of choral singing at Spencerville. It is a great way to connect and fellowship with others, learn great music, and feel a sense of purpose in leading the music of worship.

SPENCERVILLE PRAYER MEETINGS

For information to join the **Tuesday** evening virtual meeting on the web, visit spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting. When prompted, enter the password "*prayer*." The in-person meeting is held in the Sanctuary each **Wednesday** evening from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

The tenth episode of season three of our Biblical Perspectives series has been posted and is now available on YouTube. Hosted by Pastor Chad and theologian, Dr. Frank Hasel, this season's videos explore the book of Ephesians. We invite you to watch the videos on our YouTube channel at spencervillechurch.org/bpvideo. After doing so, be sure to leave a comment letting us know your thoughts!

PATHFINDER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2023-24 SEASON

Registration for this year's Pathfinders Club is now open! If your children are in grades 5 through 12, join us for a fun year of learning, honors, camping, and more! Learn more and find registration information at spencervillechurch.org/pathfinders2023.

ADVENTURERS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

We invite children ages 3 up through the 4th grade to join our Spencerville Polar Cubs Adventurer Club! Sign up at spencervillechurch.org/adventurers.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Join the ladies from Women's Ministries for a fun and creative Ladies Night on **September 19, from 6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.** at the Pottery Stop in Ellicott City. During this two-hour event, you'll have the ability to create a mug, bowl, or decorative item for yourself, or to share with a friend!

The cost is \$25, which includes all of the materials necessary to create your personalized item..

Don't wait, only a few spots left! Sign up at spencervillechurch.org/pottery.

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2023 ANNUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE

The annual Maryland Men of Faith Conference will be held at Mt. Aetna Camp on **October 7**. Visit mmof.org for more information and to register.

2023 ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Chesapeake Conference Women's Retreat will be held in Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania from **October 27-29**. Visit ccosda.org/wmretreat for additional information and to register.

FREE TRIBUTE CONCERT AT THE KENNEDY CENTER

You are invited to a special concert on **September 10, 4:00 p.m.** at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall in Washington, DC. The concert is a tribute from Romania to America, celebrating religious freedom and featuring a variety of inspiring spiritual music performed by a 100-member orchestra, a 40-member choir and some of Romania's finest singers. There is no charge for admission but you must register for tickets at dcevent.org. This is a black-tie event.

STAY UP-TO-DATE

If you'd like to receive the two weekly emails published by Spencerville Church, the *Weekly Update* for church news, and the *Worship Update* for all things related to the weekly worship services, sign up at spencervillechurch.org/weekly-update.

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.

PRAYER NEWSLETTER



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

CALENDAR

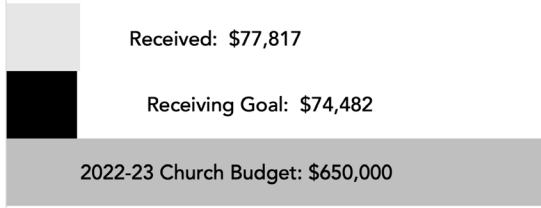
SEPTEMBER

- 4 Church Office Closed/Labor Day
- 5 Keep in Stitches
- 5 Virtual Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Fitness Connect Group - 8:00 a.m.
- 6 Sanctuary Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 9 SAA Senior Dedication - 4:00 p.m.
- 10 Pathfinder Meeting - 9:00 a.m.
- 10 Spencerville Pickleball - 3:30 p.m.

SERMON NOTES

FINANCIAL REPORT

LOCAL COMBINED BUDGET GIVING AUGUST 12, 2023 - WEEK 7 OF 52



CURRENT DEBT AS OF JULY 15, 2023 \$2,568,732

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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