Today's Service

April 06, 2024

Prayer Time

9 - 9:25 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Sabbath School

9:30 - 10:50 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Song

Mission Spotlight

Prayer for the Teachers

Study Classes

(Children's Classes, Young Adult, Adult, New Life Experience)

Gathering to Worship

10:50 а.т.

Welcome Nathan Mapp

Ministry Minute

Worship Service

Praise & Worship Autumn Lyons

Call to Worship 1 Corinthians 1:19-25

Hymn of Praise "This Is My Father's World" #092

Children's Story Heidi Larsen

Offering Appeal Local Church Budget Gary Loomis

(Loose offering - Combined Budget, Other offerings - in envelopes)

Scripture Reading Hebrews 11:6

Congregational Prayer Nathan Mapp

Heavenly Father, to Thee we pray, on this holy Sabbath day;

Through Thy Word Thy will make known;

May each heart become Thy throne, Let Thy living water flow That we Thy boundless love may know. Amen SDAH #677

Special Music Autumn Lyons

Sermon "Proving God" Gordon Moore Closing Hymn "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" #088

Benediction Nathan Mapp

Enter to Worship. Depart to Serve. - Isaiah 6:1-8

Announcements

The week at a glance

Today: Spiritual Direction Business Meeting, 4 p.m.

Sun: Men's Ministry Meeting, 9 a.m.

Mon: People's Place Board Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

Church Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tues: Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.

Pathfinder Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Fri: AY Vespers, 7 p.m.

Sab: Speaker - Pr. Jonathan Nino

Potluck

16th Annual WHCS Benefit Concert, 4:00 p.m.

<u>There will be a deaconess training</u> for the April 27 Communion. This will be held on April 20. Starting after church service along with a potluck. Please mark your calendars for the date.

You are cordially invited to attend the 16th Annual Wachusett Hills Christian School Benefit Concert to be held at the Gardner SDA Church, 100 Colony Rd., Westminster, MA on April 13th at 4:00 PM.

<u>AY Vespers</u> – Every second Friday of the month at 7 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Sunset Tonight: 7:19 p.m.

<u>Happy Birthday!</u> Andrew Mackenzie – April 07, Mamdouh Rahmoun-Dixson – April 07, and Basheer Rahmoun-Dixson – April 10.

Prayer Family of the Week Nathan & Lisa Mapp Keila, Raquel <u>Anyone wishing to join the church email list</u> to receive important church communications and urgent prayer requests, please email Dale Spencer at <u>dalemspencer@qmail.com</u>.

<u>Pastor's Contact Information</u> – Pastor Jonathan Nino, 1 (860) 207-1168, <u>pastorjnino@gmail.com</u>.

<u>Head Elder's Contact Information</u> – Jim Dixson, 978-314-7013, <u>ifdmensministry@gmail.com</u>.

<u>Bulletin Information:</u> Please send information to Olivia Howes at ohowes0@gmail.com by Wednesday evening. Thanks!

<u>Prayer Ministries</u> - Without unceasing prayer and diligent watching, we are in danger of growing careless and deviating from the right path. The adversary seeks continually to obstruct the way to the mercy- seat, that we may not by ernest supplication and faith obtain grace and power to resist temptation. (Review and Herald, December 8, 1904). Please join us for Prayer Meeting each Tuesday Night @ 7:00.

<u>There is an available refrigerator and stove</u> downstairs in the fellowship hall. If anyone is interested in giving them a new home, please contact Jim Dixson at 978-314-7013.

Wachusett Hills Christian School

Gr. K-4 had our annual Easter egg hunt around the classroom this year because of the weather. It was still fun. (And we are still finding candy that was missed.)

All grades took a field trip to the Gardner ice rink. Some students had never been skating before, but all had a great time.

<u>ADVENTURERS</u> needs additional staff to teach classes (ages 4-9 years old). Meetings are on Tuesday evenings 6:30pm to 8:00 pm.

Illuminare: A Vespers Concert: Saturday, April 13, 2024 2:30 PM. College Church, 337 Main Street Lancaster, MA. This concert will feature a collaboration with students from South Lancaster Academy, Assumption University Choirs and Rhode Island College orchestra students. Each group will perform works alone and will collaborate together on a presentation of Elaine Hagenberg's "Illuminare" a bigger work that explores times of good that have been disrupted by darkness and confusion, but Light prevails and brings peace.

Thatcher Harrison, Guitar in Concert: Saturday April 20, 2024 7:00 PM. College Church, 337 Main Street Lancaster, MA. International award winning guitarist, Thatcher Harrison returns to the concert series for the second year in a row. He will explore works by classic composers as well as newly composed works by himself. Thatcher is known for beautiful, layered playing, ranging from simple melodies to virtuosic solos. You won't want to miss this fantastic, free, concert! Reception to follow.

<u>SLA is doing a Book Drive</u> until April 23 - Drop off your books to South Lancaster Academy Monday-Friday

<u>SLA is offering</u> a Group Class for Beginner Strings (violin, viola, cello and bass)

April 4 - May 16

Cost - SLA students - \$60.00, Non-SLA students - \$90.00 Email Mrs. Flores at acadyflores@gmail.com to register.

SLA is offering a "Real Me" seminar for girls.

April 13 - 2:00 pm Grades 4 & 5, April 27 - 2:00 pm Grades 6 & 7. RSVP to kmonteverde@mysla.org **Spiritual Direction Business Meeting:** Saturday, April o6 at 4:00 pm. Details Below.

Spiritual Business Meeting Guidelines:

Purpose: Our greatest *business* is not financial but *spiritual*. It is *soul work* and of eternal consequence. Our meeting will focus on our spiritual climate as a church and provide a platform where the members' voices and thoughts can be heard and how we can grow together without pointing or casting blame by providing options and ideas to grow.

Goals:

- 1. What are the spiritual needs of our church?
- 2. How can we grow as a church?
- 3. How can we provide discipleship opportunities?
- 4. How can we engage our youth and children to have a passion for Christ?
- 5. How can we empower our young Adults towards ministry?
- 6. How can we widen and deepen the work of our Adventist Education?
- 7. How can we proactively engage in meeting the needs of our community?

Things to keep in mind:

- Pray for discernment.
- Let's focus on what we can do, not on how we may have failed in the past.
- Our focus is to recognize the needs and provide ideas that we can implement as a church to grow.
- When revealing spiritual challenges, provide possible solutions or ideas on how to meet that need.