

Stoneham Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church

29 Maple St. Stoneham, MA 02180

Our Motto: To live and share the truth about God and His Kingdom.



Our Mission Statement: We are committed to sharing the truth about God with the world. Believing that everything we do changes the world, we commit to demonstrate God's love and truth to each person He brings into our lives. Through His power and guidance we will choose to act with compassion, creativity and cooperation.

Sunset today 4:16pm

December 23, 2023

Sunset Next Friday 4:20pm

Welcome To

Stoneham Memorial Church

Organ Prelude: J. S. Bach (1685-1750): Choral 'Saviour of the Nations Come' BWV 659

Organ Postlude: J. S. Bach (1685-1750) Fugue in C-Major, BWV 564

The organ choral on 'Saviour of the Nations Come' captures the world's amazement as though everyone is holding their breath (musically reinforced by a harmonic pause and an abrupt slowing of the bass) – a technique often used by Bach when writing about the birth of Jesus. It makes this piece one of the most effective depictions of Saviour's first coming.

The exuberant fugue completes the Toccata and Adagio of BWV 564 and is remarkable for its length and for the light-hearted combination of a exuberant theme and a flowing counter-theme that fills in the silence which is quite unique for Bach. There is no manuscript source, so we will never know whether Bach actually intended the final chord to be so brief and the pedal to fall silent a couple of bars before the end. However, this brings the music to a rather abrupt and quiet ending.

Church at Study 9:20AM. Joint Adult Sabbath School

Sabbath School Leader – Earle & Susan Andrews

Today's Lesson – ***Esther and Mordecai***

You can access the Sabbath School Lesson for FREE at absg.adventist.org

There is also a FREE - SS app for your iPad in the App Store.

Acceptance – Left Front Sanctuary

Encourages open discussion of the lesson

InVerse – Right Rear Sanctuary

Young Adult - Dialogue in Scripture

Deep Roots – Mothers' Room

The lesson anchored with Adventist heritage

Come and Reason – Fellowship Hall

A roundtable Bible discussion

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Useful Phone Numbers & Email Addresses

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Church Finances as of Nov. 30, 2023

Budget Donations Nov.	\$15,089.90
Budget / mth	\$14,500.00
Budget +/- for mth	\$589.90
YTD Budget Donations	\$150,540.97
YTD Budget +/-	(\$8,959.03)

Church at Worship

11:00AM

“Give glory to God in heaven, and on earth let there be peace among the people who please God.” Luke 2:14 NCV

Organ Prelude: J. S. Bach (1685-1750): Choral 'Saviour of the Nations Come' BWV 659

Welcome Susan Andrews

Medical Minute Video

Worship in Singing Cherish Barayuga & Katherine Zarate

Hymn #122, *“Hark!, the Herald Angels Sing”* Congregation

Children’s Story Coleen Caster

Worship in Giving *Our Conference Budget* Sharon Wilson
All Loose Offerings go to Church Budget

Garden of Prayer Susan Andrews

Scripture *Luke 2:1-14 Responsively* Pablo Ruiz

Special Music Ashley Peterson

Sermon *“Follow The Light”* Bertrand Pryce

Hymn #142, *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* Congregation

Benediction Bertrand Pryce

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TODAY

Pianist: CJ Barayuga

Organist: Cris Coconcea

Deacon Team Leader: Anel Badeau

Greeters: Edit Székely & Ed Bradley

Worship Coordinator: Wilson Group Group

NEXT WEEK

Organist: Cris Coconcea

Deacon Team Leader: Brad Tait

Greeters: Ed Bradley & Cynthia Bradley

Worship Coordinator: Andrews Group

Announcements

December 23, 2023

Membership Transfer Request

Outgoing – 1st Reading

Sarah and Hannah Reinoso from SMC to Wyoming SDA Church, Wyoming, MI.

TODAY

Bertrand Pryce

NEXT WEEK

Fred Christiansen

UPCOMING:

Monday – Our study group is suspended for the Holidays. We plan to resume Jan. 15, 2024

Wednesday – 7pm – Studying the Book of Hebrews, Zoom meeting.

Dec. 31 – 7pm New Years Eve Potluck Party, in the Fellowship Hall.

Jan. 1, 2024 thru Jan. 10 – 10 Days of Prayer 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Stoneham Adventist Community Service – This past week we served 142 clients with 47 Volunteers giving 147 hours of their time to help our community. Some of the items available were lettuce, carrots, lemons, and turnips.

The Pantry will be closed December 25, 2023 – January 5, 2024

Video Equipment Upgrade – Please mark your tithe envelope "Audio Visual Project" or select Audio Visual in AdventistGiving.

Loma Linda/Worthington Labels Make Sense (Cents) - Labels from Loma Linda and Worthington canned foods are worth 25 cents each when redeemed. This money is for our Adventurer Club! Save the UPC Code from Loma Linda & Worthington cans and bring them to Susan Andrews. The UPC Code begins with 45561 or 28989.

Box Tops for Education - You can do Box Top\$ for EDUCATION with your smart phone. Just scan your grocery receipt and your school of choice gets the credit. Get the app – BTFE. For this app, our school is known as “Edgewood Seventh-day Adventist.”

Pacific Press Ambassador Program – Use code 16118 when you order from the ABC. We earn 10% back for certain items and the money goes to our Pathfinder Club.

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Wednesday noon is the bulletin deadline. Please email bulletin information to the office at: stonehammemorial@verizon.net.