



Sligo Basketball Team Schedule: Our Varsity team made it to the Championship! They will be playing tomorrow Sunday, March 19th at Blake High School. The game will start at 2:00 p.m. You are invited to come out and support them.

Caring for One Another is an integral part of what it means to be a church family. We want to ensure that our members are cared for. Please call the church office at 301-270-6777 or email Pr. Hazel Marroquin <hmarroquin@sligochurch.org> with names of any members who need support from the church during these challenging times.

The Takoma Academy Class of '83 is seeking classmates, friends and family to join us for Alumni Weekend, April 21-23, 2023. For class event details, see the Takoma Academy Class of 1983 Face Book group or text Susan McMillan, 952-567-9415.

Youth & Young Adults:

- **XP Talks at 10:00 a.m. Youth Room | Relationships**
Every Sabbath at 10:00 a.m. XP Talks is a Sabbath School service for teenagers ages 13 to 18 in the Youth Room. Each week the SYD team leads discussion on various topics chosen by the youth. Join us in the discussion or come listen in. We hope to see you there.
- **Youth XP Sessions:** On Sabbath, March 25: XP at 11:15 a.m. join you high school friends in the Youth Room for a curated, spontaneous worship service led by the youth for the youth. XP Sessions is a living-room style worship designed to allow the youth to feel at home and express themselves and experience God in the way they feel most comfortable
- **Youth XP Social:** High Schoolers and 8th Graders can join us at Shadowlands in Gaithersburg on Saturday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. for a fun night of laser tag! Cost is \$25. Sign up and pay by March 22 to secure your spot. Contact Naomy Rodrigues or Pr. Gantt <jgantt@sligochurch.org> for more information.
- **GLOW Social:** Young Adults, join us today at 2:00 p.m. to drive into DC to see the Cherry Blossoms!
- **Refugee Ministry:** Join the Young Adults on the third Sunday of every month to move furniture and set up apartments for refugee families. If you have furniture you'd like to donate we will gladly accept that as well. For more information, contact Jonathan Gantt at <jgantt@sligochurch.org>
- **Homeless Ministry:** Join the Young Adults in the Youth Room on the first Sabbath of every month at 2:00 p.m. to make sack lunches and then take them into DC to distribute to the homeless. Open to all ages.

Bulletin information deadline is Monday evening! E-mail information to: <kdriscoll@sligochurch.org>

MISCELLANEOUS

***Consent To Use Photographic Images:** Sligo SDA Church films all worship services. Attendance at, or participation in Sligo worship services constitutes an agreement by the participant to Sligo's use and distribution of the attendee's image, voice, or likeness in photos, video, electronic reproduction and audio tapes of such activities.

calendar of events

- Prayer Gathering via Zoom**
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m./Sundays 11:00 a.m.
- March 18, Saturday**
G. Arthur Keough Lectureship: Keynote Address, WAU Music Building, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- March 25, Saturday**
The Reality of Grief & Loss presentation by Jose Hernandez, Fellowship Hall A, 2:30 p.m.
- April 7-9, Friday - Sunday**
Resurrection Weekend
- April 15, Saturday**
Children's Church, Youth Room, 11:15 a.m.
- May 6, Saturday**
All day Women's Retreat, Mt. Aetna Retreat Center
- May 20, Saturday**
SWAG, Memorial Chapel, 11:15 a.m.

profile of giving - March 11

CHURCH BUDGET: This offering supports all of the worship, nurture, and outreach ministries at Sligo Church. These funds also support projects, insitutions in our local community, church maintenance and subsidy for Takoma Academy Preparatory School.

Budget YTD	\$106,684
Actual YTD	\$100,984
Mar. 11	\$ 6,822

LOVE FOR THE HOUSE: This offering goes beyond our church budget to support previously unfunded and new ministries, eabling them to grow, connect, dream, lead, and inspire.

2023 Goal	\$140,000
Budget YTD	\$ 26,921
Actual YTD	\$ 9,007
Mar. 11	\$ 1,432

TITHE: All funds designed as tithe are sent to the Potomac Conference for support of pastors and teachers; to help fund conference schools; and for ministries worldwide.

Last Year: Mar. 12 YTD	\$ 408,851
This Year YTD	\$ 472,430
Last Week: Mar. 11	\$ 42,650

- *Today's offering, designated by the Global SDA Church, is for the Local Church Budget.
- *All undesignated loose offering goes to Sligo's Church Budget.

what we believe

We believe God became man in the person of Jesus Christ, saving us from sin by grace through faith. We believe the seventh-day Sabbath was established by God at Creation and honored by Jesus in His earthly ministry as a gift of rest and rejuvenation for all. We celebrate the church as the diverse "new community" forged through the death and resurrection of Jesus, in which all are gifted, all are valued, and all are called. We anticipate Jesus' personal and visible return to earth to raise the righteous dead, make the earth new, and dwell with His faithful children throughout eternity. We live out our love for Jesus by growing in His likeness and by serving our fellowmen.

how you connect

- Visit sligochurch.org/connect2ministry
- Take your next step at "Connection Central" in the Atrium
- Fill out a note card (you'll find it in the pew rack in front of you)



who can help

- CHURCH OFFICE: 301.270.6777
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THE CHURCH
at worship



CHRIST FIRST

MARCH 18, 2023
11:00 A.M.



The Washington Adventist University Church

OUR MISSION

We seek to grow passionate disciples of Jesus through worship of God, nurture of one another, and outreach to the world.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

we gather in his name

Song of Gathering

Beautiful One / Tim Hughes

Welcome & Fellowship

Jason Dietz

Profession of Faith

Alex Barrientos

we honor and praise him

*Hymn of Praise

All Things Bright and Beautiful / No. 93

Prayer

Bogdan Scur

we reflect

Children's Message

Mary Alao

Scripture Reading

Locksley Mckoy

Romans 2:1-3 (NRSV)

Therefore you are without excuse, whoever you are, when you judge others, for in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, are doing the very same things.

Introduction of Speaker

Alex Barrientos

Music for Meditation

Unto the Lamb / Brian Ming

Sermon

Sigve Tonstad

A Sting Operation: Romans 1:18-32 Reconsidered

Invitation to Give

Alex Barrientos

Offertory

Who Am I / Joyous Celebration

Hymn of Reflection

And Can It Be? / No. 198

we go to serve

Benediction

Alex Barrientos

Postlude

Fantasie Flourish / Jason Kent West

*Congregation is standing

Leading our music today are: Jason West, organist; Aaron Wilson, chorister; Skylar Bermudez, pianist for children's message

Sligo Revival Choir

Lulu Mupfumbu, director

Sligo Band: Curtis Richardson, pianist; Jon Mark, bass guitarist; William Brew, drummer

Sligo Singers: Lupita-Maria Matadi, Shirell Bynum, Theresa Garza, Arelly Kindo, Mirdrede Strachan

Sligo Strings

Sigve K. Tonstad is Research Professor of Biblical Interpretation and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Loma Linda University. He was born in Norway in the only Seventh-day Adventist family in the small village called Tonstad. He completed a B.A. in theology at Middle East College, Beirut, Lebanon and Andrews University (1974), his MD from Loma Linda University (1979), where he also completed his residency in Internal Medicine. His books in English are *The Scandals of the Bible* (2000), *Saving God's Reputation: The Theological Function of Pistis Iesou in the Cosmic Narratives of Revelation* (T. & T. Clark, 2006), *The Lost Meaning of the Seventh Day* (Andrews University Press, 2009), *God of Sense and Traditions of Non-Sense* (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2016), *Letter to the Romans: Paul among the Ecologists* (Earth Bible Series; Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2017), and *The Paideia Commentary on Revelation* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2019). He is married to Serena Hasso Tonstad, who grew up in Baghdad as the daughter of a Swiss mother and an Iraqi father. They were classmates in medical school. They have two daughters, Linn and Kristel.

O Love of God, How Strong and True - Horatius Bonar (1861)

O love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new,
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought!
O love of God, how deep and great,
far deeper than man's deepest hate;
self-fed, self-kindled like the light,
changeless, eternal, infinite.

We read you best in him who came
bearing for us the cross of shame;
sent by the Father from on high,
our life to live, our death to die.
We read your pow'r to bless and save,
e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light
we read the fullness of your might.

O heav'nly love, how precious still,
in days of weariness and ill,
in nights of pain and helplessness,
to heal, to comfort, and to bless!
O wide-embracing, wondrous love!
We read you in the sky above,
we read you in the earth below,
in seas that swell and streams that flow.

O love of God, our shield and stay
through all the perils of our way!
Eternal love, in you we rest,
forever safe, forever blest.
We will exalt you, God and King,
and we will ever praise your name;
we will extol you ev'ry day,
and evermore your praise proclaim.

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

connection central 9:15 a.m.

Connection Central is a space where you can find fellowship and connection. Join us in the Atrium with your family and friends for a light breakfast each Sabbath.

sabbath school 10:00 a.m.

Sabbath School offers different groups of study to nurture faith, deepen your spiritual walk, and foster interaction with other believers. Consider joining a class.

Sanctuary:

Women of the Word: Front Left

Silver Class: Front Center

Brown Class: Back Right

Atrium:

Faith and Reason: Fellowship Hall A

Wanderers: Fellowship Hall B

Online:

Women of the Word

Purple Class

Faith and Reason

Wanderers

Believers and Doubters

Lower Level:

Beginners/Little Friends: 0-3 years old

Kindergarten: 4-5 years old

Youth: High School

Young Adult: College and Young Professionals

Upper Level:

Primary I & II: Grades 1-4

Juniors: Grades 5-6

Earliteens: Grades 7-8

reflection:

"Humanity in its basic form is co-humanity."

- Karl Barth

sabbath devotional:

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.
- Romans 11:33 - 36 (NRSV)

OUR LIFE TOGETHER



Let us hear from you! To write the pastors a note, make a prayer request, or inquire about becoming a member of Sligo Church, please use a note card from the pew rack in front of you.

Prayer Requests:

Families of these deceased: William "Bill" G. Johnsson, Justin Kempf

For Comfort & Healing: Noelene Johnsson, Sheila Schlisner-Hendricks, Daniel John, Barry Rowe, Raph Mensah, Erwin Mack

We are sad to announce that William "Bill" G. Johnsson, former Sligo member, editor of Adventist Review magazine from 1982 to 2006 and founding editor of Adventist World magazine in 2005 and 2006, died in Loma Linda, California, United States, March 11, 2023. He was 88. A memorial service is planned for March 25 at 5:00 p.m. at the Crosswalk SDA Church in Redlands, California. Read more at: <<https://adventistreview.org/news/tributes-pour-in-for-former-adventist-review-editor-bill-johnsson/>>

You are invited to participate in the final segment of the *2023 G. Arthur Keough Lectureship, LGBTQ: Pastoral and Theological Perspectives*, organized by the Religion Department of Washington Adventist University. Keynote address will be given by Dr. Sigve Tonstad in the WAU Music Building from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. today.

Care Packages for Young Adult Moms in Shelter: Need baby diapers, wipes, burp cloths, bottles, bottle warmer, onesies and other much-needed items for two baby girls due in March. Mothers also have sons four and two years old. Donations may be placed in the designated baskets in the Discipleship Room on March 25, 2023. Gifts purchased online may be delivered physically to Women's Ministry, Sligo SDA Church, 7700 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912, by the end of March.

Join us for our one-day Women's Retreat: Experience God's love, healing, peace and grace on Saturday, May 6, at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown. This year's theme is "Renew, Restore, Refresh." You won't want to miss our keynote speaker, Ann Roda, and also the educational breakout sessions. Have questions? Contact <womensministry@sligochurch.org> For early registration go to <<https://sligochurch.org/>> Registration assistance available in the Atrium today.

HeartLifters is inviting you to a presentation by Jose Hernandez on The Reality of Grief and Loss which will be held on Sabbath, March 25, at 2:30 p.m. in Sligo Church's Fellowship Hall. Bring your sack lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Membership Report (first reading):

Joining Sligo: Peter Bushell, Tracey Glover, Jyoti Jagdhane, Peter Jagdhane, Satish Jagdhane, Anandaraj Kanagarathinam, Daniel Rodriguez, Samson Talluri

Joining elsewhere: Carla Andrade, Lawrence Griffin, Wanda Griffin, Gloria Manns, Craig McCorkle, Gail McCorkle, Loretta Romero

Nominating Report (first reading):

Administrative Board: Charlotte Conway, Sam Stone