



Caring for One Another is an integral part of what it means to be a church family. 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.

Sanctuary flowers: If you would like to enhance the beauty of our worship by providing flowers, please contact Kathleen Driscoll at the church office, 301-270-6777, extension 239.

Youth XP Sessions, September 30 at 11:15 a.m.

All high school age youth are invited to join us at the next worship service in the Youth Room, September 30, at 11:15 a.m. This service is by youth for youth.

Youth XP Social, LOCK-IN! Sept. 30 - Oct. 1

Calling all high school youth, we are having a lock-in starting Saturday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. and ending Sunday, October 1, at 8:00 a.m. We'll have a night of games, food, and fun. Bring a friend! RSVP by Thursday, September 28, to Pr. Gantt at <jgantt@sligochurch.org>.

GLOW Worship, October 7 at 11:15 a.m.

GLOW Worship, our Young Adult worship service, is held on the first Sabbath of every month in the Youth Room. There will be a potluck right after the service before we begin homeless ministry.

Nat'l Faith and Blue, October 7, 2:00 – 5 :00 p.m.

Join Sligo Church and the Takoma Park Police Department at the corner of Maple Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway for the National Faith & Blue Event: Building Bridges. Do you love LEGOS? We invite you to bring your wildest architectural dreams to life with LEGO bricks at our Building Bridges event for National Faith & Blue! Team up with an officer, a faith leader, or a family member or friend to construct breathtaking bridges that defy imagination (or whatever you want to build)! We can't wait to build bridges together! Keep what you build! Learn more on the City of Takoma Park Community Policing webpage <<https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/police/community-policing/national-faith-blue/>>.

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.

WAU's W.I.S.E. (Week In Spiritual Emphasis)

Sept. 25-29/M-F 11:15 a.m. & Sept. 30/Sat. 11:00 a.m., Sligo Sanctuary

Full Plate Living Healthy Lifestyle Program

Tuesdays only, from Sept. 26 - Nov. 14, Fellowship Hall A, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Sligo Elder's Retreat

Sunday, October 1, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Boonsboro

National Faith and Blue

Saturday, October 7, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., Corner of Maple Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway

Women in Seventh-day Adventist History Conference

Thu. - Sat., October 12 - 14, Sligo Church
*see announcement for more information

profile of giving - September 16

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	\$ 418,771
Actual YTD	\$ 369,750
Last Week: September 16	\$ 16,601

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

2023 Goal	\$ 140,000
Budget YTD	\$ 99,605
Actual YTD	\$ 59,699
Last Week: September 16	\$ 2,522

TITHE: All funds designated 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: September 17 YT	\$ 1,603,749
This Year YTD	\$ 1,615,001
Last Week: September 16	\$ 36,801

*Today's offering, designated by the Global SDA Church, is for the Camp Blue Ridge.

*All undesignated loose offering goes to Sligo's Church Budget.

worship.nurture.outreach

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)

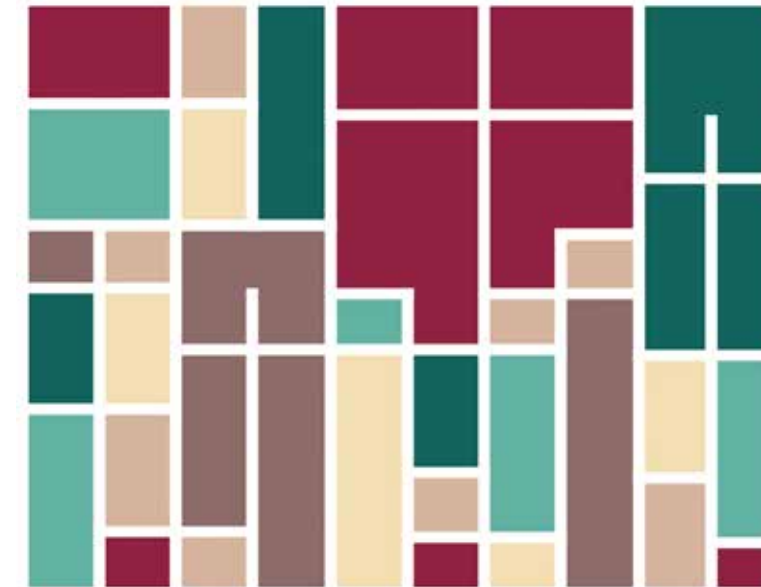


who can help

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National Suicide Hotline:	988

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THE CHURCH
at worship



CHRIST FIRST

SEPTEMBER 23, 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

Come Thou Font Medley / No. 334 verses 1 & 3
No. 462 verses 1, 2 & 3

Welcome & Fellowship Naomi Rodrigues

we honor and praise him

*Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Lord / No. 1

Prayer Jemimah Mayanja

we reflect

Children's Message Carol Hooker

Scripture Reading Ashley Guevara
Haggai 1:1-13 (ESV)

Introduction of Speaker James Gulley

Music for Meditation
Lord, I Need You / Matt Maher

Sermon Manuel Arteaga
God Is Against You

Invitation to Give James Gulley

Offertory
Endless Praise / Charity Gayle

***Hymn of Reflection**
Wonderful Peace / No. 466

we go to serve

***Benediction** Manuel Arteaga

+Postlude
Toccata No. 1/ arr. Joel Raney

***Congregation is standing**
+Congregation is seated

Leading our music today are:
Curtis Richardson, organist
Lorette Gray, chorister
Jedrek Dela Cruz, vocalist for Children's Message

Sligo Singers
Lexi Stewartson, Naomi Rodrigues, Sara Devaraj, Brianna Ilene,
Zhayne Hackett, Lupita-Maria Matadi

Sligo Band
Curtis Richardson, pianist; Ross Patterson, acoustic guitar; Valerie
Ganta, electric guitar; Leroy Perumal, electric guitar; Jonathan
Mark, bass guitar; Vaughn Edmeade, drums

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

- Anonymous

I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Thro' this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but
Thee.

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

Excerpt from "Nearer, My God, to Thee"
-- Sarah Flower Adams (1841)

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth
me,
still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

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
Red Class: Back Right

Atrium:

Wanderers: Fellowship Hall A
At Jesus' Feet: Fellowship Hall B

*Online:

At Jesus' Feet
Believers and Doubters
Faith and Reason
In Step with Jesus (9:00 - 10:00 a.m.)
Wanderers
Women of the Word

Lower Level:

Beginners/Little Friends: 0-3 years old
Kindergarten: 4-5 years old
Youth XP Talks: High School
Glow Study: College and Young Professionals

Upper Level:

Primary I & II: Grades 1-4
Juniors: Grades 5-6
Earliteens: Grades 7-8
Faith and Reason

*For zoom links, please contact the church office.

reflection:

"When we put God first, all other things fall into their proper place or drop out of our lives. Our love of the Lord will govern the claims for our affection, the demands on our time, the interests we pursue, and the order of our priorities."
- Ezra Taft Benson

sabbath devotional:

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
- Matthew 6:33 (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:

For Comfort & Healing: Antonio Couto family, Brenda Flemmer, Mirdrede Strachan, Mauricia Weir, Sylvia Mack

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given by Heather Griffin and Lloyd Yutuc in celebration of their birthdays.

Full Plate Living Healthy Lifestyle Program hybrid (on-site & virtual) meetings will begin on Tuesday, September 26 and run through Tuesday, November 14, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall A. Food will NOT be served. You must sign up for this virtual session by contacting Pr. Hazel Marroquin <hmarroquin@sligochurch.org>.

Attention Sligo Elders! Save the date for Sligo's Annual Elders Retreat will be held at Camp Boonsboro on Sunday, October 1, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Elders, you don't want to miss out! Please be sure to confirm your attendance and your special dish for the potluck with James Gulley and Terri Jo Hayes by Sunday, September 24. Thank you!

If you are looking for a Bible study class to prepare for baptism or simply want to study the foundations of the Christian faith, please join the Pastor's Bible Study Class Sabbath mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning October 7 in the Church Office Conference Room. Contact Pastor Hazel Marroquin for additional information hmarroquin@sligochurch.org

Women in Seventh-day Adventist History Conference will be held on October 12 - 14, 2023 in Sligo SDA Church. Registration is open now at <<https://www.nadadventist.org/womenshistoryconf>>. Keynote speakers will help to situate the roles and contributions of women within the larger context of Adventist history. The speaker for this special Sabbath will be Ella Simmons.

Sligo Explorers Adventurer Club! Adventurers is a club where families can have fun together while learning about Jesus. Geared towards children from preschool to fourth grade, we do crafts, earn awards, and go on field trips, all while building our family relationships. If you'd like to join us, please register at <sligochurch.org>. Contact Dana Audain for any questions <daudain@olneyprep.org>.

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