

# The Church at Study

The 10 o'clock hour provides opportunities throughout the complex to study God's word in small groups, to reflect on the meaning of faith, and to fellowship with one another.

**ADULTS**, Sanctuary. *Discipleship for Everyday Believers*: Small classes for Bible Study (lesson), discussion and life application.

Gather around the colored banners for study:

- BLUE** (front right) Evans/Ram Team
- RED** (front left) Candelaria Team
- BROWN** (back right) Wesley Team
- FUSCIA** (back left) Women's Ministries Team "Women & the Word"
- DARK GREEN** (center right back) Satelmajer Team "Wanderers"
- PURPLE** (center left back) Vedamuthu Team
- SILVER** (front center) Battle-Brooks Team

**BELIEVERS AND DOUBTERS**, Balcony Level, Room 44.

The class is studying Karen Armstrong's *The Great Transformation: The Beginning of Our Religious Traditions*.

**BRANSON / ORTNER CLASS**, Fellowship Room A. Conversations on Scripture and current issues.

**MIZO BIBLE STUDY**, Church Office Building. Sabbath School lesson taught in Mizo.

**WORDS TO LIVE BY**, First Level Conference Room, Church Office Building. Sabbath School lesson study for one hour.

## Children, Youth & Young Adult Sabbath Schools

<b>Beginners</b> (ages 0-2)	Level 1
<b>Little Friends</b> (ages 3-4)	Level 1
<b>Kindergarten</b> (ages 4-5)	Level 1
<b>Primary I</b> (1st and 2nd graders)	Level 1
<b>Primary II</b> (3rd and 4th graders)	Level 3
<b>Juniors</b> (5th and 6th graders)	Level 3
<b>Earliteens</b> (7th and 8th graders)	Level 3, Behind Balcony
<b>Youth</b> (high school)	Level 1, Youth Room
<b>Young Adults</b> (18 to 20-something)	Memorial Chapel

## Church Directory

**Church Office** Phone: 301-270-6777  
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 Web Site: www.sligochurch.org E-Mail: postmaster2@sligochurch.org  
 Youth Web: www.sligoyouth.com NCF: www.4fellowship.com

<b>Senior Pastor</b>	Ron Halvorsen, Jr.	ext. 121
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<b>Congregational Care Pastor</b>	Debbie Eisele	ext. 127
<b>Youth/Young Adult</b>	Terry Johnsson	ext. 119
<b>Associate Youth Pastor</b>	Pete Garza	ext. 136
<b>Children's Pastor</b>	Mark Sigue	ext. 122
<b>Music &amp; Worship Minister</b>	Lloyd Mallory, Jr.	ext. 124
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DECEMBER 1, 2007

8:45 & 11:15 A.M.

*First Week of Advent*

## UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN!

### Prelude

+ *Christmas Oratorio, Pastoral* / Bach

### Welcome & Church Life

Pastor Debbie Eisele

### +Introit

*Joy to the World the Lord Shall Come* / Mason

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Prepare for God's arrival! Make the road straight and smooth, a highway fit for our God.

**People: Fill in the valleys, level off the hills, smooth out the ruts, clear away the rocks.**

Leader: Then God's brilliance will shine and everyone will see it.

**People: Get out of bed, Jerusalem! Wake up! Raise your face to the sunlight.**

Leader: God's bright glory has arrived for all the earth.

**People: O come, let us adore the Christ child!**

*based on Isaiah 40 and 60*

### \*Hymn of Praise

*The Advent of Our God* / No. 117

### \*Invocation

Pastor Rebecca Brillhart

### Anthem

+ *Dixit* / Handel

*The Lord said unto my Lord:*

*Sit at my right hand*

*until I make your enemies your footstool.*

## Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church

7700 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912  
 301-270-6777

# Sabbath Celebration

8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**      Apaula Brown,  
2 Corinthians 4:4-6      John Brown & Meki Kuresa

## † Call to Prayer

+*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* / Carol

## † Prayer

Pastor Debbie Eisele

## Invitation to Give

Jean Arthur

## Offertory

+*In Bleak Midwinter* / Darke

## Scripture

Roland Gray & Ruth Rhone

Luke 2:1-7

## Sermon

Pastor Rebecca Brillhart

*Swaddled Up*

## \*Hymn of Response

*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* / No. 140

## \*Benediction

Pastor Rebecca Brillhart

## \*Benediction Response

+*Of the Father's Love Begotten* / Plainsong

## +Postlude

*Joy to the World* / arr. Rutter

Sylvan Coke & Esther Battle, *deacon & deaconess on duty*

Lori Bryan, *mezzo soprano*

+Columbia Collegiate Chorale

Dr. James Bingham, *director*

+New England Youth Ensemble of Columbia Union College

Dr. Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse, *founding director*

Preston Hawes, *associate director*

Fred Weber, *organist (first service)*

Dr. Lloyd Mallory, Jr., *organist (second service)*

+ 11:15 service only

\* congregation is standing

† congregation is kneeling

# Sabbath School

*Discipleship for Everyday Believers*

10 a.m.

## Song Service

Judith Pino

## Opening Song

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You* / No. 510

## Scripture & Prayer

Carmine Pino

## Welcome

Carmine Pino

## Special Music

Judith Pino & Fred Weber  
*O, Holy Night*

## Prayer

Carmine Pino

## Bible Study

*A Life of Praise*

Class Leaders

## Benediction

Class Leaders

Fred Weber, *organist*

## Footnotes

**John Brown** worked as Senior Architectural and Graphics Designer for the Smithsonian Institution. Working with astronaut Michael Collins, John was in charge of designing and planning for the National Air & Space Museum. John also designed the interior exhibition for the United States Pavilion at the Expo '67 Worlds Fair in Montreal, Canada.

**Apaula Brown**, a member since 1962, served as Treasurer for the National Conference of State Societies (NCSS) for eight years. She is currently serving as Vice President. Her responsibilities include planning events for the Cherry Blossom Festival. Apaula works as a Historical Narrator in Washington, DC.

**Meki Kuresa** is Apaula's brother. He graduated from Avondale College in Australia and taught school at Fulton College in Suva, Fiji, before moving to California. Meki is a life-long organist. Although Meki is losing his memory, he has not lost his ability to glorify God through music.

**Roland Gray** was a member of Sligo in the 1960s when he taught French at Columbia Union College. He is glad to be back, this time to stay.

**Dr. Ruth Rhone** is a foreign language teacher for the Prince George's County Public School System. She loves her job in spite of its many challenges. Ruth was a missionary for 11 years in Africa, serving in Rwanda, Burundi, and La Côte d'Ivoire.



# Church & Community

## Children & Youth

**Attention all Adventurers!** Please bring your complete uniform and plan on having fun with your cooking honor at tomorrow's meeting, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The next event will be the December 16 Christmas Party. Remember, Adventurers has an open registration policy so new candidates are always welcome at meetings. Contact Ron Carreno for details, 240-603-1400 or [Ronaldcarreno@aol.com](mailto:Ronaldcarreno@aol.com), or call the Church Office.

**Youth Sabbath School** is a great time to learn about God and interact with others. Youth are invited to come out to all Sabbath Schools this year! Join in Sabbath mornings in the Youth Room, 10 a.m., for fellowship and growth through the topics and discussions

**Hour of Hope** is a Wednesday-night prayer meeting where youth come to worship in a friendly and fun environment. Hour of Hope is made by the youth for the youth. Come, join in this midweek gathering! Youth Room, 7 p.m.

## Young Adults

**The Way Sabbath School** is a time of learning and fellowship for young adults. Young adults (18 - 30) are invited to join every Sabbath morning in the Memorial Chapel at 9:30 a.m. for *The Way Cafe* and at 10:15 a.m. for Sabbath School. This month's theme is family. Today Johnson Ram will talk about, "*Who Is my Family?*" Next week's speaker is Pastor Terry Johnsson.

**Christmas Party:** All young adults (18 - 30) are invited to come to a Christmas party hosted by Pastor Terry Johnsson on December 14. You do not want to miss this time of fellowship, fun, and celebration of the true meaning of Christmas. For details, please visit [www.sligoyoungadults.com](http://www.sligoyoungadults.com).

## Sligo Adventist School

**Fruit Order Deadline:** December 7. Pink grapefruit and navel oranges available this month. For more information, email [fruit@sligoadventistschool.org](mailto:fruit@sligoadventistschool.org) or call the school.

## Takoma Academy

**Please support Takoma Academy** by registering with the Giant Foods A+ Program. Designating TA will help with Worthy Student Scholarship money.

**More than 50 percent of students in each class** were on the honor roll for the first grading period with GPAs from 3.0 to 4.33.

**TA is accepting applications** for the second semester which starts after the Martin Luther King holiday. The application fee will be waived if the complete application is received before January 1. Visit the school office or call 301-434-4700.



# Calendar

## December 2, Sunday

Pathfinder Meeting, Pathfinder Room, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
55+ Club, Fellowship Room A, 10 a.m.  
Deaconess Christmas Party, Church Office Chapel, 4 p.m.

## December 3, Monday

First Monday presents *Mary, the Mother of Jesus*, Fellowship Hall, 7 p.m.  
Regeneration, Disciple Room, 7:30 p.m.

## December 4, Tuesday

Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

## December 5, Wednesday

*Wednesday Night Out*  
*Choir Rehearsal*, Choir Room, 7 p.m.  
*Hour of Hope (youth)*, Youth Room, 7 p.m.  
*Sligo Church Bells*, *Sligo Adventist School*, 7 - 8 p.m.

## December 7, Friday

Takoma Academy Christmas Concert, Sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.

## December 8, Sabbath

Membership & Information Team, Fellowship Room B, 9 a.m.  
Discipleship Team Meeting, Junior Room, 1-2:30 p.m.

## Looking Ahead...

### December 9

**Adult Sabbath School Holiday Brunch**, Fellowship Hall, 10 a.m. - noon

**Fall Concert series** presents Lucio Maier, piano, Sanctuary, 4 p.m. Admission is free.

## Worship Schedule

### 8:45 and 11:15 a.m.

**December 8** Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.  
**December 15** 8:45 -- Sligo Ringers  
11:15 -- Excerpts from the *Messiah*  
**December 22** Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.  
**December 29** Pastor Terry Johnsson

### New Community Fellowship

Services held in the Sligo Church Sanctuary, 6 p.m.

**December 1** Pastor Pete Garza  
**December 8** Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.  
**December 15** Pastor Terry Johnsson  
**December 22** Christmas Play

Sunset  
Tonight: 4:47  
December 7: 4:46

# Welcome to Sligo Church

**May the Lord bless you as you worship** with us today. We welcome our guests and visitors! To write the pastors a note, to make a prayer request, or to join Sligo Church, please use a card from the hymnal rack.

**Involve yourself in Sligo's mission!** Visit the Information & Membership Desk to learn how your gifts can bless Sligo and our community.

**Flowers today are given in celebration** of 53 wonderful years of marriage. With much love from Erwin to Sylvia Mack for their wedding anniversary.

**Prayer Support:** Lalitha Budde, Wendell Osborne, and Estella Parker for recovery, and the Hudson, Graham, and Dass families for comfort; requests brought to Tuesday evening's Prayer Gathering.

**Prayer Gathering continues its series** featuring excerpts from the Net 2007 series, *HeartQuest*, a fresh approach to finding fulfillment in Christ. Invite your friends and join in as we prayerfully seek the One who has loved us all along. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. Those who would like to come early to pray with an elder or pastor can come to the glass-enclosed section of the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

## PROFILE OF GIVING as of November 24, 2007

**Church Budget:** This offering pays for outreach and nurture ministries of the church and the church school, along with necessary expenses like utilities and upkeep of the church building.

<b>Received Last Week:</b>	\$ 6,460.57
<b>Received YTD:</b>	\$522,415.35
<b>Budget YTD:</b>	\$650,769.44
<b>Shortfall:</b>	\$128,354.09

**Sanctuary Restoration Payment:** This covers our monthly payment of \$16,500 for our church's restoration mortgage payment.

<b>Received Last Week:</b>	\$ 6,162.00
<b>Received YTD:</b>	\$184,284.64
<b>Budget YTD:</b>	\$181,500.00
<b>Over Budget:</b>	\$ 2,784.64

*Please remember, that to be considered a tax-deductible gift in 2007, all gifts of cash, checks or by credit card must be postmarked or received by Sligo Church by midnight, December 31. Envelopes not placed in the regular offering on December 29, may be placed in the mail slot at the Sligo Church Office Building.*

**Thank you for your support!**

# Church & Community

**Did you know. . . ?** Sligo Church has been the home church of well-known *Adventist Review* editors such as Francis D. Nichols, Kenneth Wood, and William Johnsson.

**Takoma Academy's Christmas Concert**, featuring TA's choir and band directed by Timothy Vandeman, will be Friday in the Sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.

**Women's Ministries Book Club** meets the second Monday of each month in the Conference Room on the first floor of the Church Office, 7 p.m. December 10's book is *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* by Peter Scazzero.

**One hundred years, a million memories.** To celebrate Sligo's centennial anniversary, the Stewardship Committee is producing a publication and would like to include your remembrances, stories, and pictures. During the next few months, you will also have the opportunity to record your memories and to have your Sligo pictures scanned on-site. You can send your stories/memories to [sligo@sligochurch.org](mailto:sligo@sligochurch.org).

**New Community Fellowship's Homeless Ministries** has organized a clothing and toiletry drive. Please ask family and friends if they have any warm clothing items (in good condition) to donate for our friends at the park. Your donations will make a huge difference as the colder temperatures hit the DC area. A donation box is available in the Atrium.

**Are you inching toward retirement?** Already there? Then check out *Renewed and Ready*, the new magazine for Adventists 50 or older. Order from the Adventist Book Store, 301-572-0700, or visit [www.renewedandready.com](http://www.renewedandready.com).

**Volunteers needed** for the 2007 Walk Thru Bethlehem at the General Conference on December 8, 9, 13, 15, and 16, 5:30 - 9 p.m. Volunteer for one night or five; the choice is up to you. Children 15 and younger must volunteer with a parent or guardian. Visit [www.BethlehemWalk.info](http://www.BethlehemWalk.info) or contact Tanya, 301-680-6314 or [hollandt@gc.adventist.org](mailto:hollandt@gc.adventist.org).

**Security is a top priority.** Help us maintain a safe environment. Parents, please do not leave your children unattended. Thank you!

**To sponsor flowers** for future worship services contact Flor Balay at the church office, 301-270-6777 ext. 114 or [florbalay@sligochurch.org](mailto:florbalay@sligochurch.org).

**Bulletin Information Deadline:** Monday, 5 p.m. E-mail bulletin information to [theresa@sligochurch.org](mailto:theresa@sligochurch.org), or fax it to the church office, 301-270-3518.

