

The Church at Study

The 10 o'clock hour provides opportunities to study God's word in small groups throughout the complex, 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) Senior Pastor's Class
- RED** (front left) Brillhart/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
- BEIGE** (center front) Arabic Class

BELIEVERS AND DOUBTERS, Balcony Level, Room 44, Experience the presence of God in a secular world.

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

COLLEGIATE WORSHIP: Richards Hall chapel. An alternative Sabbath experience which uses God's Word to confront collegiate concerns.

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

POST COLLEGE / CAREER ADULT, Fellowship B.

Children's & Youth Sabbath School

Beginners (ages 0-2)	Level 1
Little Friends (ages 3-4)	Level 1
Kindergarten (ages 4-5)	Level 1
Primary I (1st and 2nd graders)	Level 1
Primary II (3rd and 4th graders)	Level 3
Juniors (5th and 6th graders)	Level 3
Earliteens (7th and 8th graders)	Level 1, Memorial Chapel
Youth (high school)	Level 1, Youth Room

Church Directory

Church Office Phone: 301-270-6777
 Fax: 301-270-3518 E-Mail: postmaster@sligochurch.org
 Web Site: www.sligochurch.org NCF: www.4fellowship.com
 Youth Web: www.sligoyouth.com
Emergency Pager: 301-617-7770

Senior Pastor	Peter Bath	ext. 121
Discipleship Pastor	Rebecca Brillhart	ext. 123
CUC Chaplain	Stan Dobias	301-891-4112
Worship Pastor	Debbie Eisele	ext. 127
Children's/Family Pastor	Ismael Gama	ext. 124
Youth/Young Adult	Terry Johnsson	ext. 119
Administrative Pastor	Kermit Netteburg	ext. 122
Head Elder	Maurice Battle	410-747-4088
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Administrative Officer	Karim Salim	ext. 112
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Church Secretary	Theresa J. Leahy	ext. 115
Organist		301-270-6777
Sanctuary Choir Director	Marianne Scriven	301-434-4841
Youth Choir Director	Pete Garza	ext. 133
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Columbia Union College	Randal Wisbey	301-891-4000
Adventist Comm Svcs	Ronald Wylie	301-585-6556



DECEMBER 25, 2004
8:45 & 11:15 A.M.

Prelude

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen / Elmor

Welcome & Church Life Pastor Terry Johnsson

*Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful / No. 132

*Invocation

Pastor Peter Bath

Advent Candle Lighting

The Brillhart Family

Leader: Today we celebrate a sure thing; the glory of our Lord, undimmed by the darkness of the world that now surrounds us! As centuries ago, the world anticipated the first advent of our Messiah, may the anticipation of His soon return spill over into the everydayness of our lives.

All: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."

—2 Peter 1:19

Children's Hymn

Away in a Manger / No. 124

Children's Lesson & Offering Pastor Terry Johnsson

Invitation to Give Pastor Debbie & Herbert Eisele

Offertory

Silent Night / Held

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

*The Bidding Prayer

Pastor Peter Bath

Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church

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

Church & Community

Children & Youth

No Youth Events New Year's Eve. Sligo Church, however, will be having programs on these days and we encourage you to come with your families.

Ski trip is coming up, January 15 - 16. Check the website for more details in January.

Parents, check our website for information on all events, for department updates, and to get to know your Sligo Youth Director (SYD). www.sligoyouth.com.

Sligo Adventist School

Sligo School Enrollment Booster: For all prospective students who are accepted by January 14, 2005, we will waive the \$50 testing fee. For each Sligo School family that refers a new student, a \$300 tuition credit will be given.

Next Fruit Order Deadline is January 21. For more information call 301-434-1417 or email fruit@sligoadventistschool.org.

Columbia Union College

Are you interested in studying at CUC beginning in January? It's not too late to register! Undergraduates, and adults seeking to complete a degree, can call 301-891-4000 to speak with a friendly, knowledgeable enrollment counselor.

Need to know if CUC will be open, or on a delayed-start schedule during inclement weather? Call 301-891-4567 or visit the CUC website at www.cuc.edu. Closures and delays are usually posted by 6 a.m., and by 4 p.m. for Adult Evening Program schedule changes.

Students are on Christmas break through Sunday, January 9. Registration is Monday, January 10, and classes resume with a Monday schedule on Tuesday, January 11. The college's offices will be closed Monday, December 27, Friday, January 31, and Monday, January 3. Please keep the campus family in prayer during the break.

Adventist Community Services Center

Campaign for Community touches the hurting in our local community by providing services through ACS: emergency financial and food assistance, community health services and basic educational programs. Please get involved in *Campaign for Community*. For more information, please call 301-585-6556.

English as a Second Language (ESOL) classes at Sligo Church will begin a new cycle in January. For more information, contact Mercedes at 301-585-6556.



Calendar

December 27, Monday

Sligo Church office closed
Columbia Union College offices closed
Regeneration, Disciple Room, 7:30 p.m.

December 28, Tuesday

Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

December 29, Wednesday

Wednesday Night Out

Hour of Hope (youth), Youth Room, 7 p.m.

Sligo Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

December 31, Friday

Sligo Church office closed
Columbia Union College offices closed
New Year's Eve Communion, Atrium, 7 p.m.

Looking Ahead...

Looking ahead to a brand new year can be both challenging and exciting. We, the pastoral staff, wish you courage and blessings as you resolve to make this the best year ever. "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope!"

I Peter 1:3

Worship Schedule

	8:45 and 11:15 AM
January 1	Pastor Peter Bath
January 8	Pastor Terry Johnsson
January 15	Pastor Stan Dobias

New Community Fellowship

Services held in the Sligo Church Atrium, 6 p.m.
December 25 Lessons & Carols

<p><i>Sunset</i> <i>Tonight:</i> 4:51 <i>December 31:</i> 4:55</p>
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Sabbath Celebration

8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

Homily

Pastor Peter Bath

They Went Home Different

First Lesson

Elmer Carreno

Isaiah 9:2, 6 - 7

Carol

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel / arr. Shaw - Parker

Second Lesson

Kay Rosburg

Micah 5:2 - 4

Carol

O Little Town of Bethlehem / No. 135
(sung to the tune of *Forest Green*)

Third Lesson

Catherine Bath

Luke 1:26 - 38

Congregational Carol

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming / Praetorius, arr. Shaw

Fourth Lesson

Jonathan Scriven

Luke 2:1 - 7

Carol

Rejoice and Be Merry / English Traditional, arr. Bulter

Fifth Lesson

Norman Martin

Luke 2:8 - 16

Congregational Carol

Angels We Have Heard On High / No. 142

Sixth Lesson

Kevin Robertson

Matthew 2:1 - 11

Carol

What Shall We Give? / Catalonian Carol, arr. Robinson

Seventh Lesson

Roland Halstead

John 1:1 - 14

Congregational Carol

A Child Is Born / Nestor

Hymn of Response

Joy to the World / No. 125

Sabbath Celebration

8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

*Collect and Blessing

Pastor Peter Bath

Benediction Response

Come All You Worthy People / Willcocks

Postlude

A Joyous Christmas / Leavitt

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella! / Chapman

Sligo Sanctuary Choir

Marianne Scriven, *director*

John Linter, *organist*

+ 11:15 service only
* congregation is standing

Sabbath School

Discipleship for Everyday Believers
10 a.m.

Carols for Christians

Jessica Nicholls &
Gladys Kelley

Prayer

Clarence Dunbebin

Welcome & Greetings

The Giving Tree

Sabbath School Primary II
Premila Pedapudi

Musical Selection

Silent Night

Shane Kelley

Welcome

Bible Study

Daniel: The Time of the End (or the End of Time)

Class Leaders

Benediction

Class Leaders



Welcome to Sligo Church

May the Lord bless you as you worship with us today. We welcome our guests and visitors. Please fill out a green card from the hymnal rack and place it in the offering plate. To join Sligo Church, use a purple card and provide *all* information.

Stop by the Membership Booth in the Atrium.

A Membership Team representative will be happy to assist you with changing membership data, transferring in, and church ministry opportunities.

Congratulations! George Wayne Shrode was born on November 23 to proud parents, Christina and Brent.

Prayer Support: Paul Copiz, Morgan Fisher, and Oretha Griffin for healing; requests brought to Prayer Gathering Tuesday evening. Please remember our ministry of encouragement to one another.

The Gathering meets every Tuesday evening, 7 - 8 p.m., for prayer in the Sanctuary. Come, bring your family and friends, and experience God's loving embrace.

Senior pastor search process is moving forward. To see a summary of the process to date, check the bulletin board in the Atrium area. Continue to pray for the church board as it serves as the Search Committee.

Year-end Tithes and Offerings should be turned in to the church by December 31. Members can bring tithe and offering checks to Prayer Gathering Tuesday evening or to Communion Friday evening. Members can also drop off contributions at the church office, or mail them to Sligo Church, 7700 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

PROFILE OF GIVING

Church Budget as of December 18, 2004

	Received	Goal	(Short) / Over
Last week	\$9,944	\$18,758	(\$8,814)
Year to Date	\$478,939	\$596,243	(\$117,303)
Annual Church Budget:		\$615,000	

Please remember to support our church budget.

Organ/Sanctuary Renovation			
	Received	Pledges	(Short) / Over
Last Week	\$5,933		
Goal:	\$4,054,463		
Project to Date	\$2,195,112	\$352,094	(\$1,507,257)
Project Expenditure to Date:	\$4,055,282		
Giving Unit:	1016	47.0%	

Church & Community

Come to the Table! Sligo's next Communion Service will be held next Friday, December 31, 7p.m. If you know of a shut-in who would like to receive communion, call the Church Office to inform the staff.

Adult Sabbath School quarterlies for January-March 2005, *His Wondrous Cross: The Story of Our Redemption*, are available at the reception desks. A small supply of quarterlies will also be available at the Church Office. Large print quarterlies are a special order item. If you signed up for one last quarter, there will be a copy waiting for you. Please remember the extra expense for this material in your holiday giving. Remember, complete SS lessons with commentary are *always* available online for your convenience: <http://www.ssnet.org>.

We hope you like the warmer sanctuary this week.

We believe the heating problems are solved. They actually weren't problems from Columbia Union College; we have a very "warm" relationship with the college. They provide steam for our heat, and we're very grateful for that. We've learned how to capture the steam effectively now, and we should have a warm church throughout the winter.

Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteers who are willing to drive or deliver meals prepared by Washington Adventist Hospital. For more information call Audrey Messenger, 301-588-6023, or Paul Weir, 301-585-4065.

2005 Great Controversy Tour will be June 9 - 23, 2005, with Dr. Gerard Damsteegt, Andrews University. Discover prophetic roots of Adventism in Europe. Visit Rome, the Waldensian Valleys, Italy, Switzerland, Germany and France. Experience early Christianity, the Dark Ages, the Reformation, and the sites of 1260 years of persecution. For more information, call 269-471-5172 or e-mail laurel@andrews.edu.

Nominating Committee (second reading):

Sligo Deaconess: Carmen Lynch

Sligo Deacons: Nitin Chopde, Bhagirathi Gope, DeWane Hill

Sligo Greeter: Pushpawati Borge

To sponsor flowers for the worship services contact Flor Balay at the church office, 301-270-6777 ext. 114 or florbalay@sligochurch.org.

Bulletin Information Deadline: Monday, 5 p.m. E-mail bulletin information to theresa@sligochurch.org, or fax it to the church office.

