



# Williamsport SDA and MVCS connections

Pastor's Corner

## Spring Things To Consider **The World's Greatest Need**

A little more kindness and a little less creed;  
A little more giving and a little less need;  
A little more smile and a little less frown,  
A little less kicking a man when he's down;  
A little more "we" and a little less "I",  
A little more laughs and a little less cry;  
A little more flowers on the pathway of life;  
And fewer on graves at the end of the strife.

*Speak kind words and you will hear kind echoes.*

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*Whatever you dislike in another person be sure to correct it in yourself.*

Have a blessed Spring!

Pastor Roy Weeden

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### Recurring happenings:

- Sabbath School for all ages each Sabbath at 9:30 AM (church)
- Worship services each Sabbath at 11:00 AM (church)
- Prayer meeting—Wednesdays at 6:30
- Fellowship meal—usually the 2nd Sabbath of each month after the worship service
- Community meal—2nd Thursday of each month at 5:30



MVCS



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PreK4 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade

# OPEN HOUSE

*Educating students for today,  
tomorrow, and eternity.*

**Tuesday, June  
2<sup>nd</sup> 5-8 &  
Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>  
3-6**

470 E. Southern Ave.  
South Williamsport, PA

- ✓ Tour the school
- ✓ Meet teachers
- ✓ Review curriculum
- ✓ Ask questions



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**Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

(Ps. 37:4) God has richly blessed our school and our school family during the 2025/26 school year. This will be a guest editorial edition featuring "A Few of Our Favorite Things". The students will be sharing their favorite memories and experiences from a year filled with God's goodness.

Aariyah liked playing on the horses on the playground and eating lunch. Joey enjoyed going outside to play and going home. Flynn has happy memories of playing with classmates and being with his teacher. Their favorite part of the school day included center time (Aariyah), nap time (Joey), and time with Jesus (Flynn).

Amelia enjoyed all the possible ways to play. MariKay had fun painting and coloring. Javier liked to water the plants and to play. Rosie has happy memories of making new friends at the start of the school year, and she was glad to meet Javier when he joined our school family. Avery enjoyed riding the school bus and being with the older students. Sage was delighted to discover free bananas on Ms. Stoica's desk and to find ice cream served at her desk. Myla is thankful for our school family and for all the activities of the year. Their favorite part of the school week was handwriting (Amelia), Math (Javier), talking about Jesus (Myla), Fun Fridays (MariKay), and bringing stuffies on Fun Fridays (Sage). Cherished memories include watching the new playground being built (Rosie) and giving flowers to the neighbors for our Prayer Walk (Avery).

Aralynn also enjoyed delivering flowers, and she had fun on our Spirit Fun Friday when we dressed like Bible characters. Jax, Misha, and Rebeca have happy memories of the special trips to Sight and Sound and to Knoebels. Misha was thankful to have the new playground, and Rebeca enjoyed all the gifts at Christmas time. Addison took pleasure in presenting the Christmas skit, even if it meant people staring at her. Kalon liked dodgeball games and appreciated that friendships made school two times "funner". Andres enjoyed Valentine's (Friendship) Day and Christmas because it was a time of giving to others. Mayvin joyfully recalls all the laughter with friends and chortling at Mr. Walker's puns.

Thank you for all of your support for our school during the 2025/26 school year. Please pray for God's blessings on the 2026/27 school year. Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow!



Seventh-Day Adventists accept the Bible as their only creed and hold certain fundamental beliefs to be the teaching of the Holy Scriptures. These beliefs constitute the church's understanding and expression of the teaching of Scripture.

In this issue of our newsletter, we'll look at the doctrine of:

## THE SABBATH



The gracious Creator, after the six days of Creation, rested on the seventh day and instituted the Sabbath for all people as a memorial of Creation. The fourth commandment of God's unchangeable law requires the observance of this seventh-day Sabbath as the day of rest, worship, and ministry in harmony with the teaching and practice of Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath. The Sabbath is a day of delightful communion with God and one another. It is a symbol of our redemption in Christ, a sign of our sanctification, a token of our allegiance, and a foretaste of our eternal future in God's kingdom. The Sabbath is God's perpetual sign of His eternal covenant between Him and His people. Joyful observance of this holy time from evening to evening, sunset to sunset, is a celebration of God's creative and redemptive acts. (Gen. 2:1-3; Exod. 20:8-11; 31:13-17; Lev. 23:32; Deut. 5:12-15; Isa. 56:5, 6; 58:13, 14; Ezek. 20:12, 20; Matt. 12:1-12; Mark 1:32; Luke 4:16; Heb. 4:1-11.)

### What is the Sabbath?

The Sabbath is a day of rest, reflection, enjoyment and worship for God's people. It dates back to the seventh day of the creation week, when God stopped His work and took time to rest and savor it. In six days He created the world we live in (Genesis 1:1-26). From the blue sky to the fluffy white clouds to the food we eat...He created this world with each of us in mind. It was on the sixth day of creation that God formed man and woman in His own image. He had made everything necessary for humans to live and thrive here on this earth. But He wasn't quite finished with the whole creation process. On the seventh day God created the Sabbath. His last act of creation was to sanctify this day and make it holy. Then He rested.

### Why did God rest on the Sabbath?

While the Bible tells us God "rested" on the Sabbath day, it doesn't say that He rested because He was tired. (God does not "faint or grow weary", as Isaiah 40:28, ESV tells us.) He rested to look over what He created and enjoy it. Let's look at the root word for Sabbath. The word "sabbath" comes from the Hebrew word *shabbat*, which means "to cease" or stop. Even in our human lives, it's not uncommon to stop and take a day off after a large project or a great accomplishment. Yes, we do get tired, unlike God. But after finishing something meaningful and beautiful, we don't stop afterward just to rest. We stop to reflect upon and enjoy what was just accomplished! On the Sabbath day, we rest to celebrate God's accomplishment of creating the world and creating humanity to live in it and take care of it. We pause to take notice, learn more, and express gratitude to our Creator. When God rested on the seventh day, He set for us an example. He gave the weekly Sabbath as a day of rest and worship for all of mankind. The Sabbath is a memorial, a day when we remember God's creative power. He alone is worthy of our worship, as beautifully described by Ellen White, one of the founders of the Adventist Church: "Because He had rested upon the Sabbath, 'God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it,'—set it apart to a holy use. He gave it to Adam as a day of rest. It was a memorial of the work of creation, and thus a sign of God's power and His love."

### God Wants Us to Rest as Part of the Remembrance

Similar to memorial type holidays, the Sabbath is a day we can rest in remembrance of God. Just like we get a day off from work on memorial type holidays to remember a person or commemorate an event, the Sabbath is a day we can rest and remember. It's a day to pause from our work, reflect, and rejuvenate. When we rest we put aside the cares of the world and it allows us to focus on our relationship with Him. Just like any meaningful relationship, it's important to spend time together, talk together, and get to know one another. Sabbath rest gives us the perfect opportunity to connect with God. Trusting God with our time also demonstrates our total dependence on God to provide for our needs. Keeping the Sabbath allows us to rest our physical bodies. .

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### **The Sabbath is part of the 10 Commandments**

God gave Moses the Ten Commandments after the Exodus when the Israelites were freed from the bondage of slavery in Egypt. They fled into the wilderness. During that time, God wrote the Ten Commandments on tablets of stone with His finger. The fourth commandment reminded the people to keep the Sabbath day holy. You can read all of the commandments in Exodus 20 and in Deuteronomy 5. God didn't give us these commandments because He wanted us to follow a bunch of hard rules. He gave us the Ten Commandments for our own good, that we may live peacefully. He wants us to live practical and enjoyable lives, maintaining uplifting relationships with one another and with Him. The Sabbath was made for mankind for our own good. God wants you to experience thankfulness and joy on the Sabbath day! Observing the Sabbath can be something we look forward to each week. God wanted to show us how important the Sabbath was to Him and how important it is for our own well being. The least we can do is take one day a week off from work and secular activities to focus on our Creator and the world He created for us. The Bible tells us that the Sabbath isn't just any day off. We are asked to refrain from pursuing our own business or our own interests and instead look toward the joys we can find in God and the world He created for us. When we call the Sabbath "a delight," He will make us ride on the heights of the earth! He will bless us when we keep the Sabbath holy.

### **What day is the Sabbath?**

If we follow exactly what the Bible specifies several times, the Sabbath is the 7th day of the week. It started when God sanctified the seventh day in Genesis 2, after He finished creating the world. Later, God's Word confirms the Saturday Sabbath in Exodus 16, even before the Ten Commandments were written. When the Israelites were gathering food, God commanded them to gather for six days, *"but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will be none"* (Exodus 16:26, CSB). When discussing the Sabbath, the Bible never assigns any other day to this title. Nowhere in the Bible does it say the Sabbath day was changed. While there are many Christian denominations that decided to make Sunday, the "Lord's Day" (honoring Christ's resurrection), the weekly time to go to church and spend time with family, there was no command in Scripture to do as such. Keeping the Sabbath is the 4th commandment found in God's eternal moral law. This change of the Sabbath was foretold in the Bible by the prophet Daniel. "He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to **change the times and the law...**" Daniel 7:25 When Jesus lived here on earth He kept the seventh day Sabbath. However, just a few hundred years after His death and resurrection, early Christians began keeping Sunday as their day of worship just as Daniel foretold. The change of the Sabbath as the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday happened in the year 321 A.D. The Roman Emperor Constantine issued a decree that all Christians were to begin observing Sunday as a day of rest. In the verse above, Daniel was saying there would be a kingdom who would try to change God's law. But God's law is eternal. And the Sabbath was made for all mankind for all eternity. "And he said to them, *"The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."* Mark 2:27 *ESV* Anyone can keep Sabbath by refraining from work and focusing on God. That also makes it a fitting time to go to church. We find in the Bible that Jesus typically went to the synagogue on Sabbath. The Sabbath is the seventh day of the week, according to the Bible. We can follow Jesus' example by refraining from our regular daily work to focus on Him and His creation.

### **The Sabbath and the Adventist church**

In the 1800's there was a religious revival among protestant Christians. This movement was led by a group of Baptist and Methodist ministers. They proclaimed the soon coming of Jesus and the message quickly spread through their congregations. These Christians believed Jesus would return in 1844 and when that did not happen they were greatly saddened. This left them searching their Bibles for answers. They began to study the Bible for themselves instead of leaving all interpretation to the clergy. These Advent Movement Christians noticed the emphasis on the seventh-day Sabbath in the Bible. They had a desire to keep all of God's commandments. These Christians decided they would begin to keep the biblical Sabbath even though most churches worshipped on Sunday. Keeping the 4th commandment became a distinctive part of their worship. The name of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church was chosen because of their belief in keeping the seventh day, as well as their belief in the literal second coming of Christ. As Sabbath keepers today, we can make the most of this the sacred day of rest each week with our family, friends, and other believers by:

- worshipping in church
- rejuvenating our souls through quiet reflection
- Finding refreshment through time spent in nature
- Deepening our relationship with Christ through Bible study
- Strengthening our relationships through time spent with family and friends
- Resting our weary bodies

The Sabbath is cherished by Adventist Christians around the world. Adventists believe the Sabbath is a blessing for every created person, and it reminds us that we each have a powerful Creator and a loving Savior.



June 21-28, 2026  
**ADVENTURER CAMP**  
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We are so happy that we can provide Adventurer Camp for children 7 to 10 years old again this year. We hope to see you for fun, worship and growing friendships with others and with God!

June 21-28, 2026  
**COWGIRL CAMP**  
Ages 13-17

June 28-July 5, 2026

## JUNIOR CAMP

Ages 10-12

You will get to choose from activities like go-karting, climbing on the iceberg in the lake or even making model rockets that launch high in the sky! Every part of our program is designed to engage campers on a level that creates an eternal impact in the lives of young people! We strive for you to learn more about Jesus every day.

July 5-12, 2026

## TWEEN CAMP

AGES 12-14

Our primary goal is to help your tweens grow in Christ through exciting experiences in nature, fun camp activities, and inspiring worship experiences. Make new friends. Ride horses and learn survival skills. Swim, paddle, and enjoy the lake. It's fun-filled week of adventure and activity designed just for tweens!

July 12-19, 2026

## TEEN CAMP

AGES 14-16

Teen Camp is FUN! As you meet new friends and sit around the campfire with marshmallows, you will be able to ask questions and get to know your counselors and friends better. There will be skits that will frequently make you LOL, but will bring up other questions about God and life. Each day we want you to hang out with us and learn more about Jesus.

July 21-26, 2026

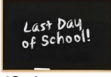
## FAMILY CAMP

The whole family!

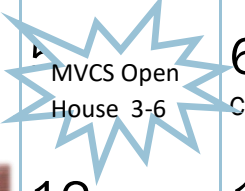
Bring your family to Laurel Lake and meet our amazing staff who love Jesus and cannot wait to invest in your family. We will give you a fun, creative, and relaxing time with your family.

You'll spend the whole week just with the horses! Camp near the barn, learn about care, feeding, training, and riding.

# May 2026

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| 10                                                                                                   | 11                                                                                                         | 12                         | 13  | 14 <br>Community Meal       | 15                                                                                                     | 16 <br>Choir practice 1:30 |
| 17 <br>Cleaning Bee | 18 Church<br>Board 6:30 PM                                                                                 | 19                         | 20  | 21 MVCS <br>Closing Program | 22 <br>MVCS 1/2 day | 23                                                                                                            |
| 24                                                                                                   | 25 <br>HAPPY Memorial DAY | 26 School<br>Board 6:30 PM | 27  | 28                                                                                                             | 29                                                                                                     | 30                                                                                                            |
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# June 2026

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| 1   | 2 <br>MVCS Open House 5-8 | 3                       | 4   | 5 <br>MVCS Open House 3-6 | 6 <br>Communion |                          |
| 7   | 8                                                                                                            | 9                       | 10  | 11 <br>Community Meal     | 12<br>Campmeeting                                                                                    | 13                       |
| 14  | 15                                                                                                           | 16                      | 17  | 18                                                                                                             | 19                                                                                                   | 20 Camp-<br>meeting ends |
| 21  | 22 Church<br>Board 6:30                                                                                      | 23 School<br>Board 6:30 | 24  | 25                                                                                                             | 26                                                                                                   | 27                       |
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# CAMP MEETING 2026: JOYFUL LIVING: NOW AND FOREVER

**Register now  
for camp meeting 2026!**

June 12-20, 2026

Blue Mountain Academy

2359 Mountain Rd | Hamburg, Pa.

You're invited to a powerful week of powerful worship and practical seminars at our Pennsylvania Conference Camp Meeting 2026! This year's focus is on "Joyful Living: Now and Forever—growing stronger physically, mentally, and spiritually—as we discover God's plan for vibrant, healthy, and joyful living. Be refreshed and recharged, as we connect with friends. Families will grow together as they enjoy Sunday's Fun Fest and our weekday family worship.

Speakers include Randy Skeete, Neil Nedley, Mark and Teenie Finley, Dr. Jonathan Burt, and Dr. Clinton Wahlen—offering messages of hope and health for today's world. Children will enjoy meetings and activities planned for them as they explore "Wild About Health." Powerful worship and fun outings are planned for our youth and young adults. Bring your voices and instruments for this year's "Music Jam Fest" Sunday afternoon.

[Registration open March 1, 2026.](#)

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