

Hello, Guests, Church Family, and Friends -

October 16, 2020

Here are seven important points regarding services this weekend and next:

1. Where Can You Worship This Sabbath Morning? As announced at church last week, there are some changes to the worship locations for this Sabbath, October 17 (and ONLY for this Sabbath). Please note the following:

- **9:00 AM** Worship Service will occur AS USUAL in the church sanctuary, no changes
- **10:15 AM** Sabbath Schools will occur AS USUAL EXCEPT that the sanctuary Sabbath School class will be meeting in the Girls Dorm Chapel and NOT in the sanctuary
- **11:30 AM** Live Stream/In-person Worship Service attendees WILL MEET IN THE SVA GYMNASIUM and NOT in the church sanctuary.
- **11:30 AM** Outdoor Worship Service will occur AS USUAL at SVAE

2. The Reason for the Changes: SVA Music Department Featured at October 17, 11:30 AM, Sabbath Indoor Worship Service. We are pleased to announce that the SVA Music Department will be leading out in our 11:30 AM Live Stream/In-person worship service! Their help with our service that day will be part of SVA's Showcase Weekend. The music department will have exclusive use of our sanctuary as their production facility during the 10:15 AM Sabbath School and 11:30 AM worship service time slots. (Having the sanctuary to themselves is due to social distancing requirements: In order to meet the COVID requirements of the governor's office, musicians and singers will necessarily be spread out across most of the sanctuary.) The 10:15 AM Sabbath School and 11:30 AM worship service will be live streamed on the web, and the 11:30 AM service will be simultaneously shown on the big screen in the SVA Gymnasium to the worshippers gathered there.

Don't miss this special Sabbath of excellent music and adoration of our Lord - and please invite a friend to join you (especially a prospective parent) either online or in-person at the Gym!

(NOTE: The SVA Music Department will not be present in any fashion at the Outdoor Worship Service at SVAE.)

3. ROK Vespers This Friday in SVA Gym. Our annual ROK Ministries Meet-n-Greet vespers service will be starting this Friday evening, October 16, at 7:00 PM, in the SVA Gymnasium. Note that the first half of the evening will be in the Gym (bring your masks and be prepared to socially distance), while the second half of the evening will be outdoors, weather permitting (where masks are encouraged, but not required). For the outdoor portion of the evening, there will be fires to gather around, but do dress for what is predicted to be temperatures in the mid-forties.

NOTE: Due to social distancing constraints in the SVA Gym, we unfortunately must ask that ONLY those of you that have ROK Friends attend the vespers in-person. All others

are welcome to join the vespers service live stream at 7:00 PM at www.shenandoahvalleyacademy.org.

4. Sabbath, October 24: Church Campout. As usual, the campout will start on Friday, October 23, and end on Sunday morning, October 25. Please join us! For those staying overnight, please register via the church website as soon as possible. Coming out just for the day? No need to register.

5. On-Campus Worship Options on Church Campout Weekend? This year, due to COVID concerns and a shortage of volunteers, there unfortunately will be no on-campus/in-person worship option on October 24. HOWEVER, we are hopeful that a live stream option will nonetheless be available for those who wish to watch online at 11:30 AM that day. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

6. Pew News. The church sanctuary is coming along nicely! The majority of pews are completed, with the remaining ones to be completed sometime next week. Our heartfelt thanks to the many people who have either helped coordinate the work or who have been very flexible in giving the workers the space and time they've needed to complete their work!

7. Religious Liberty Sermon Series Concludes on October 17. Part 3 of the three-part series entitled, "Religious Liberty On Trial," will be presented at the 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM indoor/live stream worship services. Did you miss parts 1 & 2? They're available on our YouTube channel (go to YouTube and search for "New Market Adventist"). Every Christian needs to know what's at stake this election season. Please watch and share this important series of presentations.

Have an excellent rest of the week and Sabbath!

Pastor Shane

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