

Concord SDA Newsletter

April 3, 2021



He is Risen!

*a prayer of thanksgiving
written by Karen Purba*

Dear Jesus,

As we enter into this blessed weekend, let us be thankful and joyful that you selflessly came to this earth to live a perfect life so that all who believe in You shall be saved! What love and sacrifice you have given to our sinful race! Thank you for not abandoning us and for completing your beautiful plan of salvation for humanity.

Thank you that because you died on the Cross of Calvary we can have Your power to overcome every sin. We are thankful that Your plans for us are plans for good and not for disaster. We know that when we cooperate with you by letting go of all our sin You can do a beautiful work within us. Thank you that you give us the power to live the victorious life by surrendering all to You. Through this surrender, You will guide our lives towards our greatest good and will accomplish a work for You that we've never dreamed possible.

Most of all, we are thankful that soon and very soon we will see You in the clouds as You descend to claim Your children and bring us to the place in heaven that You have been preparing for us for all these years. We can't wait to see you face to face, bow and cast our crowns at your feet, and worship You forever! What a glorious day that will be!

Help us to be faithful to the end.

Love,

Your Earthly Children

Praise Reports

- We are thankful for....
- your protection of our loved ones in recent natural disasters down south.
- that more and more people are being led to Sabbath truth and finding their way to our church.
- that Spring is here which will allow us to be able to be outside and increase our socially distant visitation with loved ones.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for....
- the current state of our world with numerous humanity crises
 - April's healing of her broken arm and wrist and medical costs associated with her recovery.
 - those affected by natural disasters.

Adventurer's Spring Escape

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE
PRESENTS

iWONDER

about God's creation

MAY 21-23, 2021

Grab your stuffies and your camping gear.
Get ready to be amazed as we explore some of the
wonderful mysteries hidden in God's creations.

TO REGISTER GO TO:
WWW.NNEC.ORG/ADVENTURERS



ADVENTURER CLUB

Upcoming Events

Women's Ministry's Virtual Spring Retreat



Anchor in the Eye of the Storm

Kress Memorial Church

Orlando, Florida

&

Northern New England Conference

Present to you,

Women's Ministry Spring Retreat

Friday, April 23rd at 6:00pm

First session of "Anchor in the Eye of the Storm"

Saturday, April 24th at 5:30pm

Light meal will be provided,

6:15pm Second session.

**Come join your Ministry leaders, Sonia Hernandez and Louise Sanders
for a time of blessings and praise.**

For more info text Louise Sanders at (207) 431-6535 or email
lulusanders10@gmail.com

Online: kressmemorial.org/index.php/sermons/live or on facebook

Sabbath Wellness Walk

**IPSWICH RIVER WILDLIFE SANCTUARY
89 PERKINS ROW
TOPSFIELD, MA.
SABBATH, MAY 1 (RAIN DATE: 5/8)
3:30 PM**



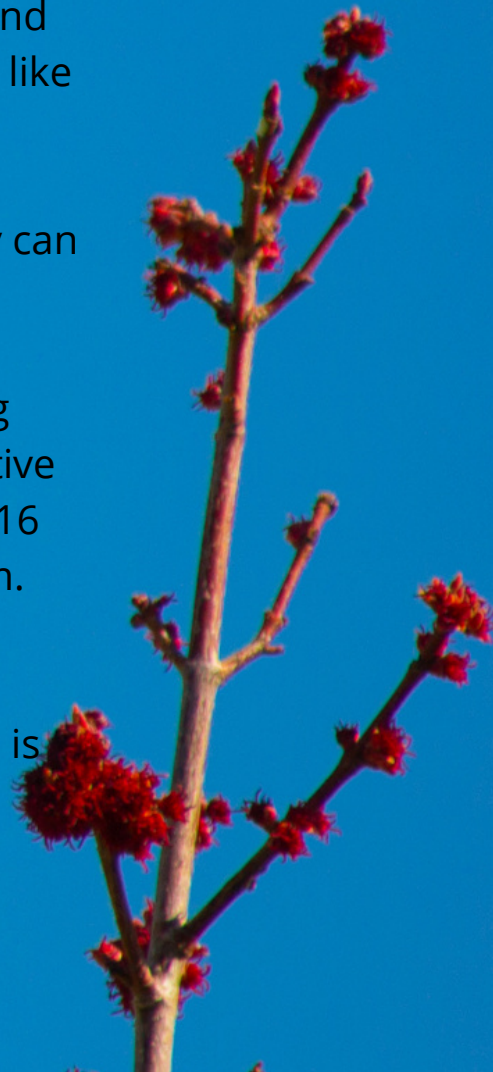
Join us Sabbath afternoon for a walk in the wilderness. There are numerous wooded trails that meander around the Ipswich River, ponds, and wetlands. Bring your birdseed to feed the birds right out of your hands (the birds like black sunflower seeds best). You might catch a glimpse of deer as sunset approaches.

This is an excellent opportunity for friendship evangelism by inviting our friends who do not know Jesus so they can interact with Christians outside of church.

Go to <https://www.massaudubon.org/get-outdoors/wildlife-sanctuaries/ipswichriver> to reserve your Parking Pass/Entry Ticket. The cost is \$12.24 per vehicle or free if you are a Massachusetts Audubon Member or an active US military member. Online ticket sales are active anywhere from 3-7 days prior to the date of visit, and only 16 cars are allowed per half hour. Start checking the site a week in advance and purchase your ticket for 3:30pm. Spots sell out fast in the spring, so reserve well in advance.

Please note: Restrooms at the sanctuary are closed due to COVID. Stop & Shop; 301 Newbury Street, Danvers is close by. You may want to stop there prior or after the visit.

For more information, reach out to Karen Purba at karenpurba@hotmail.com. See you there!



Sabbath School

God's Everlasting Covenant

This quarter, entitled *The Promise: God's Everlasting Covenant*, will look more closely at what God's covenant is, what it offers, and even at what it demands. Though drawn from many sources, the lessons rely heavily on work of the late Dr. Gerhard F. Hasel.

God's covenant is motivated by love, His love for the fallen race, a love that led Him to the Cross. It is because of what Christ has done for us that we love God back, and we surrender our sinful ways to Him as well as our fears. We do this because we have been given the best that God can give—Jesus Christ and the redemption found only in Him.

How does it all work? It is as simple as an exchange: Christ takes our sins and gives us His righteousness so that, through Him, we are accounted as righteous as God Himself. In this way, sin is no longer attributed to us; it no longer has to keep us separated from Him. And this wonderful gift, this accounting of righteousness, comes to us by faith, and faith alone. Hence the phrase, "righteousness by faith."

But it does not end there, either. Sinners can, through Jesus, enter into a relationship with God, because Jesus' blood brings not only forgiveness but cleaning, healing, and restoration. We are, through Christ, born again, and through this experience God writes His holy law upon our hearts. Thus, sinners no longer do the things they used to do. From and by this inward law, all of life is shaped for the believer. These people desire to work out what God puts within them, and that desire is matched with the promise of Divine power. Here is the essence of what it means to live in covenant relationship with God that we will study this quarter.

Sabbath School starts at 9:30
Children's Divisions are now back in session!

