

MARCH 2026

## Services

March 14

Divine Service - 11:30am

Lesson Study - 10:15am

Prayer Breakfast – 9:30am

## Location

Eglise Baptiste du Calvaire  
(EBC), 10002 Riggs Road,  
Adelphi, MD 20783



## Newsletter

Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Matthew 6:26 NKJV



*Smita Jagdhane*



*SAAA Church Building*

Happy March! May you enjoy the beauty of spring and peace as you enjoy the bountiful growth of colors.

We look forward to worshipping with you this Saturday at EBC. Our speaker for Divine Service will be Smita Jagdhane (pg2). The Sabbath School lesson will be taught by Evangeline Medavarapu.

## Contact Us

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## Upcoming Events

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March 14

Sabbath Service @  
EBC

March 15, 22, & 29  
SFF 9:30 am pg4

April 5

**Easter Egg Hunt:**  
Sunday, April 5  
from 12pm - 4pm  
Inparaj Residence  
14509 Jaystone Dri.  
Silver Spring, MD 20905

April 11

Sabbath Service @  
EBC

## Speaker Bio, Smita Jagdhane

Smita Sachin Jagdhane is a dedicated professional with experience in both corporate and educational environments.

Smita was born in Pune, India. She completed her high school studies at Hume McHenry High School, Salisbury Park, Pune. She holds a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts and another bachelor's degree in Education from University of Pune. Smita also has an International Certificate in Education from Indus Research and Training Institute, Bangalore.

Smita is married to Sachin Jagdhane. Smita and Sachin are the proud parents of Aarav (Rock) and Curtis (Shaun) Jagdhane.

Smita has served the corporate and education fields for 20 plus years, and she wants to continue serving in other areas of opportunity that God leads her to. She remains actively involved in her church community where she upholds values of faith, service, and leadership. She currently serves as a children's Sabbath School teacher at SASDAC. Smita is a committed advocate of sustainable living and believes in leading a simple yet purposeful life.

Smita is passionate about cooking, traveling, and building meaningful social connections, recognizing the importance of cultural experiences and community engagement. She has also supported orphanages and nonprofit organizations in various capacities, contributing her time and resources to causes that promote social welfare.

Her life and work reflect a balanced integration of professionalism, faith, and social responsibility.

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*Prayer Requests: Keep the following items in your prayers. Healing for those with health challenges, comfort for those who have lost loved ones, mission projects, current events, and prosperity for SAAA.*

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## International Women's Day is observed on March 8:

The International Women's Day 2026 theme, "Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls" aims to draw attention to the ongoing legal and social gaps faced by women across the world.

Global data suggests that women currently have access to only about 64% of the legal rights that men enjoy, which shows how much work still remains.

The campaign encourages governments, organizations, and communities to move beyond simply recognizing rights and instead focus on ensuring they are enforced. In countries like India, the conversation often includes issues such as women's safety, equal pay, and better access to justice in both rural and urban areas.

--India Today

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## FUN FACTS IN MARCH ---

### Month-Long Food Themes

- **National Nutrition Month:** This annual campaign by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics encourages informed food choices and sound eating habits.
- **National Frozen Food Month:** March celebrates the convenience of frozen meals, contrasting the month's focus on fresh nutrition.
- **Caffeine Awareness Month:** This month is dedicated to helping people understand their caffeine consumption and its effects on the body.
- **Other Notable Themes:** March is also **National Peanut, Noodle, Sauce, and Flour Month.**

### Fun Day-by-Day Highlights

- **March 7: National Cereal Day:** Americans consume roughly 10 billion bowls of cereal annually. This day honors the breakfast staple that first appeared in the late 19th century.
- **March 14: Pi(e) Day:** While mathematicians celebrate the constant (3.14), foodies use it as an excuse to eat sweet and savory pies.
- **March 17: St. Patrick's Day:** Traditionally celebrated with Corned Beef and Cabbage
- **March 20: National Ravioli Day:** Marking the first day of spring (Vernal Equinox), this day celebrates the "little envelopes" of pasta.
- **March 28: Something on a Stick Day:** From kebabs to corn dogs, this day celebrates any food that can be skewered. Fun fact: The first Popsicle was accidentally invented in 1905 by an 11-year-old who left a soda with a stirring stick outside overnight.

### SPRING BLOOM!



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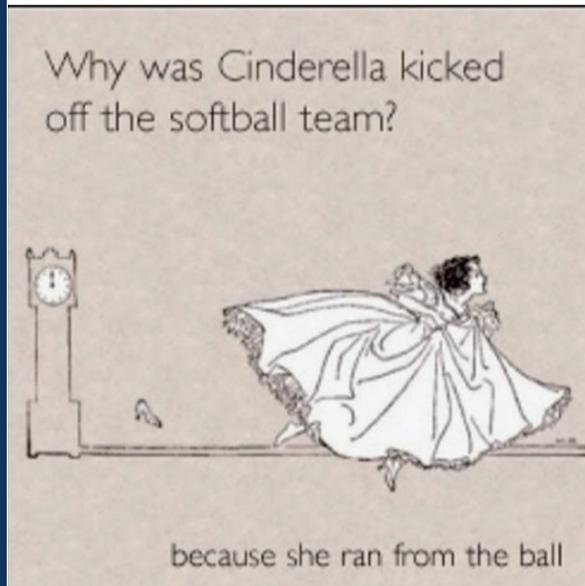
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“Haggai 1:12-13: Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the Lord their God had sent him. And the people feared the Lord. 13 Then Haggai, the Lord’s messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: “I am with you,” declares the Lord.”



## Building Project

Support the building project with monetary contribution and prayers.



“Regular relaxation provides profound physical and mental health benefits, including lowered blood pressure, reduced heart rate, decreased muscle tension, and improved immune system function. It enhances emotional well-being by reducing stress, anxiety, and frustration while improving concentration, productivity, sleep quality.



## JOIN OUR WORKOUT! Sunday Funday Fitness (SFF), let's do it, Stanley Monickam

Please join us via zoom on Sundays from 9:30am–10:30am. (Schedule on pg2)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81858299367?pwd=YjU5U3V4cnB6dGMzWUtHcjh3blBuUT09>

Meeting ID: 818 5829 9367

Passcode: 630486

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“Where flowers bloom,  
so does hope.”

Lady Bird Johnson

## SAAA VALENTINE'S PARTY – FEBRUARY 14, 2026



## PROJECT COMMITTEE INITIATIVE

Homes Not Borders has taken on a meaningful initiative to support refugee families, and your contributions can make a real difference. Please take a moment to read about their mission and see how we can be a great support through this sari collection effort. Please email Swinitha Osuri at [for more information \(osurigs@gmail.com\)](mailto:osurigs@gmail.com).

“Homes Not Borders ([www.homesnotborders.org](http://www.homesnotborders.org)) is a grassroots nonprofit that helps refugees and forced migrants thrive and feel at home. Homes Not Borders is run by Laura Osuri, the Daughter-in-Law of Michael and Swinitha Osuri. Homes not Borders needs saris and long pieces of silk and silk-like fabrics for its artisan economic empowerment and skills building program, “Sew Successful.” The program is training 20 Afghan refugee women in advanced sewing skills and connecting them to contract-based work where they can use their skills. They need saris and silk fabrics for projects to make table runners and duvet covers. All colors, patterns and styles are wanted!”