

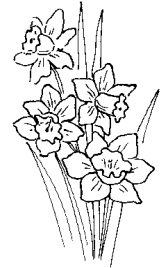


Elmira

Seventh-day Adventist Church

Newsletter

APRIL 2009



FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Spring Has Sprung!

John 14:1 *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me.*

We have been hearing a lot about our so called "Economic Crisis" and with this crisis another depression! It startles some and yet others seem to be indifferent. I heard one comment – "If you think we are in an economic crises, drive by your local Best Buy parking lot. This apparent crisis is not stopping people from purchasing large flat screen TV's."

With the current talk of bailout and government funding – it does appear, that we are living in "latter days."

I also heard on the radio a comment spoken by a Christian spokesman: "Our economic crisis is caused by covetousness – persons are taking loans of the which they cannot afford and banks and bankers are honoring loans to high risk customers." In other words loaners want the interest and individuals want their stuff. Both of which are a direct result of covetousness.

The Bible says in 2 Timothy 3:1, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come," times in the latter days when there shall be striking changes in the normal. Does it not appear that we are truly living in perilous times?

You may ask "what in the world does this have to do with spring?" I am reminded of a quote: "Through such mediums He may give them the most important lessons concerning the Creator, by opening before them the great book of nature,

where the love of God is expressed in every tree and flower and blade of grass. He may impress upon their minds the fact that if God cares so much for the trees and flowers, He will care much more for the creatures formed in His image." (Adventist Home p.224).

In every blade of grass is expressed the Love of God for you. Look to the fields and you will see God's love. Look to the heavens and you will see His love there. Look at the birds in the trees and you will see Love there. Every leaf, every budding flower is a reminder of God's love for you. Springtime is a quick reminder of God's everlasting love for you. So then, let us count our blessings.

Let not your heart become troubled with the cares of this life. God will take care of you. Let not your mind wander towards earthly things where moth and rust destroy, but think on the heavenly, because where your heart is, there also are your treasures.

Perilous times will come, true as it is, economic downturns, whatever may come – spring is still in the air. And, as spring returns every year precisely on time... we too can depend on the promise of our Creator's coming.

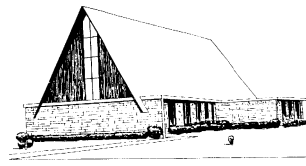
Jesus paid the price for your ransom. He counted the cost to save humanity and was willing to pay the price. Jesus gave His life to save you, a sinner. Won't you, dear friends, count your blessings?

You may want to join me in this prayer: "Thank

you, Jesus, for spring. Spring is a fresh reminder of Your great love for sinners such as I am. Help me to count my blessing and be content. Amen.”

Many blessings,
Pastor Curtis

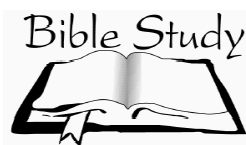
CHURCH NEWS



THE EMPOWERED CHURCH

Sabbath, May 4 is the next Empowered Church training session. There will be no afternoon meeting. Some goals of this program are to encourage spiritual growth as well as train our members to be outreach-oriented. Plan to be here to learn how to be better disciples of our Lord.

BIBLE STUDY



“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” Psalm 119:105 Please join us each Thursday evening, 7:00 PM at the church as we open God’s Word together.

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

The next Church Business Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13, 7:00 PM at the church. Please have any agenda items to Elder Curtis by Monday, April 6.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER DINNER

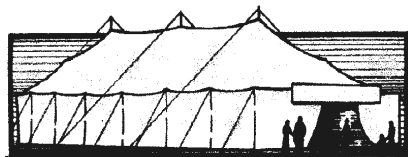
Thursday, May 7, 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the church. All ladies, mark your calendar!

PROJECT: STEPS TO CHRIST

A mailing of *The Path to Peace (Steps to Christ)* has been sent out in Chemung County, Montour Falls, and Watkins Glen, in a combined effort with the Cornerstone Church and the Friendship Church, in an effort to bring others to Christ. Anyone wishing to donate to this project, please mark your tithe envelope accordingly. Our church has committed \$9,000 to this project. Please continue to pray for all those who have received these books.



CAMP MEETING 2009



“...prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven’s storehouse...” Steps to Christ, pp. 94, 95. It is time to begin planning to attend New York Camp Meeting at Union Springs, NY, June 26 – July 4, 2009. Our theme this year is “The Key.” Speakers include: Ron Halvorsen, Sr., Terri Saelee, Peter Neri, Ministerial/Evangelism Director, Indiana Conference, and James Black, Sr., Youth Ministries Director, North American Division. Jennifer LaMountain, singer/songwriter, will be there July 3 and 4, including an afternoon concert Sabbath, July 4. For

information on accommodations, contact Priscilla English at the New York Conference Office, 4930 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY 13215-4203, Phone: (315) 469-6921.



WEEKEND GUEST SPEAKER

Elder Richard O'Ffill will be our guest speaker for the weekend October 10 – 12. He is an author, revivalist and seminar speaker who has served in Southern Asia, and Latin America, as well as North America.

THE CHILDREN'S OFFERING

The children's offering taken during the worship service is currently designated to sponsor our children at Camp Cherokee this summer. We hope many of our children will be able to spend a week at our camp in the Adirondacks this summer.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS

Everyone is invited to our luncheon each Sabbath following the worship service. Please bring a dish to pass. The fourth Sabbath each month will be Soup & Sandwiches.

LABELS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Please continue to save your General Mills Box tops and Campbell's UPC symbols for the Holbrook SDA Indian School in Arizona. Box tops and UPC symbols can be given Joyce Cmelko. Thank you for your continued support of this project.

Check out our Church website (new address) at: www.elmirasda.com
Downloadable sermons are available at this site.



PRAYER LIST

Becky (Haesche) Gottshall
Levi Haesche
Dawn Miller
Ernest Miller
John & Martha Pack
Lorraine Parker
Alta Raymond



Doris Stewart
Ileen & Warren Smith
Cindy Taft
Frank Ziegler

SABBATH SCHOOL

Second Quarter of 2009 we begin a study of "The Christian Life." We will be looking at doctrine and experience – a correct biblical understanding of the various elements of



our faith and how they impact our daily experience. Please join us as we study each Sabbath morning. Song service begins at 9:20. Classes are provided for adults and children.

We are able to view mission stories on DVD from around the world. Spotlight on Mission is shown the first Sabbath of each month. Mission SONlight is shown the third Sabbath of each month.

INVESTMENT



Thank you for saving your newspapers, magazines, and health food labels for Investment. See Alvin Jackson, our Investment leader. **Please be sure the UPC symbol is on the food labels.**

PERSONAL MINISTRIES



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



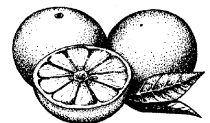
Our next scheduled blood drive is Tuesday, April 21, 1:30 – 6:30 in the church fellowship hall. 34 units (22 pints whole blood and 6 donations Double Red Cells) were collected at our drive on February 17.

NATURE'S GARDEN

STORE HOURS Thursday, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

FRUIT SALES

Thank you to all who helped out in our fruit program and bake sales. A special Thank You to Larry Taft, who has retired as program director. Larry has led out and assisted in this program for over twenty years.



NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – May 20

CONTACT Sharon and Jim Reynolds at 607-734-1560 with newsletter information. You may also send your articles to: 813 Maple Ave, Elmira, NY 14904 or e-mail us at: webmaster@elmirasda.com.



*Let the soul be drawn out and upward,
that God may grant us a breath of the heavenly atmosphere.
We may keep so near to God that in every unexpected trial
our thoughts will turn to Him as naturally as the flower turns to the sun.
Steps to Christ, p. 100*





I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the LORD,
which made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Psalm 121:1-3



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED