

**ELMIRA  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH  
NEWSLETTER  
FEBRUARY 2011**

If ye love Me,



keep My commandments.

John 14:15

## CHURCH NEWS

### BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study is held each Tuesday evening, 7:00 PM at the church with Pastor Brutus from the Friendship Church.



### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Our Liberty offering which was taken January 22 sponsors LIBERTY magazine to government officials and religious leaders throughout North America. These funds are also used to support the North American division litigation fund, and aid in religious liberty promotion and education in the Atlantic Union. Anyone wishing to receive LIBERTY magazine or sponsor it to others, please have names and addresses to Mac Dwyer by March 15. Money should be turned in by March 31. Cost is \$6 per subscription.

### FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS

All are invited to join us each Sabbath following the worship service for lunch and fellowship. Please bring a dish to pass. All are invited. There will be some vegan dishes provided the third Sabbath of each month. **Beginning in February, Soup and Sandwiches will be twice per month – the second and the fourth Sabbaths.**



### THANK YOU!

We want to express our appreciation to Lois Shappee who recently retired as Head Deaconess. Lois has spent many hours in this area of service: organizing and preparing for weekly fellowship luncheons and occasional funeral dinners; preparing for Communion and leading the ladies in this service; assisting baptismal candidates prepare for baptism; and leading out with the deaconesses in many other functions. She has been our Head

Deaconess since 1996. We appreciate her service to God and His church in this area and her continuing care for the members of this church.

ADVENTIST TELEVISION MINISTRIES **Faith  
for Today**



The offering on February 12 will be for Adventist Television Ministries – *Breath of Life, It Is Written*, and *Faith for Today* – sowing the seed over the airwaves. We can support our church’s media through this offering, as these ministries labor to touch lives and change hearts.



### OUR SYMPATHY

... is extended to the family of Rod Van Galder, who passed away Tuesday, January 11 and to Lois Shappee on the loss of her brother Wednesday, January 12.

### SPRING EVANGELISM

An evangelistic series is planned for May 13 – 28, with speaker Elder Rick Kuntz, Northern New England Conference Evangelist. Plans are to hire a Bible worker to assist in preparing for this series and to work with interests. If you are able to help out in any way, contact Derek Colaw or Mac Dwyer. Please keep this evangelism in your prayers as we seek to spread the gospel in our community.



### A NOTE FROM MARYLAND



Hi Folks – We’re pretty much settled in. Still wish we were home... Thank you so much for the beautiful cards. We’re missing all our friends. Please keep praying for us and I’ll try to keep in touch. Love you all, Martha & John Pack. The Pack’s new address is: 14705 Triadelphia Mill Road, Dayton, MD 21036.

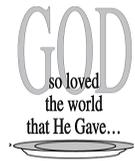
### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

31 units (17 whole blood and 7 donations Double Red Cells=14 units) were collected at our January 18 blood drive. The next drive is scheduled for March 15, 1:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.



### 3ABN UPDATE

Help raise \$31,800 to upgrade Channel 21 to digital. Mark your tithe envelope 3ABN upgrade. We currently have \$7058.00 toward our goal.



### LABELS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Joyce has received a note of appreciation from the Holbrook Indian School: “Please thank all those nice people from Elmira Church for helping HIS with their 2 projects. We appreciate your saving and collecting them for us. We just received a check for \$1351.70 from Boxtops for the six months since May.” Mary Bragg, Development Assistant, Holbrook SDA Indian School.

Please continue to save your General Mills Boxtops and Campbell’s UPC symbols for the Holbrook SDA Indian School in Arizona. Boxtops and UPC symbols can be given Joyce Cmelko.

Check out our Church website at: [www.elmirasda.com](http://www.elmirasda.com)  
 New Feature – Monthly Church Calendar.  
 Downloadable sermons are available at this site.



### PRAYER LIST

Don & Alice Congdon  
Bill & Marie Kaiser  
Theresa Kerr  
Frances McMillen  
John & Martha Pack



Lorraine Parker  
Doris Stewart  
Harold Washburn, Sr.  
Our Shut-ins

### SABBATH SCHOOL



Our adult Sabbath School studies continue in *Jesus Wept: The Bible and Human Emotions*. Please join us as we study each Sabbath morning. Song service begins at 9:20. Classes are provided for adults and children. Mission DVDs are shown the first Sabbath of each month. This quarter they are from the Southern Asia Division. February and March presentations will be: “Mud Church” and “Mega Schools.”

### INVESTMENT

The definition of Investment is: “ the plan of utilizing specially designed projects to generate funds to support the mission work of the church.” During 2010, under the direction of Alvin Jackson, our Investment funds grew to a total of \$568.56. \$41 worth of labels were also turned in.

Projects for 2011 include: Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland Church Plant; First Nations Outreach in Ontario; Oklahoma City Metro Television Ministry; and Houston Vietnamese Outreach.

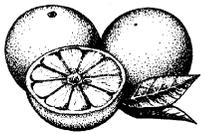
Thank you for saving your newspapers, magazines, and health food labels for Investment. See Alvin Jackson, our Investment leader, to donate magazines and newspapers. **Please be sure the UPC symbol is on the food labels.**



## NATURE'S GARDEN

STORE HOURS      Thursday, 4:00-6:00 p.m., OR by appointment,  
Call Larry Taft – 732-0463, Or Mac & Hilda Dwyer – 739-7748.

## FRUIT SALES



2011 Fruit Sale Dates are planned for: February 20, March 20 in the Nature's Garden building. Sales will be from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Oranges and Pink Grapefruit are available by the full case, half or quarter. To order fruit or to offer your help, contact Malcolm Dwyer, 739-7748.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – March 20 – CONTACT Sharon and Jim Reynolds at 734-1560 with newsletter information. You may also send your articles to: 813 Maple Avenue, Elmira, NY 14904 or e-mail us at: [shareyn@gmail.com](mailto:shareyn@gmail.com)**



*... by and by the gates of heaven will be thrown open to admit God's children,  
and from the lips of the King of glory the benediction will fall on their ears  
like richest music, "Come, ye blessed of my Father,  
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."  
... In view of the glorious inheritance that may be his,  
"what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"  
He may be poor, yet he possesses in himself a wealth and dignity  
that the world could never bestow.  
The soul redeemed and cleansed from sin,  
with all its noble powers dedicated to the service of God, is of surpassing worth;  
and there is joy in heaven in the presence of God and the holy angles  
over one soul redeemed,  
a joy that is expressed in songs of holy triumph.  
Steps to Christ, Pages 125-126*

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Come now,  
and let us reason together,  
saith the LORD:  
though your sins be as scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they be red like crimson,  
they shall be as wool.



Isaiah 1:18

