

Elmira
Seventh-day Adventist Church
Newsletter
AUGUST 2011



*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee:
because he trusteth in Thee.
Trust ye in the LORD for ever:
for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.
Isaiah 26:3, 4*



FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings Friends:

Sometimes God gives us wonderful opportunities to witness to our faith if we are just open to these opportunities. Last week I was at the Taco Bell in Vestal, standing in line next to a young lady – perhaps 14 or 15 – who happened to be decked out in a gothic fashion. Now by "gothic," I mean that she had jet-black dyed hair, black eye-shadow, makeup, rings on her face, tattoos on her arms, and dark rather "witchy" looking clothing. When she placed her order (actually the second of three orders), the price came up to exactly \$6.66! I chuckled to myself, and when I placed my own order with the young man behind the cash register, I jokingly said, "I hope mine doesn't also come up to 666." The young man, to my surprise, immediately began to share with me his own views on 666, the mark of the beast, the antichrist, etc. Even after I went and sat down with my lunch, he, between taking orders, came over to my table so he could continue to explain to me his understanding of these apocalyptic topics. While it would have been hard for me in that setting to tell him what



all these things really mean in that short space of time, I did commend him as one who likes to study and think about these things, and I hope to meet with him again soon. (A good excuse to eat at Taco Bell!)

It struck me through meeting this young man and listening to his attempts to explain these concepts from Revelation that there really is an interest among people to know the future. There are people who are genuinely curious about the symbolic meanings of the prophetic pages and how they relate to now and the end of the world.

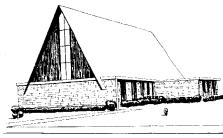


Let us never give up our confidence in the prophetic Word of God, and let us continue, as God's end-time "People of the Book," to proclaim the prophetic portions in light of the Cross of Jesus Christ and His soon Second Coming.

May God bless us all as we go forward as His messengers.

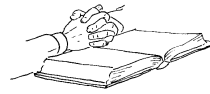
Pastor Kevin Dunn
Southern Tier District Pastor

CHURCH NEWS

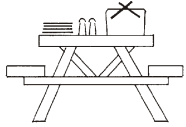


BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held each Wednesday evening, 7:00 PM at the church.



DISTRICT PICNIC



A district picnic, including churches from the Elmira, Vestal, and Corning areas will be held August 7 at Harris Hill, Pavilion #3. Please bring your own table service, drink, and a dish to pass. We will plan to eat at 1:00 P.M.

GRADUATE

Congratulations to Ben Proctor who graduated with honors in June from Elmira Free Academy. His future plans include studying Pre-med at Alfred University. He will be leaving in August.



GUEST SPEAKER

August 20 our guest speaker will be Pastor Brian Burgess, son of Doris Burgess. Brian currently pastors in Tennessee.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



32 units (24 whole blood and 4 donations Double Red Cells=8 units) were collected at our drive June 14.

SOMETHING MISSING?

You may notice something missing when you drive into the church parking lot. The property at 805 Maple Avenue is now part of the church property. The house on it was demolished July 27.

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. The oven is off until after Labor Day.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



vBs July 25 – 29 Vacation Bible School was held at the church. Brittany Miller was the leader and many helpers assisted in the various activities. The younger children learned about some of the many animals that God created and also made crafts of a lion, a monkey, an elephant, and a leopard. The older children had Bible lessons, including a treasure hunt, illustrating that our Bibles are a treasure to seek out. They also tie dyed shirts and made hats and picture frames. Recreation and a snacks were also part of each evening. Debby Montopoli taught sign language, teaching the

motions to the song “The B-I-B-L-E.” Closing program was Friday evening, including songs, a power point presentation of the week, and displays of the crafts. Thank you to everyone who came and helped out!



OOPS!!!

Our last calendar left off the birthday of Debby Montopoli – July 23. Hope it was a happy one!



IN SYMPATHY IN MEMORY

For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

We extend our sympathy to the families of the following: Fred Shappee who passed away May 9, Janice Foggin who passed away July 2, and Janet McDermott who passed away July 4.

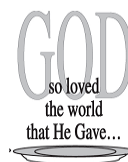


THE CHILDREN’S OFFERING

The children’s offering taken during the worship service is designated to sponsor our children at Camp Cherokee. Nine of our young people were able to attend this summer.

3ABN UPDATE

Help raise \$31,800 to upgrade Channel 21 to digital. Mark your tithe envelope 3ABN upgrade. We currently have \$8930.00 toward our goal.



LABELS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

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

Downloadable sermons are available at this site.

You are now able to return the Lord’s tithe and your offerings online at our website as well.



PRAYER LIST

Don & Alice Congdon
Ethan Curtis
Bill & Marie Kaiser
Theresa Kerr
Frances Mc Millen
John & Martha Pack



Lorraine Parker
Doris Stewart
Harold Washburn, Sr.
Betty & Frank Ziegler
Ongoing Bible Studies
Our Shut-ins



SABBATH SCHOOL

“Jehovah, the eternal, self-existent, uncreated One, Himself the Source and Sustainer of all, is alone entitled to supreme reverence and worship. Man is forbidden to give to any other object the first place in his affections or his service. Whatever we cherish that tends to lessen our love for God or to interfere with the service due Him, of that do we make a god.” Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 305. In our adult Sabbath School class, we continue our third quarter study guide on *Worship*. All are encouraged to study daily and join in for our class discussion on Sabbath morning.

Please join us as we study each Sabbath morning. Song service begins at 9:20. Classes are provided for adults and children.



Mission DVDs this quarter are from the West Central Africa Division. August 6 will be from Valley View University, Ghana where a new church is being built. September 3 will be from Consendai University, Cameroon where the mission project is a new science building.

INVESTMENT



Thank you for saving your newspapers, magazines, cans and bottles 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. Labels that are accepted are: Worthington, Loma Linda, Morningstar Farms, Morningstar Farms Organic, Natural Touch. Labels not accepted are: Cedar Lake and Vibrant Life.

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.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – September 20 – CONTACT Sharon and Jim Reynolds at 732-9629 with newsletter information. You may also send your articles to: 813 Maple Avenue, Elmira, NY 14904 or e-mail us at: shareyn@gmail.com



*Keep your wants, your joys,
your sorrows, your cares, and your fears before God.
You cannot burden Him; you cannot weary Him.
He who numbers the hairs of your head
is not indifferent to the wants of His children.
Steps to Christ, p. 100*



Looking unto Jesus
the Author and Finisher of our faith;
who for the joy that was set before Him
endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is set down
at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED