

Elmira
Seventh-day Adventist Church
Newsletter
OCTOBER 2011



FROM THE PASTOR

The last two weeks have been an emotional roller coaster for me as the district pastor. I've seen some of the devastation the flood has caused in the Binghamton and Owego areas. It was heartbreaking to see the mounds of rubbish in front of many homes and businesses, rubbish that had consisted of destroyed furniture, dry-wall, fiber-glass insulation, etc. It seems that Owego got hit the worst. As I drove down the center of that once beautiful town, all I could think of was of the incredible losses incurred by the residents there, some of which can never be recouped.

The other side of my thoughts was about how incredibly proud I feel about the way the churches in the Southern Tier District got into action to help. Right away I started receiving calls from church members far from the flood zone who wondered what they could do to try to ease the suffering of the people in Owego and Binghamton. Supplies, chiefly clothing, were trucked over. Offers of help were extended. (As it stands today, helping hands could be a need for a long time to come.) The people



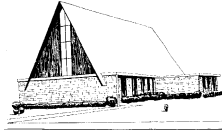
of God rallied with their prayers and support in a way that made me personally grateful to belong to such a body of believers. Last Sunday, September 18, for instance, the Vestal Hills church participated in a major food and cleaning supplies distribution in the parking lot of Lowe's Building Supply store. This happened at the same time that some of the members were also helping to clean out one of a church family's basement that had filled with water.

What I'm trying to say is, while it's a sad thing to see so much devastation happen, and so many people hurting, it's wonderful to see God's people rise to the occasion and give help and support where it is needed. "Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these my brethren," our Lord said, "ye have done it also unto Me." Let's always be characterized by our willingness to help ease suffering and to reveal God's love whenever the opportunity arises.

Pastor Kevin Dunn
Southern Tier District Pastor



CHURCH NEWS



BIBLE STUDY

They “searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.” Acts 17:11. Bible Study is held each Tuesday evening, 7:00 PM at the church. All are encouraged to come as we study together.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS



Sabbath luncheons will now be twice per month. Luncheon dates are as follows: October 1 & 8, November 5 & 19, December 3 & 10. Please mark your calendars. The second one of the month will be Soup & Sandwiches. All are invited to join us for lunch and fellowship. Please bring a dish to pass. All are invited

NEW ADDRESS

... for Lois Shappee is: 49 Victory Street, Orangeville, PA 17859. We wish her God’s blessings in her new home. We will miss her.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



25 units (17 whole blood and 4 donations Double Red Cells = 8 units) were collected at our drive September 13.

FURNACE UPDATE

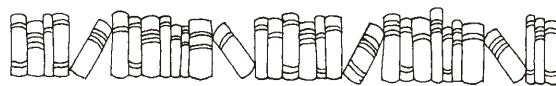
Repair work on the church furnace is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 3. Cost will be \$4800. Thank you for your faithfulness in helping to cover the cost of this repair

CHILDREN’S OFFERING

Sponsors our children at Camp Cherokee. Nine of our children and youth were able to attend this summer. Enough funds were available to cover all expenses. Thank you for your continued support!



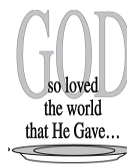
ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER BOOKMOBILE



The ABC Bookmobile is scheduled to be here Sunday, October 23, 10:45 – 11:30 A.M. Please call ahead with your special orders by Wednesday October 19, 12:00 Noon. 1-800-832-2665 or email to hamburg.abc@pacificpress.com.

3ABN UPDATE

Help raise \$31,800 to upgrade Channel 21 to digital. Mark your tithe envelope 3ABN upgrade. We currently have \$9870.00 toward our goal.



LABELS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Present total at the Holbrook School for Campbell's labels is 215,397. The goal is 1,600,000 toward purchase of a new van. The points are banked in an account. Joyce received a newsletter from the Holbrook School – "we thank the many dedicated collectors continuing to send labels and boxtops as our totals grow."

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
Ernie Miller
John & Martha Pack



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

SABBATH SCHOOL



Our fourth quarter Adult Sabbath School lessons, "The Gospel in Galatians," "invites us to journey with the apostle Paul as he pleads with the Galatians to remain true to Jesus and gives us a chance to reflect on our own understanding of the gospel. It is our hope that God's Spirit will spark a spiritual revival in our hearts as we rediscover what God has done for us in Christ." Adult Bible Study Guide (July, August, September,) p. 112. 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 North American Division. Titles are: North American Division Overview, Refugees and Immigrants Ministries, and Native American Ministries.

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 – November 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



***Everyone is exerting an influence upon others,
and will be held accountable for the result of that influence.***

***Words and actions have a telling power,
and the long hereafter will show the effect of our life here.***

***The impression made by our words and deeds
will surely react upon ourselves in blessing or in cursing.***

***This thought gives an awful solemnity to life,
and should draw us to God in humble prayer
that He will guide us by His wisdom.***

Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 556





*Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest,
that He will send forth laborers
into His harvest.*

Matthew 9:38

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED