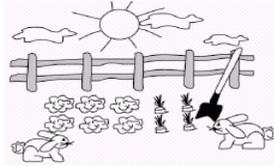


Elmira
Seventh-day Adventist Church
Newsletter
JUNE 2013



FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Have you received God's call to service? Have you been listening for this call? There's a beautiful story in the Bible about a young boy named Samuel who heard and followed God's call to prophesy to the people.

Samuel, you may know, was a lad dedicated to the Lord by his mother because of a pledge she had made prior to his birth that, if God would bless her with a child, she would give him up to serve the Lord in the temple when the boy came of age. So now we have the boy Samuel sleeping on the floor of the tabernacle when he hears, not once, but three times, a voice from God. Samuel goes the first two times to the high priest, Eli, thinking that the old man was calling him. The third time the boy, following Eli's instructions, simply responds to the voice in the words, "Speak, Lord, your servant heareth." So it was that the boy Samuel received his calling by God to be a witness for Him.

Well, you say, that's the story of Samuel. And it's a beautiful story, but what's the message in it for me?

The message is this: When we choose to follow Christ, to become His disciple, to join His church, which is His body, then we are really answering His call to serve in much the same way that Samuel was called to serve. Think for a moment, would you, about the meaning of the word "church." I know in our westernized culture we tend to think of "church" as a building, or an organized institution. The original Greek word for "church" is "ecclesia," which means a people "called out." We are "called out" to belong to the body of God's witnessing people. We are called – and qualified by His Spirit – to duplicate the ministry of love, service, and proclamation that Jesus Christ performed when He walked the earth.

So, that is what the example of young Samuel teaches us. Do we truly believe that we are called to live out Christ's ministry in the world? Do we listen for God's voice to lead us into the kinds of loving service He wants us to do in His name? May God bless us all as we answer His call to ministry, and may our response always be, "Speak, Lord, for Your servant heareth."

Blessings,
Pastor Dunn

CHURCH NEWS



WORSHIP SERVICE

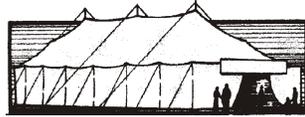
Sabbath, June 1, our sermon will be via DVD, by Elder Ted Wilson, President of the General Conference.

BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study is held Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. at the church.

CAMP MEETING 2013



New York Conference Camp Meeting will be held at Union Springs, NY, June 21 – 29, 2013. The theme will be “Rekindle the Passion.” Speakers include: Mike Tucker, speaker/director, Faith for Today; Eduard Schmidt, Associate Director, North American Division Evangelism Institute; Lael Caesar, Associate Editor, Adventist Review; and José Rojas, President MOVEMENTUM (a supporting ministry of the Adventist Church.). 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.

No Worship Services are planned for June 22 and 29 during campmeeting.

CREATION/HEALTH SEMINAR



Creation/Health Seminar continues each month, led out by Debby Montopoli the first Sunday of the month and Melissa Conrad the third Sunday of the month, from 2:00 – 3:30 P.M. in the church fellowship hall.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next drive is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 1:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Donation Types: Double Red Cell and Whole Blood. To make an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Many blood types are always in very low supply during the summer months, so donors are especially needed at this time of year.



CONGRATULATIONS!



. . .to Alexa Stanton who was listed on the High Honor Roll for the third marking period at Southside High School. Alexa is in tenth grade at SHS..



CHURCH OFFICERS

The new church officer year begins July 1. Let us all commit ourselves in service to our Lord as we reach out with the Gospel of Salvation to those around us.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS



Sabbath luncheon dates are as follows: June 1 will be Soup & Sandwiches and June 15 will be a regular luncheon. All are invited to join us for lunch and fellowship. Please bring a dish to pass. **The ovens will be off June 1 through September 7. Please do not bring hot dishes unless they are in a crockpot.**

Picnics are planned for July and August at Joan Van Galder's cottage at Mormon Lake.



IN MEMORY



Our sympathy is extended to the family of John Pack, Sr., who passed away May 7, 2013 in Dayton, MD. Predeceased by his beloved wife Martha May (Coleman). Survived by his sister Elizabeth Wechtaluk and his seven children Barbara Gomes, John Jr., Joseph, Jerry, Jim, Marty, and Anna Krzykowski. Also blessed by many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

THE CHILDREN'S OFFERING



The children's offering taken during the worship service sponsors our children at Camp Cherokee this summer. **Please be generous with your donations, as this fund is a little low.**

NEWS FROM THE ORTELS

Dear Elmira Friends:

Lynn and Mike have been ministering in Northern New England for the last 10 ½ years. Our ministry began some 44 years ago in the Elmira/Corning District under the mentorship of Elder Henry Uhl. During those days you folk loved and accepted us and made deep impressions in our young lives. Now, as we are nearing retirement, we think back and remember those times. Those memories are good ones. Thank you.

May the God of all Grace and Mercy continue to keep you strong mentally, physically and spiritually. Jesus is coming soon! Until He does come, let us all remain faithful through prayer and studying His Word.

You are in my thoughts and prayers.

With much love from your old pastor,
Mike Ortel, President, Northern New England Conference

DISTRICT PICNIC



A district picnic, including churches from the Elmira, Vestal, Tioga County, Corning, Bath, and Wayland areas will be held August 4 at Harris Hill. Please bring your own table service, drink, and a dish to pass. We will plan to eat at 1:00 p.m.

A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

. . is being prepared. Contact Jim or Sharon Reynolds with any changes to name, address, phone numbers or email.

Check out our Church website at: www.elmirasda.com

Downloadable sermons are available at this site.



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 to Joyce Cmelko. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER LIST

Doris Burgess
Don & Alice Congdon
Ethan Curtis
Heidy Curtis
Bill Kaiser
Frances Mc Millen
Lorraine Parker
Linda Probst



Alta Raymond
Doris Stewart
Cindy Taft
Harold Washburn, Jr.
Harold Washburn, Sr.
Ongoing Bible Studies
Our Shut-ins

If you have someone to be added to our prayer list, please let us know.

*Why should the sons and daughters of God be reluctant to pray,
when prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse,
where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence?*

*Without unceasing prayer and diligent watching
we are in danger of growing careless and of deviating from the right path.*

Steps to Christ, pp. 94, 95

SABBATH SCHOOL



Our Adult Sabbath School lessons continue this month as we study “*Seek the Lord and Live!*”: *Major Lessons From Minor Prophets*. “The third quarter lesson study entitled *Revival and Reformation* by Mark Finley will explore such topics as prayer and revival, the Word and revival, witnessing and revival, a finished work and revival...”(2Q Bible Study Guide, p. 112) All are encouraged to study daily and join in for our class discussion on Sabbath morning.

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



Mission DVDs are shown the last Sabbath of each month.

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, and 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 Dwyer – 739-7748.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – July 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



*Beloved, now are we the sons of God,
and it doth not yet appear what we shall be:
but we know that, when He shall appear,
we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.” 1 John 3:2
Our Redeemer has opened the way,
so that the most sinful, the most needy,
the most oppressed and despised, may find access to the Father.
Prophets and Kings, p. 702*



*"And why take ye thought for raiment?
Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow;
they toil not, neither do they spin:*

And yet I say unto you,

*That even Solomon in all his glory
was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore,
if God so clothe the grass of the field,
which to day is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven,
shall He not much more clothe you . . .?"*



Matthew 6:28-30

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