

**ELMIRA**  
**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**FEBRUARY 2014**

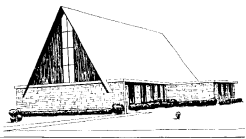
. . . Love one another;



as I have loved you . . .

John 13:34

*. . . 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*



## CHURCH NEWS

### SUNSHINE BAND

We will be singing and visiting with the residents at Woodbrook, Sabbath, February 1 following the luncheon. Everyone encouraged to join in bringing cheer to some of the older members of our community.



### DISTRICT ELDERS' MEETING

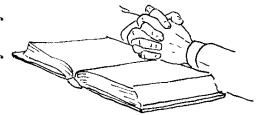
The next District Elders' Meeting will be Sunday, February 2, 10:00 A.M. at the church. Elders, Personal Ministries Leaders, and Treasures are invited.

## DEPRESSION RECOVERY SEMINAR

Derek Colaw will be leading out in a Depression Recovery Seminar. Orientation will be Thursday, February 20, 6:00 p.m. at the church. The program starts Thursday, February 27, 6:00 p.m. and continues each Thursday for eight weeks. To register, call: 734-1560 or email: [beautifulmount10@gmail.com](mailto:beautifulmount10@gmail.com).

## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held Tuesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. at the church. *“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15.* All are encouraged to come apart each week for Bible study.



## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

Our Liberty funds sponsor LIBERTY magazine to government officials and religious leaders throughout North America. The monies will also be used to support the North American division litigation fund, and to aid in religious liberty promotion and education in the Atlantic Union.

“Through LIBERTY magazine we can inform our political and community leaders and educate them toward a true Biblical understanding of religious liberty. We can warn them of what might happen if we compromise the strong principles of the freedom that has continued for so long in the United States.” Lincoln Steed, editor, LIBERTY magazine.

Anyone wishing to receive LIBERTY magazine or sponsor it to others, please have names and addresses to Mac Dwyer by March 1. Cost is \$6 per subscription.

## CONGRATULATIONS!



Sabbath, January 26, our Elmira Pathfinders did well in the area Bible Challenge at the Vestal Hills Church. They will now continue on to the Conference level. Please pray for the our youth as they study the book of 2 Samuel in preparation to answer the next round of questions.

## NEW YORK CONFERENCE CONSTITUENCY DELEGATES

The New York Conference quadrennial Constituency Session will be at Union Springs Academy, Sunday, April 13, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The following are delegates for the Elmira Church: Michael Belknap, Derek Colaw, Malcolm Dwyer, Debby Montopoli, James Reynolds, Earle Stewart; Alternates: Alvin Jackson, Martha Jackson, Luke Moss, Jr. Debby Montopoli is our Organizing Committee Member. The Organizing Committee, which appoints Nominating Committee members for the Constituency Meeting, meets in Syracuse March 23.

## IN MEMORY



We extend our sympathy to the family of Clair Washburn, who passed away Thursday.

## MISSION TRIPS

Keep in prayer those going on upcoming mission trips: Dominican Republic Mission Trip – February 12 to March 5; India Mission Trip – March 31 to April 15.

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS



Upcoming luncheon dates are as follows: February 1 and 15, March 8 and 22. Beginning in March, our luncheons will be the second and fourth weeks of each month. The first luncheon of the month will be Soup & Sandwiches. The second will be a regular luncheon. All are invited to join us for lunch and fellowship. Please bring a dish to pass.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

21 units (15 whole blood and 3 donations Double Red Cells = 6 units) were collected at our drive January 7. Our next scheduled drive is Wednesday, March 12, 1:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Donation Types: Double Red Cell and Whole Blood.

Check out our Church website at: [www.elmirasda.com](http://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  
Alice Congdon  
Bill Kaiser  
Frances Mc Millen  
Lorraine Parker



Linda Probst  
Alta Raymond  
Doris Stewart  
Ongoing Bible Studies  
Our Shut-ins

*Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks:  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

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

## CITRUS FRUIT SALE



Fruit shipments are scheduled for February 16, and March 16, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 P.M. in the Nature's Garden building. 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.

Pathfinders will hold a Bake Sale each month during our Fruit Sales. Our customers always look forward to your baked goods. Thank you for your support.



## SABBATH SCHOOL



Our Adult Sabbath School lessons during February and March continue on the subject of *Discipleship*. 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 each month. This quarter they will be coming to us from the West-Central Africa Division. February's video will be Senegal: Dakar School, and in March, we will see Benin: Bakperou School.

## 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.

The definition of Investment is: "the plan of utilizing specially designed projects to generate funds to support the mission work of the church." During 2013, under the direction of Alvin Jackson, our Investment funds grew to a total of \$521.05

## 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.

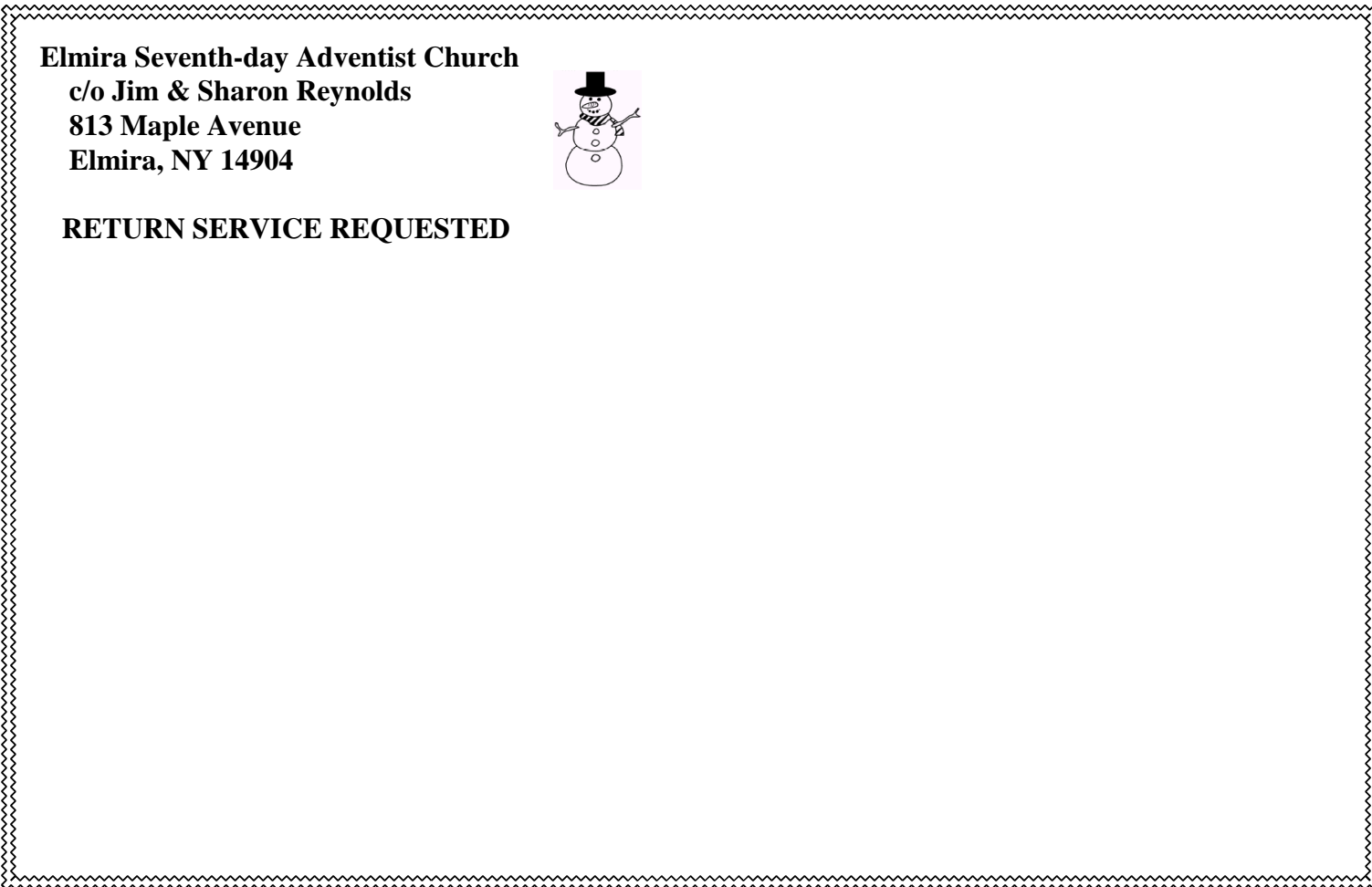
**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – March 20 – CONTACT Sharon and Jim Reynolds at 734-1560 with newsletter information. You may also send your articles to: 813 Maple Avenue, Elmira, NY 14904 or e-mail us at: [shareyn@gmail.com](mailto:shareyn@gmail.com)**





**LOVE**  
**BEARS**  
*all things,*  
**BELIEVES**  
*all things,*  
**HOPES**  
*all things,*  
**ENDURES**  
*all things.*

*1 CORINTHIANS 13:7*



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