



Elmira  
 Seventh-day Adventist Church  
 Newsletter  
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**FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER**

Greetings Friends,

For a long time I have been fascinated with the study of God, religion, and how they interface with the vast universe we inhabit.



Astronomers are continually discovering more and more objects in space that are breath-taking in their beauty. The size of the universe, the number of galaxies, the intricate workings of the laws of nature that keep it all working. It adds a rich new meaning to that straight forward Bible verse that declares, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)

Visualize with me, for a moment, a scene out of the Old Testament that still could describe some regions of the Middle East today. The scene is that of a shepherd boy, tending the flock under his care, sitting under the starry heavens strumming on his harp and creating psalms of praise to the God of his fathers. As his mind works upon the mystery of the bright hosts above him, the Spirit of God gives him these words:



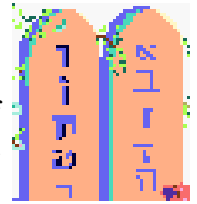
"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge." (Psalm 19:1,2)

With these words, our psalmist, believed to be David, calls our attention to the first great evidence of God's existence – the created universe. For much of his life,

as long as he reserved for himself that child-like sense of wonder at God's handiwork, David lived his life in trust in God as his Friend, his Deliverer, his Mighty Rock and Fortress. It was when David lost that sense of wonder that he found himself in trouble.

Besides the truth of God's creation, the psalmist goes on in the 19th Psalm to call our attention to God's revelation to us in the written Word. Psalm 19:7 states:

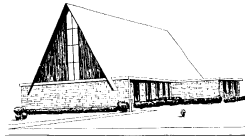
"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul. The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."



So David first reminds us that it is God Who has designed and created this incredible universe we inhabit, and it is God Who now speaks to us through the revelations of the Holy Bible. Through prophecy, through His instructions to His covenant people, and, above all, through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is revealed to us that God, our God, the Creator of this vast and wonderful universe, is the One Who loves us enough to involve Himself in our dilemma, the dilemma brought on by sin. He is the God Who is big enough, and loving enough, to care for us in every circumstance. May we learn to trust Him deeper each day, and may our walk with Him be a rich revealing of His greatness and character.

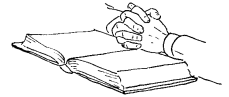
Pastor Dunn

# CHURCH NEWS



## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held Tuesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Pastor Dunn leads out in our study every other week.



## PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Dunn is now scheduled to be in the Elmira church the second and fourth Sabbaths of each month.

## DISTRICT ELDERS' MEETING

The next district elders' meeting will be Sunday, April 6, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon at the church. All elders and treasurers are urged to attend.

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS



Upcoming luncheon dates are as follows: April 12 & 26, and May 10 & 24. Our luncheons are 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.

## THE CHILDREN'S OFFERING

The children's offering taken during the worship service each Sabbath sponsors our children at Camp Cherokee next summer.



## CHURCH HISTORY

Anyone who would like to join in on a church history tour this Spring is invited. Please join us as we travel to the historical William Miller home located in eastern NY. This is sponsored by Personal Ministries. See Derek Colaw for more information. Look for a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall.

## CAMP MEETING 2014



“Faith on Fire” is the theme of this year’s camp meeting at Union Springs, NY, June 20 – 28, 2014. Speakers include: Pastor James Black, Sr., director of youth ministries for the North American Division; Shawn Boonstra, speaker/director of the Voice of Prophecy; and Eric Flickinger, director of the Northeast Evangelism Training School (NETS) on the campus of Atlantic Union College. Plan now to attend. For information on accommodations, contact Linda Wheeler at the New York Conference Office, 4930 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY 13215-4203, Phone: (315) 469-6921.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



5 units were collected at our drive March 12, in spite of the snowy weather.

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

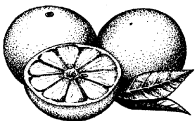


Linda Probst  
Alta Raymond  
Doris Stewart  
Ongoing Bible Studies  
Our Shut-ins

*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 1:2*

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

## CITRUS FRUIT SALES



**Thank You** to everyone who helped out during this year's fruit sales and those who baked for the Pathfinder bake sales.



## SABBATH SCHOOL



Our Adult Sabbath School lessons during the second quarter of 2014 will be Christ and His Law. "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments." (1 John 5:3) 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 Southern Asia Division. April will be a division overview. May's video will be *Bangalore: Kollegal School*, and in June we will see *Benin: Nepal: Le Le 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.

### 2014 North American Division Mission Investment Projects

#### Lake Union Conference Mission Investment Projects

1. Inner city projects are to go to the various schools and offer spiritual programs, such as Vacation Bible School (FLAG camp), and to train leaders to assist the impoverished. These programs create and foster friendships and evangelistic connections within the community.
2. The project at the Burns Seventh-day Adventist Church, Detroit, Michigan, is primarily focused on providing a soup kitchen, mentoring programs for high-risk teens, and conducting Revelation and Eternity Prophecy seminars. Other areas of emphasis are self-development seminars, including drugs, alcohol, finances, divorce, and domestic violence awareness. Also included are tending to two community greenhouses and a community garden.

#### Columbia Union Mission Investment Project

SOULS EAST: This initiative will develop leadership that will labor for the conversion of souls, as Jesus commissioned us. One objective is to inspire and empower churches each year to develop a culture of evangelism. This will empower youth and young adults to be engaged in the mission of the church. SOULS East will recruit, train, mentor, and send out teams of students to work with local churches in the cycle of evangelism through Bible work, literature ministry, and health ministry. These activities will take place throughout the Columbia Union in selected areas and churches and will be in partnership with SOULS West, <http://soulswest.org/>.

## 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 – May 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)



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***For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith:  
as it is written, The just shall live by faith.  
Romans 1:17***



*For I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
and that He shall stand  
at the latter day upon the earth...  
Proverbs 19:25*



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**