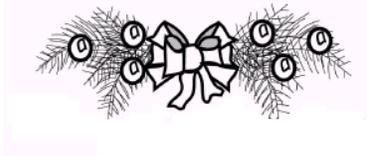


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*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God,  
The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6*



## CHURCH NEWS

### BIBLE STUDY



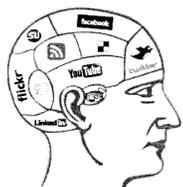
Bible Study is held Tuesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. at the church.

### BIBLE STUDY SCHOOL BY MAIL

Anyone interested in helping out to reach Bible study interests through a mail-in Bible school, please contact Michael Belknap.



### VESPERS



What does the latest science say about the mind-altering effects of 21<sup>st</sup> century media? What is the spiritual agenda in the entertainment and advertising industries? “Media on the Brain” is presented by author, speaker, and teacher, Scott Ritsema, via DVD. Find freedom from media addiction and behold something better in the character of Christ. All are invited to join us for Sabbath Vespers each Sabbath evening in December at 4:00 p.m.

## COMMUNION SERVICE

As we close the year and look forward to the new one, Sabbath, December 27 will be our service of foot washing and the Lord's Supper. *Every disciple is called upon to participate publicly, and thus bear witness that he accepts Christ as a personal Saviour. It is at these, His own appointments, that Christ meets His people, and energizes them by His presence....All who come with their faith fixed upon Him will be greatly blessed.* The Desire of Ages, p. 656.



*The Master ordained the service of foot washing to signify renewed cleansing, to express a willingness to serve one another in Christlike humility, and to unite our hearts in love. Fundamental Beliefs, 15.*

## BAPTISM

It is always a joyous occasion when a person makes the decision to follow Christ all the way. Sunday afternoon, November 23, Elder Kevin Dunn baptized Betty Austin. We welcome Betty to our fellowship. Let us keep her in our prayers as she continues her walk with the Lord.

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS

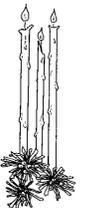


Luncheons are planned for the second and fourth weeks of each month. The second week will be Soup & Sandwiches. The fourth week will be a regular luncheon. Please bring a dish to share. All are invited. Please be sure your foods are cooked/prepared when you bring them so our ladies don't have to spend extra time in the kitchen.

## HOLIDAY DINNER



This year's Holiday Dinner will be Sabbath, December 27 following the worship service. This is a planned meal for our fellowship luncheon. You will be contacted as to what you are to bring. Everyone is invited.



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



21 units were collected at our last drive, Tuesday November 25. We appreciate all those who are able to donate and help save lives.

## IN MEMORY



We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of Bill Kaiser, who passed away at the age of 91 on October 2 and Frances McMillen, who passed away November 16 at the age of 92. We look forward to the earth made new when we will be reunited with our loved ones. *And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Revelation 21:4*

## THE CHILDREN'S OFFERING



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

## 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  
Linda Probst



Ongoing Bible Studies  
Our Shut-ins

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

1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18

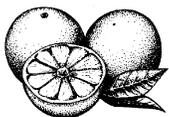
If you have someone to be added to our prayer list, please let us know.

Check out our Church website at: [www.elmirasda.com](http://www.elmirasda.com)

Downloadable sermons are available at this site.



## CITRUS FRUIT SALE



Fruit shipments are scheduled for December 14, January 18, February 15, and March 15, 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 contact Mac Dwyer at 739-7748 or Bob and Carol Cau at 739-4717.

The Youth Group will hold a Bake Sale each month during our Fruit Sales. Our customers always look forward to your baked goods during the holiday season. Thank you for your support.



# SABBATH SCHOOL



During December, our Adult Sabbath School lessons will continue from the book of *James*. Beginning in January, we will be studying the book of *Proverbs* – practical advice for daily living. 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.

## INVESTMENT



**We are no longer accepting newspapers and magazines for Investment until further notice.**

Thank you for saving cans and bottles, and health food labels for Investment. 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 – January 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)



*His birth was without worldly grandeur.  
He was born in a stable and cradled in a manger;  
yet His birth was honored far above that of any of the sons of men.  
Angels from heaven informed the shepherds of the advent of Jesus,  
and light and glory from God touched their harps and glorified God.  
They triumphantly heralded the advent of the Son of God  
to a fallen world to accomplish the work of redemption,  
and by His death to bring peace, happiness, and everlasting life to man.  
God honored the advent of His Son. Angels worshiped Him.  
The Story of Redemption, p. 196*



*For God so loved the world,  
that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.*

*For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;  
but that the world through Him might be saved.*

*John 3: 16, 17*

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