

ELMIRA
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2016

. . . love one another;



as I have loved you . . .

John 13:34

CHURCH NEWS

NEW PASTOR



Our new pastor for the district will be Pastor Christian Bull. He comes to us originally from Michigan, recently graduated from Southern Adventist University.

BIBLE STUDY

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



BIBLE WORKER



The last two years have gone by quickly since our Bible Worker, Michael Belknap, arrived in Elmira. We have appreciated his leadership in carrying out the cycle of evangelism in our church. Door-to-door work, Bible studies and classes, a Health Expo, brain seminars, and cooking classes are some of the many areas of outreach he has initiated and been involved with in the Elmira area. We wish him God's blessings as he goes on to other areas of labor and ministry.

LIBERTY MAGAZINE

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 February 28. Cost is \$6 per subscription.

DEACON MEETING

There will be a meeting for all deacons (and spouses who would like to attend), February 22, 9:00 a.m. at the church.

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 helpers don't have to spend extra time in the kitchen.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Did you know:

1. Each year, the American Red Cross responds to more than 70,000 disasters, both natural and man-made.
2. Every 2 seconds someone in the United States needs blood.
3. One donation can help save the lives of up to 3 people.
4. Approximately 41,000 units of blood are used each day in the United States.
5. One out of every three people will need donated blood in their lifetime.
6. One pint of blood can save up to three lives.

THANK YOU to all who helped out with our last drive, January 6. A total of 13 units was donated, – 9 whole blood and 2 double red (4 units.)

Our next drive is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 1:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Donation Types: Double Red Cell and Whole Blood.

SUNSHINE BAND

A large group of singers gathered at Woodbrook, Sabbath, January 24. We enjoyed singing and visiting with the residents, bringing cheer to some of the older members of our community.



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
Gail Frager



Linda Probst
Ongoing Bible Studies
Our Shut-ins

*Be careful for nothing;
but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known unto God.*

Philippians 4:6

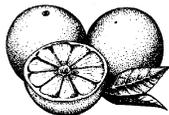
If you have someone to be added to our prayer list, please let us know.

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

Downloadable sermons are available at this site.



CITRUS FRUIT SALE



Fruit shipments are scheduled for 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. Thank you for your support.



SABBATH SCHOOL



During the first quarter of this year, we continue our study of 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. This quarter they come to us from the North American Division. Our report in February will be from Guam and in March it will be from West Virginia.

INVESTMENT

Alvin Jackson has decided to retire as our Investment leader. We appreciate his many years of dedicated service to this ministry.



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.

We are no longer accepting newspapers and magazines for Investment.

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



***The relation between God and each soul
are as distinct and full
as though there were not another soul upon the earth
to share His watchcare,
not another soul for whom He gave His beloved Son.
Steps to Christ, p. 100***

*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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