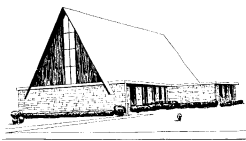


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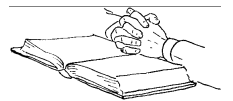
*Heaven and earth are no wider apart today
than when shepherds listened to the angel's song.
Humanity is still as much the object of heaven's solicitude
as when common men of common occupations
met angels at noonday, and talked with the heavenly messengers
in the vineyards and the fields.
To us in the common walks of life,
heaven may be very near.
Angels from the courts above will attend the steps
of those who come and go at God's command.
The Desire of Ages, p. 48*



CHURCH NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held Tuesday evenings, 7:00 PM at the church. Our Bible worker, Kevin Wahl, is currently leading out in a study of the gospel of John.



BIBLE FOUNDATION



Bible collection centers are networking around the USA accepting Bibles, even damaged and parts of old Bibles, for distribution around the world. Any Bibles that you are not using and wish to donate, please give them to Kevin Wahl.

COMMUNION SERVICE

As we approach the end of another year and look forward to the new one, Sabbath, December 9 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.

WORK BEE



There will be a work bee Sunday at the Nature's Garden building, December 10, 10 AM until noon. General cleaning needs to be done before the fruit shipment to get the building ready – help with windows, floors, carpet, dust. Please let Derek know before December 10 if you are able to help. Thank you!

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

The next Church Business Meeting will be Sunday, December 10, 2:00 PM at the church. All members are encouraged to attend.

VISIT A SHUT-IN



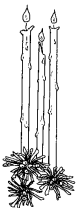
Let us remember to send a card or letter, or stop by and visit our sick and shut-in members, not only in this holiday season, but throughout the whole year: Dorothy, Blanchard, Joyce Cmelko, and Lorraine Parker.

HYMN SING

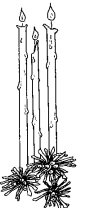


Mac Dwyer will be leading out in a hymn sing Sabbath, December 23 during the worship service.

HOLIDAY DINNER



This year's Holiday Dinner will be Sabbath, December 23 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.



TEN-FIFTEEN



Remember to spend at least ten minutes praying and fifteen minutes studying God's word each day. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS

Luncheons are planned for the second and fourth Sabbaths of each month. The second Sabbath is soup & sandwiches, the fourth Sabbath is a regular luncheon.



LAWNMOWER FUND

If you would like to donate toward the future purchase of a lawnmower, please mark your tithe envelope accordingly.

Check out our church website at www.elmirasda.com

Downloadable sermons are available at this site.



PRAYER LIST

Joyce Cmelko
Harold Washburn Jr.
Our shut-ins



Ongoing Bible studies
Outreach in Elmira

*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.

SABBATH SCHOOL

Our first quarter of 2018 Sabbath School lessons will be entitled *Stewardship: Motives of the Heart*. We will be studying "what our responsibilities as stewards are and how we can, through God's grace, fulfill those responsibilities, not as a means of trying to earn salvation but instead



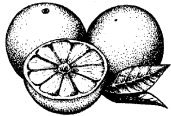
as the fruit of already having it.” (4Q Bible Study Guide, p. 112) All are encouraged to study daily and come for our class discussion on Sabbath morning.

Please join us each Sabbath morning. Song service begins at 9:30. Classes are provided for adults and children.



Mission DVDs are normally shown on the fourth Sabbath of each month.

CITRUS FRUIT SALE



Fruit shipments are scheduled for December 17, January 14, February 18, and March 18, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM 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.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – January 20 – CONTACT Sharon and Jim Reynolds at 734-1560 with newsletter information. You may also send your articles 813 Maple Avenue, Elmira, NY 14904, or e-mail us at shareyn@gmail.com Please limit your articles to approximately one half to one full page. Please take note of the season, if your article is seasonal. All articles should properly acknowledge the author and include permission to print.



*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 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*

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

