

ELMIRA
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2018

. . . love one another;



as I have loved you . . .

John 13:34

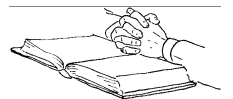
*. . . by and by the gates of heaven will be thrown open to admit God's children,
and from the lips of the King of glory the benediction will fall on their ears
like richest music, "Come, ye blessed of my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."
. . . In view of 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

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 Matthew.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Our next drive is scheduled for March 13, 1:30 – 6:30 PM in the church fellowship hall. Donation Types: Double Red Cell and Whole Blood.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Our Liberty offering taken January 27 sponsors LIBERTY magazine to government officials and religious leaders throughout North America. These funds are also used to support the North American division litigation fund, and 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.

DEACONS' BREAKFAST



There will be a Deacons' Breakfast Sunday, February 4 at 8:00 AM at the church. All deacons are invited to attend.

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. 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.



NEW YORK CONFERENCE CONSTITUENCY DELEGATES

The New York Conference quadrennial Constituency Session will be at Union Springs Academy, Sunday, April 29. The following are delegates for the Elmira Church: Derek Colaw, Malcolm Dwyer, Alvin Jackson, Luke Moss Jr, and Earle Stewart. Alternates: Martha Jackson and Kevin Wahl. Derek Colaw is our Organizing Committee Member. The Organizing Committee, which appoints Nominating Committee members for the Constituency Meeting, meets in Syracuse, April 8.



TEN-FIFTEEN

Remember to spend at least ten minutes praying and fifteen minutes studying God's word each day. *For*

whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Romans 15:4

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.



LAWNMOWER FUND



If you would like to donate toward the future purchase of a lawnmower, please mark your tithe envelope accordingly. An anonymous donor has offered to match your donation to the lawnmower fund. \$800.00 was received in December and was matched. Thank you to all who have donated so far as we continue with our matching offer.

Check out our church website at www.elmirasda.com

Downloadable sermons are available at this site.



PRAYER LIST

Joyce Cmelko
Mary Finn
Our shut-ins



Ongoing Bible studies
Outreach in Elmira

*By calm, simple faith the soul holds communion with God
and gathers to itself rays of divine light
to strengthen and sustain it in the conflict with Satan.
God is our tower of strength.
Pray in your closet,
and as you go about your daily labor
let your heart be often uplifted to God.
Steps to Christ, p. 98*

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

SABBATH SCHOOL

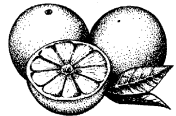
During February and March, our Sabbath School lessons will continue in the study of *Stewardship: Motives of the Heart*. All are encouraged to study daily and come for our class discussion on Sabbath morning.



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. This quarter's DVDs come from the Inter American Division with "Cuba" in February and "Antillean Adventist University" in March.

CITRUS FRUIT SALE



Fruit shipments are scheduled for 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. All proceeds go to Personal Ministries.

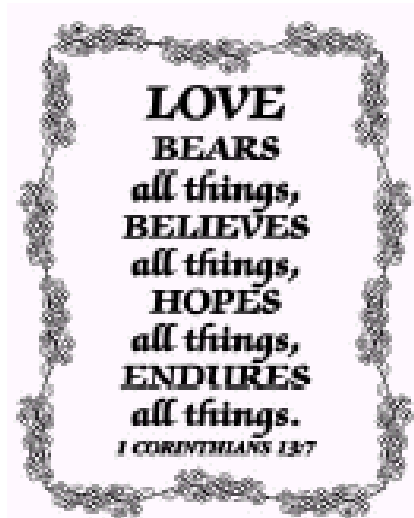
Bake Sales each month during our Fruit Sales also support our Personal Ministries Department. Our customers always look forward to your baked goods. Thank you for your baked goods and donations.



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 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.



*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*



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