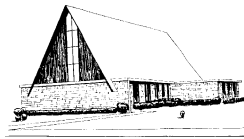




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*Christ is ready to receive all who come to Him in sincerity.  
 But He will not tolerate one particle of pretense or hypocrisy.  
 He is our only hope. He is our Alpha and Omega.  
 He is our sun and our shield, our wisdom, our sanctification, our righteousness.  
 Only by His power can our hearts be kept daily in the love of God.  
 In Heavenly Places, p. 49*



## CHURCH NEWS



### COOKING SCHOOL

A cooking school is planned for April 22, 2:00 PM, with Mike Mallinson as presenter. Originally from the Binghamton area, Mike is a retired master chef currently from the state of Oregon. Mike and his wife Eileen have been using such methods as whole-foods/ plant-based cooking schools, community potlucks, and in-home potlucks to meet people in a relaxed outreach. Please be praying for and inviting your non-Adventist family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and anyone you would like "to help create a healthier you and share more about God's kingdom health."

## 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. *Wherever the truths of the gospel are proclaimed, those who honestly desire to do right are led to a diligent searching of the Scriptures. If, in the closing scenes of this earth's history, those to whom testing truths are proclaimed would follow the example of the Bereans, searching the Scriptures daily, and comparing with God's word the messages brought them, there would today be a large number loyal to the precepts of God's law, where now there are comparatively few.* The Acts of the Apostles, p. 232

## TWIN TIERS TIES EXPO

Thursday, March 8, 2018 our church participated in the second annual Twin Tier Ties Community Expo at the First Arena in downtown Elmira. Organized by Elmira College, this event allowed business and community organizations of the Southern Tier of New York to network together in reaching out to the public. The Elmira Church handed out books such as Path to Peace (Steps to Christ,) Radiant Health, and Desire of Ages. "Meet the SDAs" tracts, cookbooks, The Great Hope (partial Great Controversy,) and Signs magazines were also available. 3ABN was streamed to an on-site computer. Oranges and grapefruits were handed out to emphasize our healthy lifestyle. Surveys were taken and some attendees signed up for the upcoming cooking school to be held April 22. Several members had the opportunity to help with our booth and meet the people who came by.



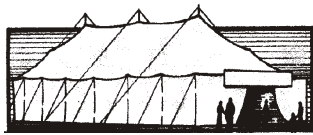
## SPRING WORK BEE

A work bee is scheduled for Sunday, May 1, 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come help out. Many jobs are available to be done.

## VEGETARIAN 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. Everyone is invited.



## CAMP MEETING

It is time to begin planning to attend Camp Meeting at Union Springs, NY, June 22 - 30, 2018. Our theme this year will be "Why Jesus? Certainty in An Uncertain World!" Speakers include: Mike Tucker, Speaker/Director, Faith for Today; John Bradshaw, Speaker/Director, It Is Written; Brian Burgess, Pastor, Georgia-Cumberland Conference and Leon Brown Sr., President, Nevada-Utah Conference. For information on available accommodations, contact Linda Wheeler at 315-469-6921 or linda@nyconf.org.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



THANK YOU to all who donated or helped out with our last blood drive, March 13. A total of 12 units were collected. (10 units whole blood and 1 donation Double Red Cells = 2 units)



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Friends and family recently gathered at Elderwood to celebrate Joyce Cmelko's birthday. Joyce has been a real blessing to the Elmira church. At 93, she is our oldest church member. We are very thankful for Joyce and her many years of service to the Lord especially in the children's department.

## 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.



## LOCK THE DOORS

If you are working by yourself in the church during the week, we ask you, for your safety, to lock the doors.



### LAWN MOWER

Our new lawn mower has arrived! It will soon be time to put it to good use! We received \$10,166 during our fund drive. Thank you to all who have donated as well as our anonymous matching donor.

## THE CHILDREN'S OFFERING

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



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

Downloadable sermons are available at this site.



## PRAYER LIST

Joyce Cmelko  
Mary Finn  
Patty Greenleaf  
Samantha Lovell



Nick Twining  
Our shut-ins  
Ongoing Bible studies  
Outreach in Elmira

*Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend.  
Not that it is necessary in order to make known to God what we are,  
but in order to enable us to receive Him.  
Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him  
Steps to Christ, p. 93*

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

# SABBATH SCHOOL

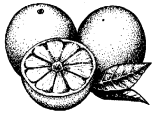
During the second quarter of this year, our adult Sabbath School class will be studying “Preparation for the End Time.” “This quarter the main focus is on Jesus, but in the context of the last days and how to be prepared for them.”(2Q 2018 Adult Sabbath School Bible Guide, p. 3) All are encouraged to 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



**A special thank you** to all who have given of their time to help out with the fruit and bake sales this year. Our next citrus fruit sale is planned for December. We especially thank Mac Dwyer for all his work in organizing and overseeing our fruit program.



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**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) 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.**



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*Christ has given to the church a sacred charge.  
Every member should be a channel  
through which God can communicate to the world  
the treasures of His grace,  
the unsearchable riches of Christ.  
There is nothing that the Saviour desires so much  
as agents who will represent to the world His Spirit and His character.  
There is nothing that the world needs so much  
as the manifestation through humanity of the Saviour's love.  
All heaven is waiting for men and women  
through whom God can reveal the power of Christianity.  
Maranatha, p. 128*





*But God commendeth His love toward us,  
in that, while we were yet sinners,  
Christ died for us.*

*Romans 5:8*

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