

Elmira
Seventh-day Adventist Church
Newsletter

DECEMBER 2018

*The day is Thine, the night also is Thine:
Thou hast prepared the light and the sun.
Thou hast set all the borders of the earth:
Thou hast made summer and winter.*

Psalm 64:16, 17



CHURCH NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held Tuesday evenings, 7:00 PM at the church. All are encouraged to come as we study and pray together.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

During our worship service Sabbath, December 15, we will be remembering our Savior's birth with music and scripture.

WE MISS YOU!

If you are currently not attending church services, we would like to encourage you to come for Sabbath School, Worship Service, Luncheons, and Bible Study. Our hope is for eternal life for each person. We are praying for YOU. Please come to worship God and fellowship with others who are looking for Jesus' soon return.

IN SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Samantha Lovell who passed away October 16.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS

Luncheons this month will be December 8, Soup & Sandwiches, and December 22, which will be our Holiday Dinner. Please bring a dish to share. Everyone is invited.



BIBLE WORKER



Our Bible Worker, Kevin Wahl has left the area at the end of November. We have greatly appreciated his efforts in Elmira, as Bible Instructor, as well as, in many other areas of ministry, as he has taught Sabbath School class, presented sermons and lead out in Bible Study. He has been our co-worker and friend during the last three years he has been here. We wish him God's blessings as he moves on in the Lord's work.

INSPIRATIONAL BOOKS



2019 devotional books are available from the Adventist Book Center, for ages preschool through adult. Descriptions and sign-up sheets are provided on the bulletin board. Order now to be ready for the new year in your family worship and personal devotions. Sharing books are also available.

ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFERING

Adventist Community Services is an outreach ministry in the North American Division. ACS serves communities by providing assistance to people affected by flooding, fire, and other disasters. The offering on December 8 will be for ACS.

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.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



21 units (13 whole blood and 4 Double Red Cells = 8 units) were collected at our last drive, Tuesday November 13. This is enough to potentially help 63 people.

Our next blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 1:30 – 6:30 PM. If you are able, please come and donate.

LITERATURE EVANGELISTS

We are planning to bring in some college students to work in our area as literature evangelists this coming summer. They would be staying at the school and working in the churches of our district and Pastor Brown's district. Please pray for our community and for this outreach to bring others to Christ.

Check out our church website at www.elmirasda.com

Downloadable sermons are available at this site.



PRAYER LIST

Betty Austin
Joyce Cmelko
Patty Greenleaf
Harold Washburn, Jr.



Non-attending members
Our shut-ins
Ongoing Bible studies
Outreach in Elmira

*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.

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

Prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse where are treasured the boundless resources of omnipotence. Steps to Christ, p. 95

SABBATH SCHOOL

During December, we will continue our study of "Oneness in Christ." In January, we will begin a study of Revelation focusing on the major parts and themes of the book.



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. Our stories are currently from the Southern Asia-Pacific Division.



RECIPE CORNER

Tofu “Meatballs”

1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
 ½ cups soft bread crumbs
 1 small onion, finely chopped
 1 15 oz block Tofu, firm or extra firm
 3 Tbsp. Gluten flour
 ¼ cup nutritional yeast flakes
 2 Tbsp. Onion powder

3 Tbsp. Dried parsley
 2 tsp. Salt
 1 tsp. Marjoram
 ½ tsp. Italian Seasoning
 ¼ tsp. Basil
 ¼ tsp. Thyme
 (Adjust herbs to taste)



Mix all ingredients together and mash or knead thoroughly. Roll into balls and place on sprayed cookie sheet. Bake at 325° for 40 minutes. Makes approximately 18 tofu balls.

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 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.





*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





*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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED