

**ELMIRA**  
**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**FEBRUARY 2019**



*... Ye men of Galilee,  
why stand ye gazing up into heaven?  
this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven,  
shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.  
Acts 1:11*



## CHURCH NEWS

### GUEST SPEAKERS

Sabbath, February 2, Danny Strobe from the Cornerstone SDA Church will be our morning speaker. Bob Wandell from the Hillcrest church will bring us the sermon Sabbath, February 16.

### BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held each Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM at the church. All are encouraged to come as we study and pray together. We are currently studying the book of Acts.



### VESPERS

The movie *Operation Whitecoat* will be shown Sabbath, February 2 at 5:00 PM. This will be followed by a meal. Please bring a whole foods dish to share.

### COMMUNION SERVICE



Sabbath, February 23 is our next planned 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.*

## SPIRIT OF PROPHECY STUDY

Each Sabbath afternoon we are studying together the Spirit of Prophecy. Our current study is: "Last Day Events." This is led by Elios Pierre. Everyone is invited.

### 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.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Our next blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 1:30 – 6:30 PM. Donation Types: Double Red Cell and Whole Blood. If you are able, please come and donate.

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Our Liberty offering taken January 26 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. Anyone wishing to receive LIBERTY magazine or sponsor it to others, please have names and addresses to Sharon Reynolds by February 28. Cost is \$6 per subscription.

## ADVENTIST TELEVISION MINISTRIES



The offering on February 9 will be for Adventist Television Ministries – Breath of Life, It Is Written, and Faith for Today – sowing the seed over the airwaves. We can support our church's media through this offering, as these ministries labor to touch lives and change hearts.



## FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS

Luncheons this month will be: February 9, soup & sandwiches, and February 23, which will be a regular luncheon. Please bring a dish to share. Everyone is invited.



## INVESTMENT

Total Investment received for 2018 was \$261.00. This is \$58.20 more than last year. There was a total of \$211.00 in the Investment jar. 2018 North American Division Sabbath School Mission Investment Projects included: Lake Union Conference Dental and Eye Clinics and North Pacific Union Conference Native American Living Hope Center.

2019 North American Division Sabbath School Mission Investment Projects include: Columbia Union – Washington Adventist University (WAU) Young Adult Outreach Ministry and Southern Union – Florida Keys

Mission Approach Program. The mission of this project is to reach out to the residents of the Florida Keys through high-end felt-needs health programs as a means to build relationships and bring them to Christ through a systematic evangelism program.

Please bring in your cans and bottles to recycle. Thank you for your continued donations for Investment.

### OFFERINGS



The New York Advance offering taken each month has been restructured. It has been renamed *New York Excel*, Excellence in Education. This offering will support the ministry of education in the New York Conference, with 50% for Union Springs Academy and 50% for Elementary Education. In another action, the 4% subsidy to Atlantic Union College was cut by 50%, yielding funds to help boost our working capital, church evangelism, and ministry at Camp Cherokee.

### 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](http://www.elmirasda.com)  
Downloadable sermons are available at this site.



### PRAYER LIST

Betty Austin  
Bob Cau  
Joyce Cmelko  
Jim Eldridge  
Patty Greenleaf



Harold Washburn, Jr.  
Non-attending members  
Our shut-ins  
Ongoing Bible studies  
Outreach in Elmira

*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness;  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Matthew 6:33*

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

*We should keep in our thoughts every blessing we receive from God, and when we realize His great love we should be willing to trust everything to the hand that was nailed to the cross for us. Steps to Christ, p. 103*

## SABBATH SCHOOL

During the remainder of the first quarter, we will continue our 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 Africa-Indian Ocean Division.

## RECIPE CORNER

### Baked Lentils with Tomatoes

1 cups dry lentils  
2-3 cups water  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1 clove garlic, minced  
2 cups. canned tomatoes, finely chopped

½ tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. basil  
1/4 tsp. oregano  
1/4 tsp. thyme



Sort and wash lentils. Add water and cook until almost done, stirring often. Add more water if necessary. Add onion and garlic. Cook until lentils are done. Put in a bowl. Add tomatoes, salt, basil, oregano, and thyme. Bake at 350° for 25 - 30 minutes.

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***The relations 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***



*Come now,  
and let us reason together,  
saith the LORD:  
though your sins be as scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they be red like crimson,  
they shall be as wool.*



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