



Elmira
 Seventh-day Adventist Church
 Newsletter
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CHURCH NEWS



We are living in the most solemn period of this world's history. The destiny of earth's teeming multitudes is about to be decided. Our own future well-being and also the salvation of other souls depends upon the course which we now pursue. We need to be guided by the Spirit of truth. Every follower of Christ should earnestly inquire, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" We need to humble ourselves before the Lord, **with fasting and prayer, and to meditate much upon His word**, especially

upon the scenes of the Judgment. We should now seek a deep and living experience in the things of God. We have not a moment to lose. Events of vital importance are transpiring around us; we are on Satan's enchanted ground. Sleep not, sentinels of God; the foe is lurking near, ready at any moment, should you become lax and drowsy, to spring upon you and make you his prey. The Spirit of Prophecy, vol. 4, p. 419 (Emphasis added)

COMMUNION

Communion Dates for 2020 are as follows: February 22, May 23, September 26, and November 14. If you are able, please consider prayer and fasting before the Communion services. *The spirit of true fasting and prayer is the spirit which yields mind, heart, and will to God.* Counsels on Diet and Foods, p. 189



VISION 2020: EACH ONE REACH ONE FOR CHRIST

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:19, 20. As we consider the gospel commission given to us by our Lord in Matthew, let us, each one, make it our goal to be used of God to lead at least one person to surrender their lives to Jesus Christ in the coming year.



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held Tuesday evenings, 7:00 PM at the church. We are currently studying the book of Daniel and will soon proceed to Revelation. All are encouraged to come as we study together.

DEACON AND DEACONESS BREAKFAST

This year's deacon and deaconess breakfast will be Sunday, December 15 at 8:00 AM. All deacons and deaconesses are invited to attend.



SPIRIT OF PROPHECY STUDY

The first, third, and fifth Sabbaths of the month, we are studying "Last Day Events." This is taught 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.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



During our worship service Sabbath, December 21, we will be remembering our Savior's birth with music and scripture.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS



December 14 will be a Soup & Sandwiches Luncheon. Please bring a dish to share. December 28, will be our Holiday Dinner. This is a planned meal. See Joan Van Galder to co-ordinate what to bring. Everyone is invited.

ADVENTIST YOUTH

Adventist Youth Meetings are the fourth Sabbath of each month following the luncheon. December 28, we plan to go to Woodbrook Assisted Living Residence to visit and sing. The AY meeting will follow at the church. This is a ministry of the youth and children for the whole church family. Everyone is invited to participate.



FINAL EMPIRE

"The United States is the wealthiest, most powerful nation that has ever existed. Its rise was no accident. It was formed out of hundreds of specific events that started 3,000 years before the adoption of the U.S. Constitution. But today, is the strength of this nation eroding? Did the Bible see it coming? Will America be history's final empire?"

FINAL EMPIRE flyer

January 23-25 we will be participating in a nationwide evangelistic series by Voice of Prophecy and SermonView Evangelism Marketing. Meetings will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings, as well as, Sabbath morning worship service. Speaker for the series will be Shawn Boonstra, via DVD. Plan to come and invite your family and friends.



WELCOME

... to Erica Finnerty, who recently transferred her membership to our church from Sayre, PA.

VISIT A SHUT-IN

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: Joyce Cmelko, Dee Colaw, Patty Greenleaf, Elius Sylvestre, and Lorraine Parker.



FOOD BANK

In the fall of each year, our church contributes \$600.00 to the local food bank. This is to cover the cost of the food distributed to those in need during the month of November. We have surpassed our goal, providing 1800 meals for those in our community. Thank you to all who contributed.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

19 units were collected at our drive on November 26: 17 whole blood and 1 Double Red Cells = 2 units. Future dates for our drives next year are: February 4, April 14, and June 9, 2020.

INSPIRATIONAL BOOKS



2020 devotional books are available from the Adventist Book Center, for ages preschool through adult. 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 14 will be for ACS.

Check out our church website at www.elmirasda.com
Downloadable sermons are available at this site.



PRAYER LIST

Gary Bennett
Bob Cau
Joyce Cmelko
Jim Eldridge
Elius Sylvestre



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

*For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous,
and His ears are open unto their prayers: ...
1 Peter 3:12a*

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

THANK YOU

...for the prayers, visits, and cards. They meant a lot. I am still a work in progress! – Gary Bennett



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

SABBATH SCHOOL

During December, we will continue our study of *Ezra and Nehemiah*. Our study during the first quarter of 2020, will be the book of *Daniel*. "Living where we are on the prophetic time line, we see that Daniel was correct about all these kingdoms (Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome), giving us ample reasons to trust God regarding His kingdom, which is yet to come." 4Q2019 Bible Study Guide, p. 112



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

Mission SONlight is normally shown on the fourth Sabbath of each month. December's DVD will be: "East Central Africa Division: Kisumu Adventist Hospital – Kenya." During the first quarter, stories will be from the Inter-European Division.

RECIPE CORNER

No Bake Brownies

Submitted by Virginia Miller

5 1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs
(one box Honey Maid)
1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts
3/4 cups nut of soy milk (vanilla almond milk)

1 cup carob chips (one bag)
1 tsp. almond extract
3 Tbsp. ground flax seed



1. Combine graham cracker crumbs, walnuts and flax seed in a bowl and set aside.
 2. In a saucepan, cook milk over medium heat until warm. Add all other ingredients to saucepan, stir until melted and thoroughly combined.
 3. Remove from heat and add to cracker mixture. Mix well.
 4. Press into oiled rectangular pan and refrigerate for 30 minutes or more before serving.
- Adapted from "Depression: the Way Out" – by Neil Nedley, p. 261

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 newsletter@elmirasda.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.



*And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus:
for He shall save His people from their sins.
Matthew 1:21*



*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*



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

