

The Shining Light is a bimonthly newsletter produced by the Capital Region Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Churches to let the community know about what we are doing to let the love and light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives. We want you to know that we are here to help serve the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of all in the Capital Region. We invite you to visit any of our area churches and to let us know how we can better help you! For more information/To submit articles and calendar events, please contact editor Rachel Moody at (518)229-4075 or visit <http://capitalregionsda.org>

Do this in Remembrance of Me



Revival in Rensselaer

Since August 2010, Pastor Carl Ray and several dedicated Seventh-day Adventist members have been providing Bible studies to the residents of the City of Rensselaer. The desire to know more about God's love for mankind and His plan for our lives has been steadily increasing. This desire has led to the need for regular, localized, Sabbath worship services that will allow new believers to come together to share in their new found love for Christ, to study together, and to fellowship.

All are welcome to join Pastor Ray and the new believers for their first Sabbath worship service on February 5, 2011 at the Rensselaer Christian Center 47 Partition Street Rensselaer, New York (Corner of 3rd street and Partition). Pastor Ray hopes to help meet both the spiritual and physical needs of the Rensselaer community. He enthusiastically states, "We will continue to reach out to the community's needs as a way of helping the less fortunate with assistance from the Holy Spirit. Outreach programs through clothing giveaways, Food assistance, develop a plan to reach the youth of the city, as the Lord leads". ■

On December 31, 2010, members from 7 area churches and guests gathered together to bring in the new year by praising and rededicating their lives to God. Special thought was given to every detail of this district-wide agape feast and communion service. The tables were arranged in the shape of a cross. The chair at the front of the cross was left empty, representing the unseen guest of honor, Christ, the risen Lord.

The evening opened with melodious singing, followed by a light and delicious dinner of soups, breads, cheeses, crackers, hummus and fruits. Most of the people were smiling, laughing, and eating, while others were reflecting and reading the Bible. After the agape feast, Pastor Miguel Crespo explained to everyone that they were going to experience a communion service more reflective of the last supper shared between Jesus and his 12 disciples. Great emphasis was placed on Jesus' sacrifice and our call to humbly serve one another.

One by one, the head elders of Pastor Crespo's churches were called up to share what they felt were the most important aspects of the communion service. Elder Dale Meyer from the Schenectady SDA Church spoke about the new year and the blessings of new beginnings. Elder Hugh Langley from the Joy of Troy SDA Church focused on humility and shared two foot-washing experiences that deepened his understanding of Christ's humble sacrifice. Elder Jean DeRonceray from the Macedonia SDA Church encouraged us to really love one another even when we become difficult to love. Finally Elder Ron Vincent reminded us about the great privilege we have to take part in the communion ceremony - a ceremony instituted by Christ to remind us about His manifested love for us and to remind us of our call to do the same.

Having been edified by these mini-sermons, the next portion of the service commenced. The body and blood of Christ as represented by unleavened bread and wine (grape juice) were distributed by the elders, followed by the ordinance of humility, or foot washing ceremony. On this night, Pastor and Sister Crespo washed the feet of all of the Elders and their wives, respectively. The Elders and their wives then found persons to serve. Every time a person's foot was washed, that person went out to find someone else to serve. Everyone was encouraged to wash the feet of someone they did not know. At some point the attendees began to sing hymns of praise until the last foot was washed and Pastor Crespo offered the closing prayer.

Closer to God and closer to one another—What a way to begin the new year! ■



EDIFICATION STATION



Words of Spiritual Encouragement !

The Way of Righteousness Is Life

In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death. Prov. 12:28

... Let patience, long-suffering, kindness, and love become a part of your very being; then whatsoever things are pure and lovely and of good report will mature in your experience.

Angels of God are waiting to show you the path of life. . . . Decide now, at the commencement of the new year, that you will choose the path of righteousness, that you will be earnest and true-hearted, and that life with you shall not prove a mistake. Go forward, guided by the heavenly angels; be courageous; be enterprising; let your light shine; and may the words of inspiration be applicable to you--"I write unto you, young men, because you are strong and have overcome the wicked one."

If you have . . . given yourself to Christ, you are a member of the family of God, and everything in the Father's house is for you. All the treasures of God are open to you, both the world that now is and that which is to come. The ministry of angels, the gift of His Spirit, the labors of His servants--all are for you. The world, with everything in it, is yours so far as it can do you good. Even the enmity of the wicked will prove a blessing, by disciplining you for heaven. If "ye are Christ's" "all things are yours."

Excerpt from My Life Today by Ellen G. White, Page 5

The Shining Light Events Calendar

Every 1st Monday	New York Conference Capital District Council of Churches Meeting
Every Wednesday	Joy of Troy SDA Church Joyful Delight Community Outreach 11am-1pm All Seniors Are Invited to Experience The Joy of Worship and Fellowship
Every Wednesday	Joy of Troy SDA Church Clothing Giveaway & Blood Pressure Screening 11am
Every Friday	7pm Prayer & Bible Study @ Joy of Troy SDA Church, Albany SDA Central Church Plant, Kinderhook SDA Church; 7:30pm New Life Youth Ministries at the University at Albany
2nd and 4th Friday	Schenectady SDA Church Bible Study
2nd and 4th Saturday	Combined Church Social at the Greater Albany SDA Gymnasium
Every Saturday	Joy of Troy SDA Church Children's Church
Every Saturday	Capital City SDA Church French Class
Every 3rd Saturday	Saratoga SDA Church Free Community Luncheon
Every 3rd Saturday	Joy of Troy SDA Church Women's Meeting
Every 3rd Sunday	Capital City SDA Church G.E.M.S. Meeting for Women of all ages
Every 2nd Sunday	Schenectady SDA Church Vegetarian Food Store 10am-11am Weather Permitting. Contact Charlotte Owen for more information 518-280-1635
Jan - March	Schenectady SDA Church Citrus Fruit Fundraiser Visit www.capitalregionsda.org for more info.
January 1-7	Joy of Troy SDA Church Week of Prayer
January 9	Leo Milman of the Schoharie SDA Church gives a Free Concert 3pm Emmanuel Baptist Church, 275 State Street, Albany, NY
January 23	Kingsbury SDA Church Family Prayer Breakfast
January 28-30	GodEncounters Atlantic Union Conference Young Adult/Collegiate Retreat
February 2-12	Atlantic Union Conference/College Music/Oratorical Clinic
February 4 -12	Kingsbury SDA Church Truth 4 Youth Week
February 5	Joy of Troy SDA Church Afternoon Seminar: How to give a Bible Study—After Potluck
February 12	Macedonia SDA Church Valentine's Day Dinner
February 13	Joy of Troy SDA Church Valentine's Day Luncheon

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Seventh-day Adventist Churches In New York's Capital Region:

ALBANY

Capital City SDA Church
2 South Lake Ave, Albany, NY
(518) 465-7814
www.capitalcitysdac.org

Albany SDA Central Church Plant
Services Held at:
Emmaus United Methodist Church
715 Morris Street, Albany, NY

AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam SDA Church
379 Division Street, Amsterdam, NY
(518) 843-2577

Amsterdam Hispanic SDA Church
214 Guy Park Avenue, Amsterdam, NY
(518) 843-4391

BUSKIRK

Buskirk SDA Church
2176 West Hoosick Road, Buskirk, NY
www.buskirk22.adventistchurchconnect.org

COBLESKILL/SCHOHARIE COUNTY

Schoharie SDA Group
141 Legion Drive, Cobleskill, NY

COHOES

Greater Albany SDA Church
Albany Hispanic Adventist Group
298 St. Agnes Hwy, Cohoes, NY
(518) 785-4445
www.albanysdachurch.org

GLOVERSVILLE

Gloversville SDA Church
18 Jeffers St. Gloversville, NY
(518) 725-3750
gloversville22.adventistchurchconnect.org

HUDSON FALLS

Kingsbury SDA Church
3991 US Rte 4, Hudson Falls, NY
(518) 747-2871
www.kingsburysdachurch.org

KINDERHOOK

Kinderhook SDA Church
3429 US Route 9, Valatie, NY
(518) 784-4400
www.kinderhooksda.com

LANSINGBURGH/TROY

Joy of Troy Community SDA Church
600 3rd Avenue, Lansingburgh, NY
(518) 273-6400
www.joyoftroy.org

SARATOGA SPRINGS

Saratoga SDA Church
339 Union Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY
(518) 587-6951
www.saratogasda.org

SCHENECTADY

Macedonia SDA Church
9 Swan Street, Schenectady, NY
(518) 347-9441

Schenectady SDA Church
1413 Quackenbush Rd., Schenectady, NY
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