

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>

New Life SDA Youth Ministries Sharing the Good News at the University at Albany

While there may be many Christian students who seem to lose their faith when they go to college, especially to a public institution, there are groups of young believers who have lovingly taken up the task of ministering to their peers. We are blessed to have such a group in the Capital Region.

The University at Albany Seventh-day Adventist Christian Club, also known as the New Life SDA Youth Ministries, was founded in September 2007 by recent alums, Adanna Franklin and Monarth Jeannot. Moved by the Holy Spirit, Franklin and Jeannot reached out to other Christian and non-Christian students on the campus.

The mission of our group is to reach out to the young and old on the University at Albany campus by ministering with Friday night Bible studies, movie nights, game nights and our increasingly popular, Friday Night Live programs which include music, poetry, encouraging Bible-based presentations and more. Our weekly club meetings allow us to kick back and relax. It is a time for us to shift our focus from the stress of the world to the peace we find in Jesus Christ. As young people pressing toward the Kingdom of Heaven, we want to send the Advent message to all the youth so they will come to know and understand the truth—so they too, will be prepared to see the Heavenly Father one day.

To find out more about the New Life SDA Youth Ministries and their upcoming events, you may visit their Facebook Page or contact the Shining Light Newsletter at shininglightsda@gmail.com.

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Christian College Student Resources

Generation of Youth for Christ
www.gycweb.org

Center for Adventist Ministry to Public University Students
www.campushope.com

Collegiate Sabbath School Studies
cq.adventist.org

College and University Dialogue Journal
dialogue.adventist.org

Preparing YOU To SPREAD The GOOD NEWS

Did you know that every other month, you have the opportunity to attend a dynamic and educational evangelism training seminar? These seminars not only provide a chance for you to learn and share, but also a chance for you to get to know your brothers and sisters from the area churches. The New York Conference Seventh-day Adventist Capital District Council, which is comprised of members from the New York Conference churches in the Capital Region, has been charged with equipping the laity to share the Gospel. Every other month, the council visits an area church for an entire day to worship, fellowship and train. The seminar themes vary greatly, ranging from “How to Give a Bible Study” to “Understanding the Dangers and the Blessings of The Internet”. The Council meets every 1st Monday at the Saratoga SDA Church to coordinate plans to meet its charge.

**New York Conference
Capital District Council**
Witnessing-Evangelizing-Nurturing-Training

The Next District Training Event!

December 4, 2010

Saratoga SDA Church

9:30am Sabbath School Bible Study

11am Worship Service

A Free and Delicious Lunch will Be Served

Afternoon Presentation on Prayer



EDIFICATION STATION



Words of Spiritual Encouragement !

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. . . . You must be born anew. John 3:5-7, R.S.V.

He who is trying to reach heaven by his own works in keeping the law is attempting an impossibility. There is no safety for one who has merely a legal religion, a form of godliness. The Christian's life is not a modification or improvement of the old, but a transformation of nature. There is a death to self and sin, and a new life altogether. This change can be brought about only by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit. . . . {Mar 70.1}

A person may not be able to tell the exact time or place, or to trace all the circumstances in the process of conversion; but this does not prove him to be unconverted. By an agency as unseen as the wind, Christ is constantly working upon the heart. Little by little, perhaps unconsciously to the receiver, impressions are made that tend to draw the soul to Christ. . . . Suddenly, as the Spirit comes with more direct appeal, the soul gladly surrenders itself to Jesus. By many this is called sudden conversion; but it is the result of long wooing by the Spirit of God,--a patient, protracted process. {Mar 70.2}

While the wind is itself invisible, it produces effects that are seen and felt. So the work of the Spirit upon the soul will reveal itself in every act of him who has felt its saving power. When the Spirit of God takes possession of the heart, it transforms the life. Sinful thoughts are put away, evil deeds are renounced; love, humility, and peace take the place of anger, envy, and strife. Joy takes the place of sadness, and the countenance reflects the light of heaven. No one sees the hand that lifts the burden, or beholds the light descend from the courts above. The blessing comes when by faith the soul surrenders itself to God. Then that power which no human eye can see creates a new being in the image of God. {Mar 70.3}

It is impossible for finite minds to comprehend the work of redemption. Its mystery exceeds human knowledge; yet he who passes from death to life realizes that it is a divine reality. The beginning of redemption we may know here through a personal experience. Its results reach through the eternal ages. {Mar 70.4}

Excerpt from *Maranatha*, Ellen G. White, pg. 71.

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
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 SUNY Albany
Every Saturday	Joy of Troy SDA Church Children's Church
Every Saturday	Capital City SDA Church French Class
Every 3rd Saturday	Saratoga SDA Church Invites the Community to have lunch at their church
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-All Welcome
November 1	New York Conference Capital District Council of Churches Meeting
November 7	Capital City SDA Church Education Ministries Banquet
November 13	Capital City SDA Church Children's Day
November 13	Kingsbury SDA Church Evangelism Rally Weekend; 7pm Cookie Social
November 13	Joint Church Social at the Greater Albany SDA Gymnasium
November 14	Kingsbury SDA Church Thanksgiving Traditions Program
November 14	Hud-Cap Youth Federation 2nd Annual Youth Awards Banquet
November 20	Joy of Troy SDA Church 10th Annual Thanksgiving Concert at 6:30pm
November 20	Schenectady SDA Church Seminar 2:30pm "Criticisms of Ellen G. White"
November 21	Violinist Jaime Jorge In Concert location and Time TBA
November 26	Capital City SDA Church Agape Feast
December 4	Kingsbury SDA Church 7pm Winter Festival
December 4	Saratoga SDA Church New York Conference Capital District Council Service
December 4	Joy of Troy SDA Church Seminar 2:30pm "Criticisms of Ellen G. White"
December 5	Kingsbury SDA Church Ornament Exchange
December 6	New York Conference Capital District Council of Churches Meeting
December 11	Macedonia SDA Church Silver Tree Celebration
December 11	Joint Church Social at the Greater Albany SDA Gymnasium
December 12	Joy of Troy Holiday Dinner
December 18	Kingsbury SDA Church Christmas Service
December 19	Kingsbury SDA Church New York Conference Lay Advisory Meeting
December 31	Joint Church Agape Feast and Communion Service at the Greater Albany SDA Church (Greater Albany, Albany Plant, Macedonia, Joy of Troy and Schenectady, Churches)

Please send your church announcements to shininglightsda@gmail.com

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

Listed by City

ALBANY

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

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

COBBLESKILL/SCHOHARIE COUNTY

Schoharie SDA Church
141 Legion Drive, Cobleskill, NY
Pastor Donald Bozarth (703) 397-1848

COHOES

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

GLOVERSVILLE

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

KINDERHOOK

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

KINGSBURY/HUDSON FALLS

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

NORTH CREEK

North Creek SDA Church
Bird Pond Rd, North Creek, NY
(518) 251-3080

SARATOGA SPRINGS

Saratoga SDA Church
339 Union Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY
(518) 587-6951

SCHENECTADY

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

Schenectady SDA Church

1413 Quackenbush Rd., Schenectady, NY
(518) 355-0959

TROY/LANSINGBURGH

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