# Eau Claire SDA Church News

## Upcoming Events

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**December 22 Sabbath**

- 8 am  Early Bird Sabbath School
- 9-10:30 am  Christmas Brunch
- Christmas Worship Service
- 6-8 pm  Christmas Nativity Program

**Christmas breakfast food assignments for our Christmas Sabbath  last names that begin with A-J may bring grains/bread or protein, K-M may bring fruit juice, N-R may bring potato dishes and S-Z may bring dairy or calcium loaded items. Condiments and eating-ware will be provided.**

<p>| Sabbath Offering | During the church service this Sabbath we will take up a special offering to help replenish our Care Fund. This fund helps those who have special needs and financial hardships. All of our loose offering will go to replenish the Care Fund. Funds for the Care Fund can also be placed in a tithe envelope and marked “Care Fund.” If you wish to give to other projects, please place the funds in a tithe envelope and mark it for that project. Thank you for thinking of others! |</p>
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January 27
10 am
School Operation Shortage - Treasurer Report

- Donations for matching -- $3,410
- Alaina's 5k Fundraiser -- $373
- Other Donations -- $5,746
- Total received -- $9,529

WE ARE ON OUR WAY TO THE $25,000!

Prayer Requests and Answered Prayers

- Eileen Horne's brother Bud Moon from Wilson, MI passed away suddenly on Wednesday, December 19.
- Julianne Buck -- has been very sick and hospitalized
- Ryan Proctor -- Brandon's Co-worker's son -- He came through heart surgery just fine and is rapidly recovering.

Other Church Announcements
Farewell to the Kents, Atkins and Richardi families

See All the Pictures and Videos on the Eau Claire SDA Church Facebook site!

Free Piano

The piano in the church Kindergarten room is not as young as it used to be, and the Eau Claire Church has voted to let it find another home. This is not a Steinway, but if you are interested, go take a tap on the piano and see if you would like it for your home. You can come and transport it from the church and it is yours, free of charge.

Sabbath Sermons

Pastor Ted Toms  December 15
Is Life More Like Ice Cream or a Dollar Bill?

Scott Labbe  December 8
God is Not Solving All Your Problems

Pastor Ted Toms
What Does Reverence Mean?

Now and Matching Funds for School Operation Shortage
Matching Amount Dollar- for-Dollar with no ceiling cap!
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<th>through the end of the school year</th>
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| **Home and School**               | Several ways you can show support for our Church School:  
- Save your box tops and labels for Education.  
- Purchase 2013 calendars (they make nice Christmas presents) from a student  
- Save your pop cans - give to student  
- Contribute a food item to school functions  
- Attend school functions  
- Most important pray for our teachers and students |
| **Community Happening and Other Announcements** | The "Heralds of Hope" Romanian choir will present three International Christmas Concerts in the Berrien Springs area. The 35 members of the choir will perform in English, Romanian and Spanish. The concerts will include instrumental Christmas music performed by fine string artists. The concerts are free, but donations appreciated. |

| Friday | Dec. 21  
7 pm |
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| Saturday | Dec. 22  
5 pm |
| Sunday | Dec. 23  
8:30 am |
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<td>December 24 7 pm</td>
<td>PMC Christmas Eve Service</td>
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<td>Come celebrate Christ's birth this Christmas Eve at Pioneer Memorial Church. The service will include Ray Roberts reading a children's story, choral and instrumental music, a homily by Pastor MacCarty. Refreshments following in the commons.</td>
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<p>| December | Neighbor to Neighbor is having a Huge Clearance Sale on |</p>
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<td>December 18, 19, &amp; 20</td>
<td>At the request of our customers, we will be opened on Wednesday, December 19, 2012. However, we will be closed December 21, 2012 through January 2, 2013.</td>
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<td>November 26 - December 20</td>
<td>Andrews University Bookstore Annual Christmas Sale will be November 26 through December 20.</td>
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<td>January 7</td>
<td>Citrus Fruit from Niles Adventist School</td>
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<td>Contact Dawn Kingman 574-340-9637 or <a href="mailto:dawnkingman3@gmail.com">dawnkingman3@gmail.com</a> by Jan 7 to order grapefruit, California navels, variety pack (6 grapefruit and honey bells), and honey bells. See <a href="http://www.nilesadventistschool.org">www.nilesadventistschool.org</a> for prices. Pickup dates are usually 10-14 days after the order is placed. The next order due date is Feb 11. Thank you for your support!</td>
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<td>January 22 for 8 weeks</td>
<td><strong>Improve your Brain Health at the Depression and Anxiety Recovery Program</strong></td>
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<td>Every Thursday, beginning Jan. 22, for eight weeks 6:30 p.m., South Bend Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1936 E. Altgeld Street, South Bend, Ind.</td>
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<td>More than 19 million people in the U.S. suffer from depression and during the winter months, the symptoms can intensify. Anxiety often co-occurs with depression. Many factors can lead to depression including unrealistic goals, financial stress, family expectations, and change of schedule or eating patterns. But the cure may not be as difficult as you might think. Actually, just a few basic lifestyle changes may help you drastically improve your brain health and eliminate your depression. Directed by Mary Flaim, PhD, the $140.00 fee covers the material, Depression Evaluation, Dr. Neal Nedley DVD Presentations, Individual and Group Support. Attend the free introductory session on January 8 at 6:30 pm to see if this program is right for you. For more information, contact the church office, Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 574-234-3044 or email <a href="mailto:firstsda@sbcglobal.net">firstsda@sbcglobal.net</a>.</td>
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<td>Feb 17 6:30-8:30 pm</td>
<td>Niles Adventist School's Annual Silent Auction and Chocolate Extravaganza</td>
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<td>Sunday, Feb 17 from 6:30-8:30 pm in the school gym (110 N Fairview, Niles). See <a href="http://www.nilesadventistschool.org">www.nilesadventistschool.org</a> or call 269-683-5444 to reserve tickets or for more information.</td>
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For more community events see the Andrews Agenda.

Other Useful Information

- Pictorial Membership Directory
- Church Officers
- Unofficial Church Address and Phone Directory - Updated 8/9/2012
- Church Life Image Gallery
- Sermon Podcasts
- Andrews Agenda

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6562 Naomi Road
Eau Claire, MI 49111
269-944-1721

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Welcome and Announcements
Tom Shepherd

Opening Prayer
Pastor Ted Toms

Christmas Carols
Ryan and Suzi Hayes

Scripture Reading
Matthew 2:1-11
Suzi Hayes

“The First Noel” ~ Vocal Duet
Amanda Ramtahal and Francie Reents
Accompanied by Betsy Rodriguez

Special Offering
Tom Shepherd

Eau Claire Choir
-with Werner Lehmann

Piano Solo
Kayla Parker

Children’s Choir
-with Amy Lubbert and Sean Parker

Children’s Story ~ “The Shepherds Returned”
-with Tom Shepherd

“Oh, Come All Ye Faithful” ~ Piano Solo
Cody Edwards

The Blessing of the Christ in My Life
Discipleship Class

Closing Hymn
Joy to the World ~ Hymn 125

Benediction
Tom Shepherd

Postlude
Sean Parker

Church Announcements

Special Offering: Today
Our offering today is helping to refurbish our Care Fund which is used to help those in need. At this Christmas season, we invite you to think of those who are struggling and reach out to share.

The Lord Jesus said, "... as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." (Mat 25:40).

If you wish to give to other projects such as Michigan Advance Project, please place the funds in a tithe envelope and mark it as MAP.

Live Nativity: Tonight 6-8 p.m.
Come and enjoy a live nativity scene and program this evening at the church and enjoy light refreshments in the fellowship hall. Bring your friends and neighbors!

Citrus Fruit from Niles Adventist School: Jan 7
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**Treasurer’s Report: As of December 14, 2012**

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*Special thanks for this very generous family!*

**Church Leadership**

- Pastor ~ Ted Toms 269-657-2390
- Head Elder ~ Tom Shepherd 269-471-3889
- Head Deacon ~ Andy Lubbert 269-463-5156
- Head Deaconess ~ Cindy Beckermeyer 269-683-8817
- Worship Chair ~ Joel Almeida 269-282-8407
- Treasurer ~ Lance Mack 269-461-6605
- Church Clerk ~ Myrna Lemon 269-757-7640
- Community Service ~ Cloice Lemon 269-757-7640
- Food Bank ~ Cloice Lemon 269-757-7640
- Eau Claire Elementary School 269-944-4132
- School Principal ~ Jim Gray 269-944-5233

**Bulletin/Announcement Contact Person**

Francie Reents
269-757-1985 or franciebakken@yahoo.com

**Today’s Deacon on Duty:** Jerry Edwards

*~ Sunset in Eau Claire~*

Tonight ~ 5:18 p.m. December 28 ~ 5:21 p.m.