

GRACE NOTES

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BRINGING UNITY, EVENTS & NEWS TO THE CHURCHES OF ALMOND, OXFORD, PORTAGE, REEDSBURG & THE WAUTOMA COMPANY

Hello from Wautoma,

The Wautoma English company held three worship services in December at its new location, 429 W River Street in Wautoma. This was the location of the first SDA Church in Wautoma. The work is not complete yet but we are very happy to be in our church this year. The first service was on December 14, 2019 which was our Christmas program and there were 58 persons in attendance. The Lord had a plan for Wautoma and it is a blessing to be worshipping in a building constructed almost 100 years ago. The original property that the church sits on was purchased in 1920.

We will be holding the Shawn Boonstra event in January with follow up studies for those that attend.

Alan Anderson



These are some pictures from the first service held at the new (old) Wautoma Church.

Although the building remodeling project is not completed, it's far enough along that they are holding services there. May God continue to bless the growth of this church plant in an area that was without an SDA church for many years.

Almond's January Events

Jan 2 Bible Study (Randall's apt)
 Jan 3 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
 Jan 4 Sabbath - Vegetarian Potluck
 Jan 5 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
 Jan 8 Bible Study 7:00 (J+D Tess home)
 Jan 9 Bible Study (Randall's apt)
 Jan 10 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
 Jan 11 Sabbath - Vegetarian Potluck
 Jan 12 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
 Jan 15 Bible Study 7:00 (J+D Tess home)
 Jan 16 Bible Study (Randall's apt)
 Jan 17 Prayer Mtg. 7:00
 Jan 18 Sabbath - Vegetarian Potluck
Jan 19 Church Breakfast 9:00 am (Business Meeting follows breakfast)
 Jan 19 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
 Jan 22 Bible Study 7:00 (J+D Tess home)

Jan 23 Bible Study (Randall's apt) 6:30
 Jan 24 Prayer mtg @7:00
 Jan 25 Sabbath - Vegetarian Potluck
 Jan 26 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30
 Jan 29 Bible Study 7:00 (J+D Tess home)
 Jan 30 Bible Study (Randall's apt) 6:30
 Jan 31 Prayer mtg @7:00

Important Dates

Sunday the 19th -
 Church Breakfast 9:00 am
 Business Meeting

Wautoma Company Schedule of events for January

1/4/2020 Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
 1/5/2020 Bible Study @ the Anderson's starting at 5:30 p.m.
 1/6/2020 Women's Group starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Andersons
 1/11/2020 Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
 First Service at 429 W River Street
 1/12/2020 Bible Study @ the Anderson's starting at 5:30 p.m.
 1/18/2020 Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
 1/19/2020 Bible Study @ the Anderson's starting at 5:30 p.m.
 1/20/2020 Women's Group starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Andersons ???
 1/22/2020 Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ 6:30 p.m.
 1/23/2020 Shawn Boonstra'
 1/24/2020 Shawn Boonstra'
 1/25/2020 Sabbath School/Church @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
 1/25/2020 Shawn Boonstra'
 1/26/2020 Bible Study @ the Anderson's starting at 5:30 p.m.
 1/26/2020 Shawn Boonstra'
 1/27/2020 Women's Group starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Andersons
 1/29/2020 Prayer Meeting/Prophecy @ 6:30 p.m.

Wisconsin Academy Touring Group



On the evening of December 14th, the Almond Church, in conjunction with the Stevens Point Church, co-hosted a concert put on by the Wisconsin Academy Touring Groups. This concert was held at the Stevens Point Church because of the number of people that were expected to attend. The group performed a fantastic concert for us showing us the talents that God has blessed them with in some fine choral arrangements and bell ringing arrangements. A free will "love" offering was taken to show our appreciation and to help the Academy with expenses.

After the concert, we all enjoyed a dinner of baked potatoes, chili and all the fixings. There were in excess of 125 people that attended the concert and I'm sure that we were all blessed by their talents. I know I was.



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Choralaires-(Continued from page 3)



We would like to thank Bruce Rasmussen and the "Choralaires", Rosalie Rasmussen and the "Bell Choir", Karen White, the accompanist and all of the students that performed for our pleasure, especially after a long and trying trip. Not only was the distance a big deal but they also performed many other concerts in the area over the days prior to the holidays. Thank you also to Karen Ferguson for putting this all together. She didn't do it all but she organized many elves to help her. May God Bless us all!

Written and submitted by: Rick Felts

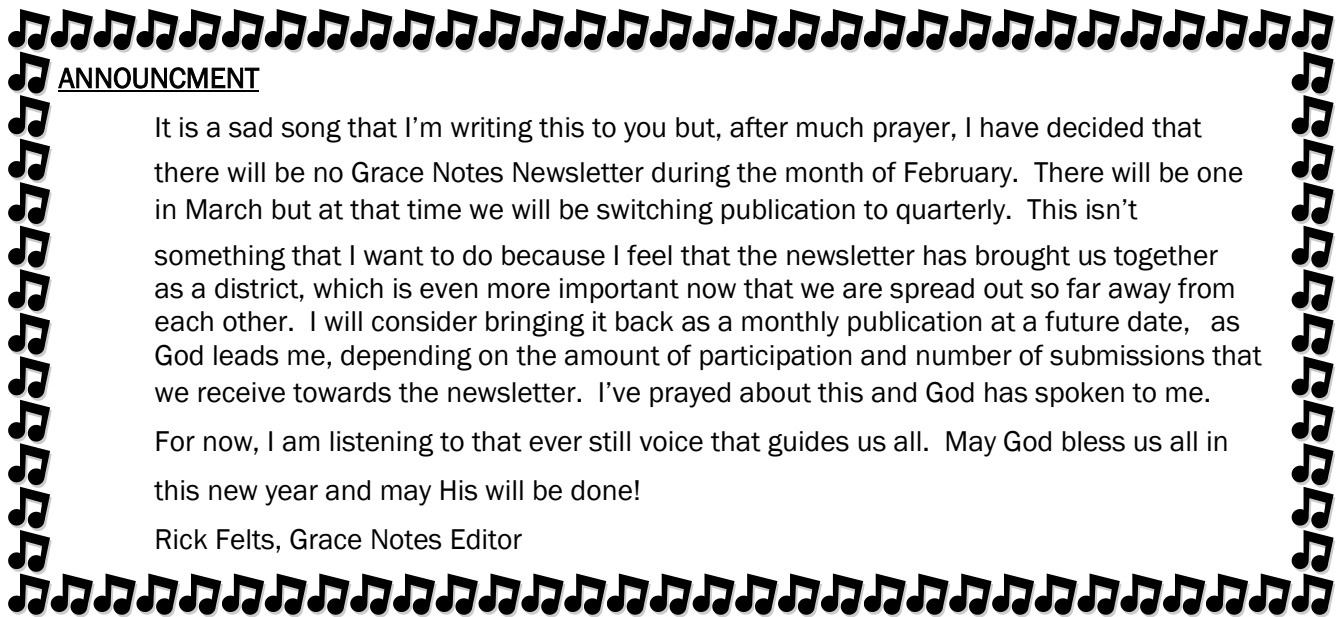
Are You In Need of ?

This section is intended as an outreach to help those with needs, also helping those with the need to free up space in their homes by donating those un-needed items to someone who may have a use for them. May God Bless you for your generosity. If you have items to donate to someone, please let us know.

715-572-0650

or gracenotesnewsletter@yahoo.com

To give away:



ANNOUNCEMENT

It is a sad song that I'm writing this to you but, after much prayer, I have decided that there will be no Grace Notes Newsletter during the month of February. There will be one in March but at that time we will be switching publication to quarterly. This isn't something that I want to do because I feel that the newsletter has brought us together as a district, which is even more important now that we are spread out so far away from each other. I will consider bringing it back as a monthly publication at a future date, as God leads me, depending on the amount of participation and number of submissions that we receive towards the newsletter. I've prayed about this and God has spoken to me.

For now, I am listening to that ever still voice that guides us all. May God bless us all in this new year and may His will be done!

Rick Felts, Grace Notes Editor

Almond SDA Church

Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service: 11:00
 Potluck follows service each week!

1340 Elm St.
 Almond WI 54909
 715-570-2179
www.almondsda.org
 Pastor: Steven Hall 407-461-2095

Wautoma SDA Company

Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
 Potluck follows service each week!

429 W River Street
 Wautoma WI 54982
 920-765-0961
wautomawi.adventistchurch.org

Portage Events

Portage SDA Church email address is:

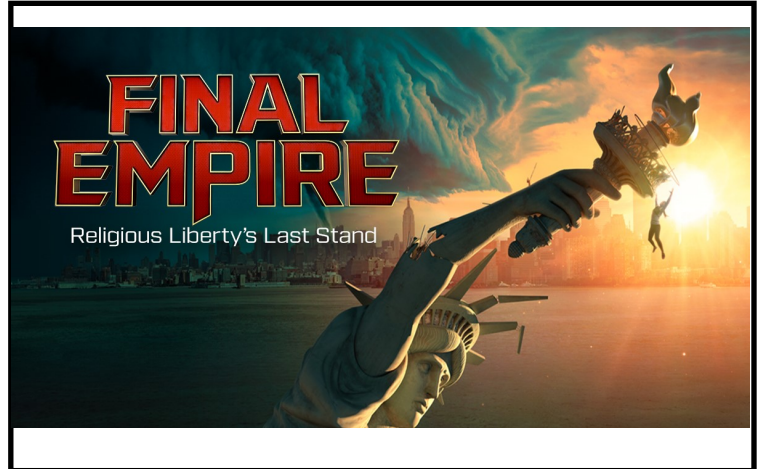
portagesdachurch@gmail.com

Portage SDA Church Facebook:

Type: Portage Seventh-day Adventist

Radio station:

WPSA LP 93.5 FM



ALMOND'S ANNUAL WHEELBARROW COLLECTION

was held on November 23rd. Each year we push the wheelbarrow down the center aisle of the church as members and even some visitors, contribute to this very worthy cause.

Each year, we collect this money and it is split evenly between



the "Worthy Campers Fund" and "Koinz4Kids". Both of these funds are designated to help kids attend Camp Wakonda each summer. Kid's that may not have been able to be drawn in by the Holy Spirit. Many of these kids, whether they come on their own or with a little financial help, become baptized Seventh-day Adventists. What a great feeling it is to be part of another persons salvation that otherwise may not have had the chance to get to know Jesus. We never know for sure how much money will appear in the wheelbarrow but no matter what it is, God can use it to draw a child into His arms. Please pray that God's will be done with the money that was collected this year. Praise God for His bounty! This years total was \$754.59

Oxford SDA Church

Sabbath Worship Times

Sabbath School @ 9:15 a.m.

Worship @ 10:40 a.m.

322 E Chauncey St
Oxford, WI 53952-9064
608-586-5770

PASTOR: STEVEN HALL
407-461-2095

Portage Seventh-day Adventist Church

2100 E State Road 33
Portage, WI 53901-1468
608-742-4695

Pastor: Steven Hall 407-461-2095

Service Times:

Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

Reedsburg SDA Church

115 S. Oak St.
Reedsburg WI 53959

Pastor: Steven Hall 407-461-2095

Join Us This Saturday
Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

We have bible studies on Wednesday evening's at 6:30 at the church. We are starting the book of John on video.

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of the month

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Pictures are best viewed on the website. <http://www.almondsda.org/district-newsletter/2019>



Mission Statement:

Fostering Unity

Vision Statement:

To be a resource which encourages and inspires unity in our church district; through inspirational thoughts, informative articles and testimonials; preparing for the soon coming of Christ.

Ministry From Home

Have you ever thought of having a prison ministry? You don't have to leave your home to have this. A letter changes the life of an inmate every time they receive it. Pray that God will lead you to write an inmate. Give an inmate a blessing! **Kenneth Wells 414034**

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Letters to the editor...

If you have ideas, thoughts, complaints or opinions, write to us. This column will appear each month.

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["gracenotesnewsletter@yahoo.com"](mailto:gracenotesnewsletter@yahoo.com)

Thanks,

Grace Notes Editor

January Birthdays



Happy Birthday!

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| Hans David Anderson | 1/1 | ALMOND |
| Michael Anderson | 1/1 | ALMOND |
| Angela Metzger | 1/2 | ALMOND |
| Angelina Diaz-Barriga | 1/2 | ALMOND |
| Mary Kalepp | 1/3 | REEDSBURG |
| Stanley Cottrell | 1/5 | OXFORD |
| Mike Tess | 1/6 | ALMOND |
| Wendell Springer | 1/6 | OXFORD |
| Rick Felts | 1/11 | ALMOND |
| Matt Riggle | 1/12 | ALMOND |
| Greg Hahn | 1/15 | REEDSBURG |
| Joe Martingello | 1/23 | OXFORD |
| Mary Boehm | 1/23 | ALMOND |
| Jane Gerndt | 1/26 | REEDSBURG |
| Beatrice Rabine | 1/27 | REEDSBURG |
| Rachel Tess | 1/29 | ALMOND |
| Brenda Scidmore | 1/30 | ALMOND |