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"In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears" (Psalm 18:6). As we cry out to God together from His sanctuary, we have the assurance that God hears us. Actually, wherever we might find ourselves this morning, God will find us and help us.

Thank you for participating today in this special time of worship as part of a 24-hour prayer and fasting against strongholds. Let's pray for one another. May we or someone we're praying for find freedom in His presence!

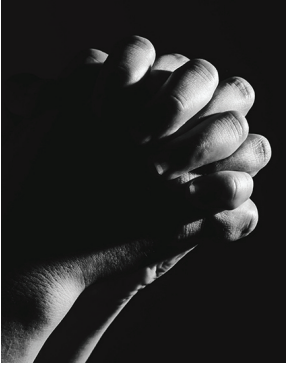
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-Sabine Vatel

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A PRAYER BEFORE THE DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

Almighty God and Father of us all—"Hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom Come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:9-10). For You are the Omnipotent One whose strong hand still guides a billion billion galaxies in their soundless trek (Psalm 147:4), and yet each morning You eagerly bend low to hear the chirping gratitude of the tiny sparrows (Luke 12:7). And if You feed the birds of the air, dear Father, how much more will You care for us, who are Your children? (Matthew 6:26) As the psalmist Himself sang, teach us to sing, "I will bless the Lord at all times—Your praise shall continually be in my mouth!" (Psalm 34:1)

But dear God, it is **because** You have "loved us with an everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:3), that we come humbly to You in **advance** of our collective Day of Prayer and Fasting. Have mercy on us, O Lord. For like our fathers and mothers, we have sinned against You (Daniel 9:4-10). We have turned to the gods of this world hoping to satisfy our appetites and slake our many thirsts (1 John 2:15-17). Like Israel of old, we have emulated the corrupted culture around us (Hosea 4:17). We have joined the clamoring rabble, "We have

no king but Caesar" (John 19:15)—but dear Savior, we admit and confess Satan has deceived us and Caesar has enslaved us. How can we then cry out for the demolishing of his strongholds **out there** without first pleading for Your deliverance from the dark strongholds **in here**? You have promised, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, remove our sins, too, we implore You (John 1:29). Cleanse us, and we will be clean—wash us, and we will be whiter than the snow that fell this springtime week (Psalm 51:7). We must hear the Gospel's assurance, "Neither do I condemn You—go now and leave your life of sin" (John 8:11).

Forgiven and freed, we take courage now to boldly come before Your throne of grace with petitions for this Day of Prayer and Fasting (Hebrews 4:16). "For the weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary they have divine power to demolish strongholds" (2 Corinthians 10:4). And so Almighty God, in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior, we come with the weapon of prayer against the strongholds of our mortal enemy, the fallen Lucifer and

his demonic hosts of angels (Ephesians 6:12). We possess no power of our own, but we come boldly in the might of Him who "made a public spectacle of [Satan and his hosts], triumphing over them by the cross"(Colossians 2:15).

We come on behalf of people who don't even know they are enchained in the enemy's stronghold (1 Peter 4:18-19). On this Day of Prayer and Fasting we call upon You, Father of all humankind, to deliver the masses ignorantly held in these enemy strongholds:

- We pray for **Japan** (the Land of the Rising Sun) and boldly claim the promise that the Sun of Righteousness will yet rise with healing in His light (Malachi 4:2)—may the 163 evangelistic events to be conducted there in May "proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners" (Isaiah 61:1);

- We pray for the **secular West**, where atheism and paganism's iron-fisted grip pins both young and old in their strongholds—may the cry of Creation's angels—"Worship Him who made heaven and earth"—be heard in the halls of academia, the corridors of politics and power (Revelation 14:7);

- We pray against the stronghold of **racism** in our country, on our campus and in our church—break down the



egotism (self-worship) that lies coiled and deadly in the heart of all racism, and answer the prayer of our Lord—"That they may be one as We are one, O Father, I in them and You in Me, so that they may be brought to complete unity"(John 17:22-23)—so that as we humbly but radically love one another "everyone will know" that we are Your disciples (John 13:34-35).

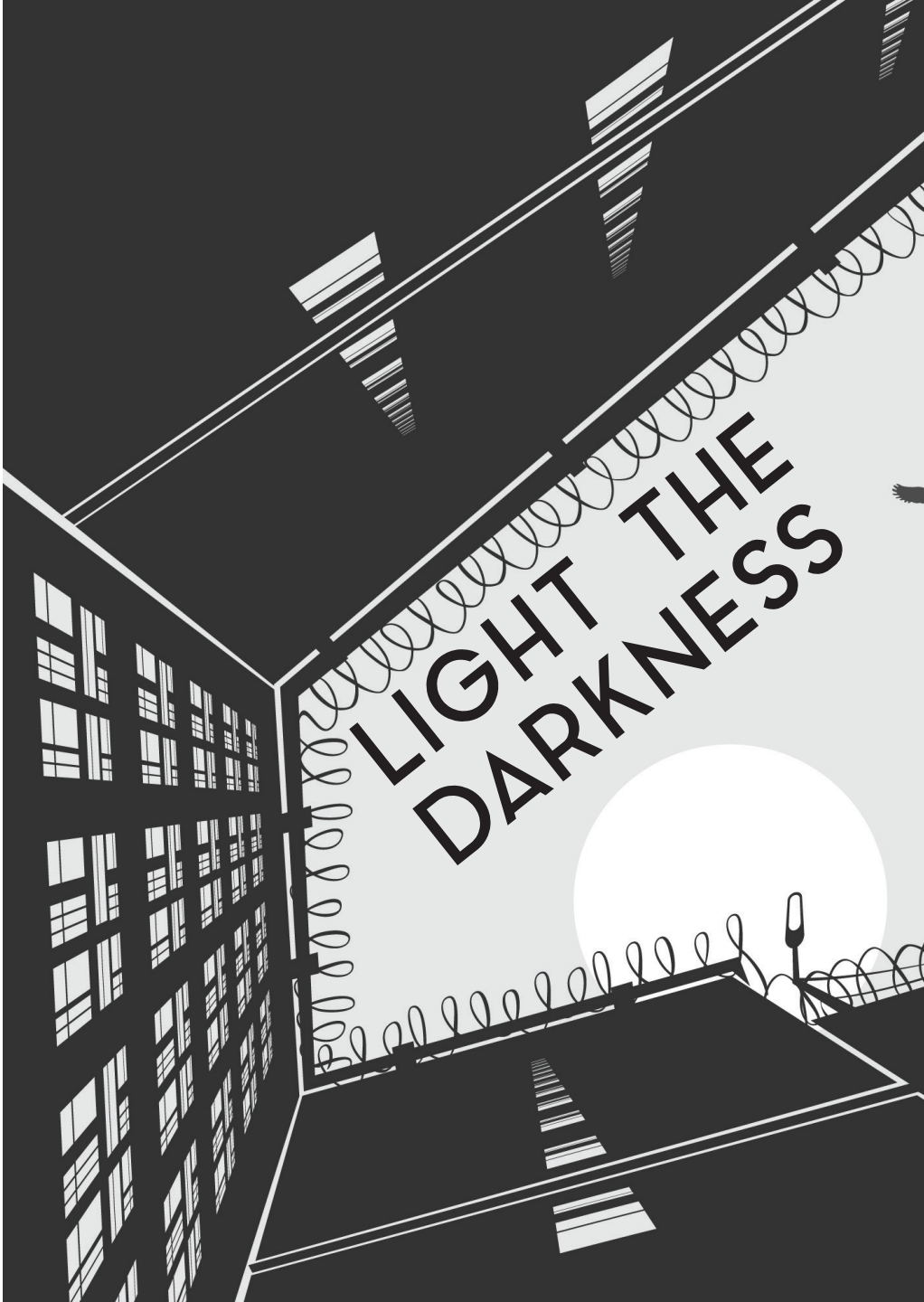
And one more request, dear God. Would you please grant to us a **visible sign** that You have heard our prayers and have already begun to answer them (Isaiah 65:24). After all, You promised us, "In the last days I will pour out My Spirit on all people" (Acts 3:17). Send us that sign as a divine token that the strongholds we go against in the name of Christ are already beginning to crumble.

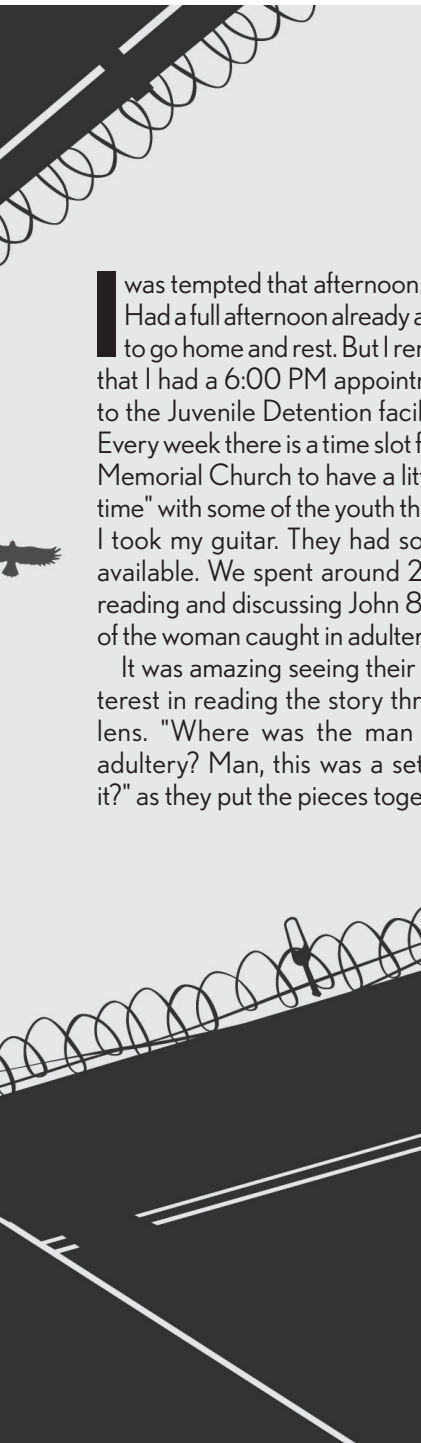
"O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name . . . deliver us . . . for Your name's sake!" (Psalm 79:9) So that one day "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:10-11).

AMEN. ■



THE FOURTH WATCH BLOGS ARE FOUND
ONLINE AT WWW.PMCHURCH.ORG/BLOG





I was tempted that afternoon. I felt tired. Had a full afternoon already and wanted to go home and rest. But I remembered that I had a 6:00 PM appointment to go to the Juvenile Detention facility nearby. Every week there is a time slot for Pioneer Memorial Church to have a little "church time" with some of the youth there. I went. I took my guitar. They had some Bibles available. We spent around 25 minutes reading and discussing John 8—the story of the woman caught in adultery.

It was amazing seeing their joy and interest in reading the story through their lens. "Where was the man caught in adultery? Man, this was a setup, wasn't it?" as they put the pieces together.

And then we sang some songs. I had a few "youth" songbooks I had brought with me. They really sang. They moved. And for a few moments they were just kids; kids with smiles on their faces. They were free.

After we sang one of them said, "You know my grandma told me that one day I'd be a pastor." "Grandmas sometimes see things that we don't see ourselves. Maybe God is calling you," I responded. He said he wanted to talk more about it.

They kept asking if I was coming back next week. They wanted to bring their friends. Honestly, I felt like weeping. I told them I'd be there.

So what about you? Did you know PMC has a weekly ministry to the Juvenile Detention Center right next door? It's a tremendous blessing to be involved, and we're looking to grow the team of leaders and volunteers.

God can use you to make a big difference in the life of a youth. If you're curious or would like more information, call me at 269.471.6154 or write me at rodlie@andrews.edu. I look forward to hearing from you. ■

Rodlie Ortiz is an associate pastor here at Pioneer Memorial Church.

WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot • Spiritual/Robert Frost

Introit

Locus Iste (This Place) • Anton Bruckner/Robert Longfield*

Call to God

Rodlie Ortiz • Isaiah 6:1-4 NIV

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

Hymn of Holiness

Holy, Holy, Holy • 73

Call to Confession

Sabine Vatel • Isaiah 6:4-7 NIV

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.

With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

Prayer of Confession for Strongholds

Call to Arms

José Bourget • 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NIV

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world.

On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

• *Soldiers of Christ Arise* • 616*

• *Whom Shall I Fear* **

In Giving

PMC Operating Expense
Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (Oratorio "Solomon")
George Frideric Handel/H.Fisher

For the Children

Amyah Chatman
I'm in the Lord's Army

Battle Cry!

Andrea Gibbs, Gilbert Wari, & Bruna Barbosa

Homily

YES CAN DO: How to Pray with an Attitude • Dwight K. Nelson

Prayer of the Quadrants

Song of Mission

Sharon Terrell • Isaiah 6:8-9 NIV

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

He said, "Go and tell this people: "Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving."

• *Facing a Task Unfinished* • melody of 348

Benediction

As We Depart

Built on the Rock, the Church Shall Stand • Ludvig Lindeman

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan
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Marc-Charles Belizaire; PIANO: Adriana Perera; CAJON: Matthew Rajarathinam;
BASS GUITAR: Chris Wilson; ACOUSTIC GUITAR: Randall Ulanca
OFFERTORY: RMES Strings, Héctor Flores, director

WE STUDY

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Song Service

Rachel Sauer

Welcome & Prayer

Sinegugu Katenga

Scripture

2 Timothy 1:7

Mission Feature

"Mission Trip to Puerto Rico" • Linda Mosheti

Offertory

Bible Study

Classes • "The Cosmic Controversy"

Theme Song

Make Me a Blessing

Make me a blessing; make me a blessing.
Out of my life may Jesus shine.
Make me a blessing; O Savior, I pray.
Make me a blessing; to someone today.

"Make Me a Blessing," Ira Bishop Wilson

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Benediction

Rachel Sauer

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Gabriel Palacios, piano

MUSIC ALIVE

"THIS PLACE"

What makes a place really, really wonderful? Do you perceive that "this place"—Pioneer—is special in a wonderful way today? Opening introit music, "This Place", is a string orchestra arrangement of a choral work by Anton Bruckner. Regarding the source text, one commentary says, "The text is based on the Biblical story of Jacob's Ladder, Jacob's

saying 'Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not' (Genesis 28:16), and the story of the burning bush where Moses is told 'put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground' (Exodus 3:5). As today we contemplate God's holiness, may the meditative strains of harmonious string-orchestra music buoy our thoughts. ■

SUBMIT bulletin announcements by visiting our form online at www.pmchurch.org/announcements/submit. Requests must be received Monday by 5:00 PM for consideration.

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
World Budget

SUNSET TODAY • 8:15
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 8:23

PIONEER PULPIT

| 04 • 14 |

DAVID KIM

International Student Sabbath

| 04 • 21 |

JIM MICHEFF

Michigan Conference President

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING EXPENSE

"And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'" (Acts 20:35). I am sure you are aware that giving is a form of worship where we show recognition that all we are and all we have belong to God. The Lord has promised a blessing to all who participate in this aspect of worship. Today's offering is for church budget; when we give for that cause we keep our local congregation needs supplied. Every time we come to church and see tangible evidence of the use of this offering our hearts should rejoice.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 6:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

Family Vespers is merging with the Day of Prayer and Fasting.

Meet Our New Conference President

Don't miss our worship celebrations for Sabbath, April 21 (both services), as we welcome James Micheff, the newly elected president of the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. It will be his first introduction to this university and university congregation as president, and it will be a delightful opportunity to assure him of our prayers and support for his leadership. His wife, Gail—who is director for Family Ministries for the Michigan Conference—will join him. "Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their life and imitate their faith" (Hebrews 13:7).

Knitting Hearts Together

APRIL 10 • 7:00 PM
MACCARTY RESIDENCE

Join a ministry that reaches out to those who have lost a closely-related loved one or suffered a serious illness or life change. Hand-created items provide tangible comfort. Contact alicew@andrews.edu or Lyn MacCarty maccarty@sbcglobal.net for more information.

International Sabbath

APRIL 14
PMC SANCTUARY

All are invited to attend a special worship service prepared by the International Students. Our guest speaker will be Elder David Kim of the Nicodemus Society. Come dressed in your Traditional/Culture attire. As you remember, last year we made an appeal on behalf of our international students for a special offering for "international students emergency fund"; and we are extremely thankful for last year's gift. We have been blessed to assist many of our students who had urgent needs (with groceries, eyeglasses, doctor's visits and so on). Mark your tithe envelope—"International student fund." May God bless you richly and provide for you as you minister and care for our neediest. Thank you!

Adventist Forum Meeting

APRIL 14 • 3:30 -5:00 PM
CHAN SHUN HALL

Dr. Sigve Tonstad from Loma Linda University presents "Paul among the Ecologists: Romans in the 21st Century" in the Garber Auditorium of Chan Shun Hall.

**Book Evening
with Sigve Tonstad**

APRIL 14 • 7:00 PM
ANDVIK RESIDENCE

Sigve Tonstad, Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Loma Linda University, will share a little about his books and lead out in an informal open-ended conversation followed by questions at the home of Deby and Alf Andvik, 4709 Lake Pines Ln; Berrien Springs, MI.

Seven Last Words of Christ

APRIL 13 • 7:30 PM
PMC SANCTUARY

A single presentation of "The Seven Last Words of Christ," by Theodore Dubois, will be presented by the Chorale of Andrews Academy. It will feature student soloists, and actors will present various scenes from the crucifixion. Héctor D. Flores will be directing with Dr. Logan on the organ.

International Food Fair

APRIL 15 • 12:00-7:00 PM
JOHNSON GYMNASIUM

This event is one of the highlights of the year for our campus and community. Each year we receive from 8000-10000 people that come to this event. There will be over 20 International Clubs participating as vendors, and the range of variety of food that will be served will be diverse. Purchase your food tickets at the entrance of the Gymnasium. Come and experience the celebration of food from around the world. This event will be held at the Johnson Gymnasium on the campus of Andrews University.

**The Aeolians of
Oakwood University**

APRIL 21 • 8:30 PM
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Originally organized in 1946 by the late Dr. Eva B. Dykes, they are currently directed by Dr. Jason Max Ferdinand, who is in his 10th season. Whether it be sharing in worship during rehearsal, or ministering at church; whether it be competing in a world-class competition, the Aeolians are there to answer the call and to do the will of the Lord. Please come and be blessed by their music and ministry.

Spaghetti Dinner

APRIL 15 • 12:00 PM-3:30 PM
ANDREWS ACADEMY

Andrews Academy Freshmen will be having a Fundraiser! Spaghetti, Breadsticks, Salad, and Juice will be served. Tickets are being sold by any Freshman student of Andrews Academy or at the Andrews Academy Office. Any questions call 269.845.5254.

Paper Crafting Together

APRIL 15 • 11:00 AM-5:00 PM
PMC COMMONS

Bring your scrapbook or card-making projects and enjoy time with friends. We provide chocolate and prizes. You can bring your favorite snack. Looking forward to seeing you there. Questions, sherrie.davis@lakeunion.org.

Gorgeous 2 God

APRIL 28 • 4:00 PM
PMC EARLITEEN LOFT

Erica Jones, the assistant director for NAD Women's Ministries, is presenting Gorgeous 2 God: A Conversation for Young Ladies aged 13 years old and up. Spread the news to your daughters, nieces, and granddaughters! We will enjoy a social afterward! For additional info, call 917.435.5687.

Adventist Retirees Monthly Meeting

APRIL 8 • 1:00 PM
VILLAGE CHURCH

The program will be about Reformation Review—the Light Unshackled Project presented by the Hosford family. Come enjoy the program and fellowship of a potluck meal. Persons 55 and over are eligible to join our group as members. For info contact Ken and Sharon Straw, 470.0790 or 325.4663

Empowered to Connect

APRIL 13-14 • 10:00 AM
PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH

God's Hands 4 Kids will be hosting the two-day Simulcast Empowered to Connect to provide tools to aid in healing the effects of traumas in the lives of kids. The public is invited. You are invited as well. You are also invited to provide a pot of soup or a dessert for lunch on Friday or muffins, etc., for snacks for Friday or Sabbath. Childcare help is needed for both days. To contact us with your willingness to help or for more info and also to register, go to www.gh4k.org.

Day of Hope and Compassion

APRIL 21-22

Hundreds of thousands of Adventists in North America will engage their neighbors and surrounding communities showing the love of God and the compassion of Jesus in practical ways. Adventist Churches, Elementary Schools, Academies, Colleges, Universities and Hospitals across our territory will proclaim, not only with words, but with actions that we are the people of hope and compassion. This cannot happen without your participation. Join us in celebrating the Day of Hope and Compassion. For more information, please visit www.compassionmovement.org. The social media hashtags for the Day of Hope and Compassion are #dayofhope #compassion.

Where's the Directory

The 2018 directory is still being worked on very hard by the committee to ensure accuracy when submitted to Lifetouch. We're hoping to have it submitted by the end of April. —PMC Directory Committee

The Power of Natural Remedies & Hydrotherapy

MAY 7-11

SEMINARY BUILDING

The Power of Natural Remedies and Hydrotherapy Workshop is a one-week workshop that provides over 30 hours of cutting-edge, evidence-based science with the Seventh-day Adventist lifestyle message. Hydrotherapy hands-on labs show practical hot/cold treatments and massage. GSEM 648 Natural Remedies & Hydrotherapy-2 Credits. The class is open to Health Professionals and Community Participants for \$350. Attending spouse receives a 50% discount. For more information and to register: 269.471.3541, chis@andrews.edu or www.andrews.edu/go/nrhw.

We Mourn

Today, we mourn with the Carpenter family on the death of, Billie (Gardner-Riemann) Carpenter who passed away in Charlotte, Michigan. The memorial service will be on Sabbath, April 7, at 3:00 PM at the Charlotte Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1516 S. Cochran Road, Charlotte, MI 48813.

Today, we also mourn with the Stanhiser family on the death of Eleanor Stanhiser who passed away on March 27. The memorial service was held on March 30. With the Stanhiser family we look forward to the resurrection morning. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

Requesting Book Donations

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Integritas Adventist Academy a bilingual school in Romania needs, NKJV Bibles, Hymnals, EG White books, biographies and true stories (Hiding Place, God's Smuggler, I Will Die Free, etc.) DIY books (construction, design, beekeeping, agriculture, gardening, etc.), computer proficiency (MS Office training, accounting, typing, video editing, photography, etc.), animal stories, science books, atlases that are current, materials for learning a foreign language. Please limit donations to books that pass the Philippians 4:8 test. If you can afford to ship the books yourself here is the address: Integritas Adventist Academy, Str. Dezrobirii nr. 63, Tragu Mures, jud. Mures, 540243, Romania. Otherwise please contact me: Vivien Oxley, 269.930.0113 or vivienoxley@gmail.com.

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Learn more:

<http://compassionmovement.org/day-of-hope-and-compassion>

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