The Chesapeake Currents
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**Congratulations are extended to** Elvis and Carolyne Mogoi on their recent marriage. Pastor Mogoi co-pastors the West Wilmington (Del.) church with Pastor Keith Acker. Elvis Mogoi and Carolyne Nyaboke wed in Kenya on April 10. On Sunday, July 24, the West Wilmington congregation held a reception to honor the couple and formally welcome Mrs. Mogoi into their church family.

**Dr. Gary Fraser, principal investigator of the Adventist Health Study 2,** will share the status and results of this exciting and relevant study this Sabbath, July 30, at Spencerville church, 16325 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. Dr. Fraser, renowned international physician, professor and author, will present a complete update and outline emerging trends. He will speak during Sabbath School at 9:50 a.m., followed by a worship service at 11:15 led by senior pastor and speaker Jerry Lutz. Attendees are invited to stay for a potluck luncheon followed by an afternoon meeting at 2:30 p.m. The afternoon meeting features a panel discussion led by Adventist health experts and concludes with a question and answer session. For details, contact the church at (301) 384-2920, or email office@spencervillesda.org.

**Spencerville Adventist Academy** celebrates the grand opening of the new campus this Sunday, July 31, at 4 p.m. with a dedication, ribbon cutting, and tour. Come and join the Spencerville church and school community in this opportunity to thank and praise God for His marvelous leading in this monumental project. The school is located at 2502 Spencerville Road in Silver Spring, Maryland. This state-of-the-art facility will serve more than 300 students from pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade. See photos at www.spencervillesda.org.

The **Providence, Rising Sun and Blythedale churches** are hosting a series of evangelistic meetings beginning August 4 and running through September 3. The first meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at Cecil College, One Seahawk Drive, in North East, Maryland. Tyler Long, senior evangelist for Amazing Facts, is the featured speaker for the series. Programming for children runs concurrently. Please support this endeavor by praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the participants. For more details or to volunteer to help, contact Pastor David Byrkit by phone at (410) 920-5981, or email dbyrkit@gmail.com.

**Eastern Shore congregations** are invited to participate in an afternoon of ministries development sponsored by Chesapeake Conference on Sabbath, August 13, at the Dover church located at 647 Wyoming Avenue in Dover, Delaware. A brief opening session on the topic of “Biblical Essentials for Effectively Working Together in the Church” begins at 3:00 p.m., followed by one-hour breakout sessions. Participants may choose from “Fit to Share,” a health ministries workshop; Sabbath School “Toolbox;” “Characteristics of a Strong Family;” and “GLOW,” a class on how to engage church members in outreach. Spanish translation for seminars will be provided.

The **Chesapeake Chapter of Adventist Single Adult Ministries** has planned two upcoming events:
~ a corn roast on Sunday, August 14, at noon, hosted by Shirley and Howard Bankes at their home. RSVP to Shirley Bankes at (410) 531-3192, or to Fred Thomas by phone at (410) 992-9731, or by emailing fmthomas1950@yahoo.com.
~ the Annual Fall Retreat at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland, takes place October 7-9. Christian family counselors, Kim Logan Nowlin, PhD, LPC, BCPC, and Arthur E. Nowlin, LMSW, CAADC, will cover topics of interest to single adults including those contemplating marriage. For more information and to register, visit www.asamchesapeake.com, or contact Fred Thomas by email at fmthomas1950@yahoo.com, by phone at (410) 992-9731; or call Howard Bankes at (410) 531-3192.

**August 15 marks the first day of school for the 2011-2012 school year at Chesapeake Conference schools.** All schools are currently accepting new students. For school contact information call the conference office at (410) 995-1910 or (301) 596-5600. A warm welcome is offered to the following new faculty:

- Aholton Adventist School
  - Chad Moffit, K-10 Physical Education
  - Amy Ward, PreK/Kindergarten
- Highland View Academy
  - Richard Hadley, Bible/Chaplain
  - Winona Hudson, Vice Principal
- Crest Lane Adventist School
  - Marisa Harrison, Dean of Girls
- Wilmington Junior Academy
  - Nadine Murtaugh, Grades 1-4
Sabbath, August 27, has been designated Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day by the North American Division. Churches are invited to focus on this year’s theme “Loved and Empowered” on August 27, or another Sabbath that fits into the church schedule. According to a survey of Adventist church members in North America that was published in Adventist Review (October 11, 2007), a large number of Adventists have suffered some kind of abuse. Resources including a sermon in English, Spanish and French, and a PowerPoint presentation are available for download at www.nadwm.org.

Youth and Children’s Ministry leaders are encouraged to participate in a weekend of training covering topics such as Pathfinder and Adventurer leadership, how to plan engaging activities, children’s Sabbath School, storytelling and using illustrations, outreach, resources and creative ministry ideas. Randy Fishell, editor of Guide and Real magazines, is the featured general session speaker. The event takes place September 9-11 at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. New leaders and directors, especially, will benefit from this smorgasbord of workshops. For more information and to register, contact Ann Reynolds at (410) 995-1910, or email areynolds@ccosda.org.

The Adventist Community Services/Disaster Response (ACS/DR) annual meeting is planned for Sunday, September 11, at 10:00 a.m., at the Chesapeake Conference office, located at 6600 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland. This meeting is for anyone involved in community service or disaster response, as well as pastors. Participants will hear inspiring reports from ACS leaders and the Chesapeake Disaster Response team. Lunch is provided. To register, contact Evelyn Gates at (410) 995-1910, or email egates@ccosda.org by September 6.

The 6th Annual Maryland Men of Faith Conference, themed “Who Shall I Send?” is planned for Sabbath, October 1, at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. Frederick Russell, president of the Allegheny West Conference, is the worship speaker. Seminar topics include Bible-based parenting, prophecy, how to have an affair-proof marriage, ethics, and topics of interest to youth. The all-day event begins at 8:30 a.m. Find more information and register (by September 21 for a reduced fee) online at www.mmof.org.

Festival of the Laity, sponsored by the North American Division, is planned for September 7-10, in Dallas, Texas. The event offers powerful preaching, personal testimonies, networking opportunities and ministry enhancement training for anyone involved in church life. Featured general session speakers include Mark Finley, Sung Kwon, Carol Barron, José Rojas, James Black, Sr., Frank Bondurant, Carlton Byrd, Dan Jackson, and Ted Wilson. Register by August 4 for a discounted rate. For information, visit www.festivalofthelaity.com, or call Carol Barron at (301) 680-6430.

Parents are invited to attend "It Starts at Home—Helping parents begin the conversation about sex” sponsored by New Hope church, Friday, September 23, 7:00-9:00 p.m., and Sabbath, September 24, 1:30-7:00 p.m. Jan Preston, PhD, is a nurse educator, midwife, and health and family life lecturer. Dr. Preston, chair of the Department of Nursing at Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, is a pastor’s wife and popular international speaker on the topics of physical, emotional and spiritual health. She will explore the biblical foundation of sexuality, why sex education should begin in the home, and teach strategies to help parents feel comfortable talking to their children about sex. Childcare will be provided. To register, call the church at (301) 854-1870, or email office@lookingforachurch.org. Register by September 20 for the discounted rate of $40/couple or $25/person. New Hope church is located at 12350 Hall Shop Rd, Fulton, Maryland.

Women, pack a beach bag and plan to attend the 2011 Chesapeake Conference Women’s Retreat, October 14-16, at the Carousel Resort in Ocean City, Maryland. “Designer of Our Lives” is the theme for this first conference-wide English/Spanish retreat. A special track for young women age 15 and up is a new feature. Elizabeth Talbot, associate speaker for Voice of Prophecy is the keynote speaker, and Angela Bryant-Brown is the guest vocalist. If there is enough interest, transportation by motor coach may be arranged. For details and to register, visit the conference website at www.ccosda.org, or phone Jenn Stephan at (410) 995-1910. Register by September 11 to receive the early-bird rate.

August Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:

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