Appreciation and congratulations are extended to Highland View Academy (HVA) science teacher Ophelia Barizo. She recently accepted a $5,000 grant from Younger Toyota in Hagerstown, Maryland, to be used toward renovation of the HVA science lab. Last spring, Barizo was one of 27 educators nationwide selected to receive the 2013-14 Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship. Beginning September 1, she will serve for 11 months at the National Science Foundation Directorate for Engineering Emerging Frontiers in the Research Innovation Division.

The Northeast church located at 1201 Taylor Avenue in Parkville, Maryland, is buzzing with activity. For more information, contact Pastor Sedley Johnson by email at sedeuljon@yahoo.com, or call (443) 799-2400.
~ On Sabbath, July 13, the Northeast congregation will worship with the Dundalk congregation at 6740 Holabird Avenue in Dundalk, Maryland. Following the fellowship luncheon, Pastor and Mrs. Roosevelt Marsden will lead a panel discussion on the topic of “Immorality and the Seventh-day Adventist Church.” An evening social is planned for youth.
~ A Health Expo at the Northeast church is planned for Sunday, July 14, from 1-5 p.m.
~ Pastor Earl Esdaile comes from Andrews University to present the Amazing Love Bible Series, July 27-August 24, evenings (except Mondays and Thursdays) at 7 p.m. at the Northeast church. Inspiring preaching, beautiful music and a Vacation Bible School program for kids round out the program. Come and be blessed.

A Youth Rally sponsored by the Martinsburg church’s Come Alive Ministries is planned for Sunday, July 14, at 5 p.m. This free event takes place at Musselman High School, 126 Excellence Way, Inwood, West Virginia. Featured presenters include Christian comedian Nazareth, and a science show by Ben Roy (check them out on Facebook). Contact Pastor Steve Finney by phone at (304) 261-4629, or email youthpastorsteve@yahoo.com for more details.

Review and Herald Homecoming, July 20, at 55 West Oak Ridge Drive in Hagerstown, Maryland—Join current and former employees for a Sabbath-day event celebrating 30 years since the move to Hagerstown. Services begin at 10 a.m., followed by an afternoon program of praise for God’s leading. General Conference representatives Ted Wilson, president; Delbert Baker, vice president; and Jim Nix, director of the Ellen G. White Estate, are guests. Lunch is provided. Please RSVP to 30@rhpa.org, or (301) 393-4015. For more information, visit the Review and Herald website: ReviewandHerald.com/30. All are welcome.

A Corn Roast for single adults takes place Sabbath, July 20, at 1 p.m., at the Chesapeake Conference office located at 6600 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland. To learn more, call Fred Thomas at (410) 992-9731, or email fmthomas1950@yahoo.com.

The Health Ministries department, in conjunction with the Florida Hospital CREATION Health Project, offers a training event August 17-18, at the Chesapeake Conference office located at 6600 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland. Health ministries leaders—and anyone wanting to use health as an “entering wedge” for the Gospel—will gain the knowledge and techniques for sharing the health message in a scientific and socially acceptable context. Participants will earn a certificate, too. The $50 fee covers materials and Sunday lunch. Group discounts apply. Registration is required. Contact Inskip Allsop, Health Ministries director, at (301) 675-4781 for more details.

A Wilderness First Aid class will be held Sunday and Monday (Labor Day), September 1-2, at Mount Aetna Camp and Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. This class is taught by the Center for Wilderness Safety, and registration is online at wildsafe.org. Participants must be at least 14 years of age and hold current certification in Adult CPR/AED. The Course fee is $175. For more information, call Mount Aetna Camp and Retreat Center at (301) 824-6045. Special arrangements have been made to offer this class on a Sunday and Monday.

Festival of the Laity FREE Virtual Conference—Get equipped for effective ministry with no registration, travel, or hotel expenses! The North American Division Adult Ministries Department is offering FREE online training for Sabbath School, Personal Ministries, and Prison Ministries leaders through the Virtual Festival of the Laity, September 11-14. Attend from the comfort of your home, church, or office—all you need is a computer with Internet access. All of your church’s leaders can benefit these live broadcasts presented by globally respected facilitators. Visit festivalofthelaity.com to view presenter information and register for the event, or call (301) 680-6430 for more details.

Music Opportunities:
~ Want to perform at the 2015 General Conference Session, July 2-11, in San Antonio, Texas? The North American Division Music Committee is accepting applications (through December 2013) from musicians/groups desiring to perform at the 2015 General Conference Session. Download an application at www.gcsession.org. Click the “Music Application Packet” tab, and follow directions.
~ Enter the Forever Faithful International Camporee theme song contest. View contest rules and download forms at the Center for Youth Evangelism website: cye.org. Enter keyword “contest” in the search box. The contest deadline is September 1, 2013.

Highland View Academy is looking for a used etching press for the art department. For specifics, contact Julie Recker at (301) 739-8480, or email jrecker@highlandviewacademy.com.
**Education Update:** The new school year begins on August 19. With it come changes and transitions. The Chesapeake Conference operates 14 schools including two senior academies and two junior academies. To locate a school, visit the ccosda.org or call (410) 995-1910.

~ Eastern Shore Junior Academy (ESJA) in Sudlersville, Maryland, closed in May, and as a result two new schools on the eastern shore open this fall: Chester River Adventist School in Chestertown, and Gateway Christian Academy in Salisbury (reopening). Two ESJA teachers move to the new schools—Diana Bailey to Chester River, and Jennifer Miller to Gateway. The third ESJA teacher, Russell Bantin, accepted a call to Minnesota. Martin Barr Adventist School in Gambrills, Maryland, closed in May due to low enrollment. A hearty welcome is extended to the following full-time faculty who are joining or transitioning within the Chesapeake Education Team:

- Atholton Adventist Academy, Columbia, Md.
- Lisa Dewitt—7th grade homeroom
- Anita Minty—1st grade (two 1st grade classrooms due to high enrollment)
- Frederick Adventist School, Frederick, Md.
- Sean Henline—principal, 7th-8th grade homeroom
- John Ward—9th-10th grade homeroom
- Rebecca Wetherell, 5th-6th grade homeroom
- Highland View Academy, Hagerstown, Md.
- Jacqueline Gonzalez, head teacher, grades 5-8
- Rebecca French, head teacher, grades K-4
- Joseph Choi, Music
- Rocky Knoll School, Martinsburg, W.Va.
- Don Perkins, business manager
- Linda Stewart, 5th-6th grade homeroom

**Pastoral Transitions:**

~ Kandace Zollman, former principal of Mount Aetna Adventist Elementary School in Hagerstown, Maryland, moves into a new role as associate pastor at the Williamsport (Md.) church, forming a pastoral team with her husband, senior pastor Franke Zollman.

~ This month, Chesapeake Conference welcomes Mike Speegle, new senior pastor at the New Hope church in Fulton, Maryland. Elder Speegle comes from Journey Kelso-Longview church in Kelso, Washington. His wife Lorie is a materials management support specialist for Adventist Health. Their son Aaron is a radiology technician working for Florida Hospital in Orlando, and son Benjamin is a recent graduate of Pacific Union College and is pursuing a career in missions. A warm welcome is extended to the Speegle family. With sincere gratitude and good wishes, the conference bids farewell to Gary Patterson and his wife Rae. Elder Patterson, retired General Conference field secretary, has served as interim senior pastor following the retirement of J. David Newman a year ago.

~ Ray Valenzuela, youth pastor at the Baltimore Korean church, heads to the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, where he will continue his pastoral training. He and his wife Alyssa, a teacher at Crest Lane School in Westminster (Md.) will be missed.

~ Andre Hastick fills the vacancy left by Josh Voigt in the Reisterstown/South Carroll district. Pastor Hastick leaves the Aberdeen/Wilna district where he was associate pastor. Hastick’s wife, Heather, continues as teacher at Baltimore White Marsh Adventist School.

**Deep sympathy is extended to:**

~ the family and friends of George Messenger, who died June 19 at age 86. He was father-in-law to conference education superintendent Jacqueline Messenger, and with his wife, Catherine, was a member of the Westminster (Md.) church. He leaves behind many family members in the area, including the Marcellino, Messenger and Thompson families of the New Hope and Spencerville churches in central Maryland. Please remember these families and congregations in prayer during this sad time.

~ those who mourn the loss of Joe Melashenko, 91, who died June 21 in Paradise, California. In the 1940’s Elder Melashenko sang bass with the King’s Herald’s Quartet on the Voice of Prophecy radio broadcast. He was a singing evangelist, frequently partnering with his wife Anne, and five sons—Lonnie, Joedy, Dallas, Eugene and Rudy—to bring sermons-in-song throughout the western hemisphere. In 1963, Elder Melashenko accepted a call to serve as pastor of the Hagerstown/Pondsville/Smithsburg district in western Maryland. He loved his family and he loved his church. To read more, visit lonniemelashenko.com. A memorial service is planned for Sunday, July 21, at 4 p.m., at the Paradise Seventh-day Adventist Church (5720 Academy Drive, Paradise, California) where he was a member. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to The Voice of Prophecy or Quiet Hour Ministries.

**July Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:**

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