March 2014  Please forward this newsletter and/or print out copies for your local church bulletin board and for distribution.

There is so much to share that this issue extends beyond the usual two pages.

Congratulations and good wishes are offered to:
~ Patrick and Jane Morrison, who will retire April 1 and settle near family in Zephyr Hills, Florida. "Pastor Mo," an affectionate title that has followed him for much of his 42 years in ministry, accepted a call to be associate pastor at Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Maryland, in 2008. He and Jane, his wife, spent most of their careers in campus ministry, having worked at Sheyenne River Academy in North Dakota, and at Andrews University in Michigan before moving to the Atlantic Union College church in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. The couple has a true heart for young people—their home (and refrigerator!) was always open to students, and they have led Beginners Sabbath School classes with creativity and warmth. It is with sincere thanks and a touch of sadness we bid them farewell.
~ Atholton Faith Blazers, Hagerstown Explorers, and Triadelphia Sparks Pathfinder clubs, who, after an intense, nail-biting conference-wide Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) on February 15, emerged as the top clubs to represent Chesapeake Conference at the Columbia Union PBE in Ohio this month—joining an elite group of clubs who scored at least 90 percent in their conference competition. The highest scoring clubs at the union event will move on to the NAD-level. Kudos goes to the young people and leaders of the 17 clubs who participated in this challenging test of knowledge of the book 2nd Samuel.
~ Joseph Choi, Highland View Academy music director, who has been selected to conduct the choir and orchestra at the “Forever Faithful” International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, August 11-16.

Malcolm E. Hutchinson, Ed.D, has accepted the invitation to be principal of Highland View Academy. Since 2008, he has been principal of Potomac Conference's K-12 Richmond Academy in Richmond, Virginia. “I consider serving HVA a God-given opportunity,” says Hutchinson. He has a solid background in boarding academy settings having been an administrator at Pine Tree Academy in Maine, Blue Mountain Academy in Pennsylvania, and Bakersfield Adventist Academy in California. “We're excited to have Dr. Hutchinson join us at Highland View Academy,” said conference president Rick Remmers. “His experience combined with his energy and passion for Adventist education will be a great asset in advancing HVA’s mission to provide a Christ-centered program of academic excellence. Hutchinson and his wife, Gaye, will transition from Richmond this summer. Interim principal Leroy Snider will continue to provide leadership for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year.

Upcoming concerts:
~ A sacred concert featuring Rose Eide-Altman with the Encore Singers and Instrumentalists takes place Sabbath, March 1, at 4 p.m., at the Atholton church located at 6520 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland. Call (410) 740-5030 for more information.
~ Hagerstown church hosts “Sundown Serenade” concerts each Sabbath this month at the church located at 11507 Robinwood Drive in Hagerstown, Maryland. For more information, email office@hagerstownadventist.org, or call (301) 733-4411.
  • March 8, 6 p.m., Larry Blackmer shares his nature photos along with meditative music.
  • March 15, 6 p.m., The Bostrum Family provides praise music featuring piano, guitar and vocals.
  • March 22, 6:30 p.m., Wind n' Wire brings music on mandolin, mountain dulcimer, fiddle, banjo and bass.
  • March 29, 6:30 p.m., Christian Storytelling Café drama group presents “Faces Around the Cross II.”
~ Highland View Academy presents concerts at the following area churches:
  • Friday, March 7, 7:30 p.m., at Baltimore First church, 3291 Saint Johns Lane in Ellicott City, Maryland
  • Sabbath, March 8, 11 a.m., at Atholton church, 6520 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland
  • Sabbath, April 5, 6 p.m., at Triadelphia church, 12950 Brighton Dam Road in Clarksville, Maryland

Spencerville Adventist Academy presents their 15th musical production, “Fiddler on the Roof, April 16-20, in the school auditorium. Tickets are $10, $15 and $20, and include a dessert intermission. Performances are Wednesday, April 16, at 1:00 p.m. (senior citizen and visiting school tickets are $7 for this performance), Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 19, at 8:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 20, at 4 p.m. The academy is located at 2502 Spencerville Road, Spencerville, Maryland. Purchase tickets online at spaac.net/tickets/. Questions? Call (240) 883-3538, or email Jane Lanning at jlanning@spencerville.org

Highland View Academy (HVA) extends an invitation to the following on campus events: HVA is located at 10100 Academy Drive in Hagerstown, Maryland. For more details about these events, email kbrown@highlandviewacademy.com, or call (301) 739-8480.
~ The Class of 2014 presents the melodrama, “Trouble Across the Pond,” Saturday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. Ticket will be sold at the door. Prices are $10/single, $18/couple, and $30 for a family of four.
~ The 2nd Annual HVA Spelling Bee has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. Students in grades 4-12 representing conference schools will compete in three categories. Spectator admission prices are $2 and $3; free admission for children 8 and under. To register, contact Lori Zerne at ljerne@highlandviewacademy.com.
~ A conference-wide Music Festival featuring choir and bells for students in grades 7-8 is planned for March 14-15.
~ A work bee takes place, Sunday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers of all skill levels are needed for cleaning, light repairs, painting and landscaping. Take a few hours to help make the HVA campus shine.
Single adults take note: Visit asamchesapeake.com, or contact Fred Thomas by email at ftthomas1950@yahoo.com, or by phone at (410) 992-9731 for more information and to register for the retreat.

~ Chesapeake Adventist Single Adult Ministries, hosts a Film Night, Saturday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m., at the Chesapeake Conference office, 6600 Martin Road, Columbia, Maryland. Pizza and a beverage are provided.

~ A spring retreat at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland, is planned for the weekend of April 11-13. Come hear keynote speaker Lorraine Edwards’ inspiring presentations and make some new friends in a peaceful, woodland setting.

Join the Northeast congregation on Sabbath, March 29, for a Youth Day themed “Giving of our Hands.” Hugh Rowe, author of Joseph's Memoirs—Life Lessons for a Successful You, shares his testimony at 3 p.m. The congregation meets in the St. Andrews Lutheran church located at 1201 Taylor Avenue, Parkville, Maryland. Questions? Email shedana_t@hotmail.com, or call Sedley Johnson at (443) 799-2400.

Learn how to prepare for disasters and respond with Adventist Community Services. Chesapeake Conference sponsors training, Sabbath, March 29, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, March 30, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the conference office located at 6600 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland. Everyone with an interest in helping victims of disaster is welcome. Experts will demonstrate how to set up collection and distribution centers that provide emergency goods. Those who complete the training will receive an Adventist Community Services-Disaster Response (ACS-DR) identification card and certification. The cost is $37 for the weekend. See the full schedule and register online at acsdr.org, or contact Disaster Response coordinator Kitty Juneau by email at cjuneau@hotmail.com, or phone (301) 367-2715.

Youth Ministries Upcoming Events:
For more information about these events, contact Ann Reynolds by email at areynolds@ccosda.org, or call (410) 995-1910.

~ Join the fun watching Pathfinders blow on the sails to move their handmade crafts to the finish line at the Pathfinder Rain Gutter Regatta planned for Sunday, March 2, beginning at 9 a.m., at the Baltimore First church located at 3291 Saint Johns Lane in Ellicott City, Maryland. This new event features up to 20 boats competing in each timed race.

~ Baraka Muganda, vice president for Ministry at Washington Adventist University, is the worship speaker for Youth Leaders Enrichment Day, Sabbath, March 8, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Baltimore White Marsh church located at 7427 Rossville Blvd. in Baltimore. Seven training tracks will be offered: Children’s Ministries, Adventure Basic, Pathfinder Basic, PLA, Youth, TLT, and Master Guide. No registration required for this free event. Participants are invited to bring an entrée to share for the potluck luncheon.

A Pre-Retirement Seminar for employees (age 55+) of Chesapeake and Potomac Conferences, Washington Adventist University and the Columbia Union Conference, is planned for Wednesday, April 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Columbia Union Conference, 5427 Twin Knolls Road in Columbia, Maryland. Del Johnson, NAD Retirement Plan Administrator, presents. Lunch is provided. Pastors, teachers, departmental workers—anyone employed by these organizations—may benefit from this informative session. RSVP by March 17 to Jennifer Stefan by email at jstefan@ccosda.org, or call (410) 995-1910.

You could save a life! Register now to attend the End it Now Summit on Abuse, hosted by the North American Division/General Conference, May 1-4, at 12501 Old Columbia Pike in Silver Spring, Maryland. This event is for laypersons, pastors, teachers and church and school administrators who want to help prevent the abuse of any person and who will be a support and resource for a victim of abuse. A wide variety of experts—from Health and Family Ministries and social work, insurance providers and legal, as well as violence intervention—will offer valuable insights and training. Attend all sessions for $149, or just on Sabbath for $40. Register by April 24 online at AdventSource.org (select Event Registration tab), or call (800) 732-7587. View the schedule at nadwm.org.

Just for Women: For more information, contact Samantha Young or Jennifer Stefan at jstefan@ccosda.org or call (410) 995-1910.

~ Plan now to join more than 2,000 Christian women at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in sunny Orlando, Florida, at the division-wide “Free Indeed” Women’s Convention, September 25-28. Sponsored by North American Division Women’s Ministries, this inspirational meeting (with presentations in English, Spanish and French) takes place only once every five years. Chesapeake Conference would like many women to attend and get together as a group during the convention. The event features outstanding presenters and music, a large-scale service project, and opportunities for fellowship and recreation in a luxurious setting at a reasonable price. It’s a win-win! Learn more and register online at nadwm.org.

~ In an effort to help women afford to attend the NAD Women’s Convention in Orlando, this year the conference will host a special Women’s Sabbath, October 17-18, at Spencerville Adventist Academy instead of a weekend retreat at a hotel (No worries, a full weekend in Ocean City is planned for 2015). Save the date stay tuned for more details about this special Friday evening and Sabbath of music, seminars, and the messages of Raquel Arrias, associate Women’s Ministries director the world Seventh-day Adventist church—all for $49.

Good things are happening at Washington Adventist University (WAU)! Provost Cheryl Kisunzu, reports that the university was recently approved for full accreditation through 2023. New certificate programs are being offered in Homeland Security, Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response, as well as in Cyber Security. Visit wau.edu, or call (301) 891-4128, to schedule a campus tour.

The Gathering, Chesapeake Conference’s annual camp meeting, takes place June 17-21 at Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Maryland. Under the theme “By Grace Alone” featured weekend speaker Karl Haffner—senior pastor of the Kettering, Ohio, church—and weeknight speaker Bill Knott, editor/publisher of Adventist Review and Adventist World magazines, will bring spiritually uplifting messages of hope and truth. Register for lodging online at ccosda.org, or use the form printed in the March issue of Visitor magazine.
Plans are underway to plant a new church in Laurel, Maryland. The conference has hired Pastor Steve Leddy, a seasoned church planter who has started churches in Washington, Nebraska and Kansas, to lead this new mission project. Right now, he is working to build the initial core church team. If you have an interest in learning more about this new church plant, or know someone who may be excited about getting involved in this endeavor, contact Pastor Leddy at (206) 391-3383, or email pastorsteveleddy@gmail.com.

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of Aaron Bradley Daugharthy, MD, who died February 18 at the age of 100 years old. Dr. Daugharthy had a rich history in Chesapeake Conference participating in mission trips and serving as medical director for the conference from 1948-1959. He practiced medicine in the Baltimore area for 63 years before retiring in 1999. He attended the Baltimore First church in earlier years and most recently was a member of the Triadelphia church in Clarksville, Maryland. Please remember his wife, Jean, and the Triadelphia church family in prayer during this sad time.

Notice someone who is missing from church? That person may be waiting for a call. Not sure what to say? Learn from Ed Williams, who took a break from church for more than 30 years, how to reconnect with missing members. He is available to speak at churches, or present a seminar or Sabbath school feature. And don't forget Sabbath, April 5—the conference Reconnect to Worship Day. Invite missing members to come for a memorable worship experience that is tailored to help them comfortably reenter church life. Some congregations may prefer an alternative date—that's fine! Special events such as Easter, baby dedications, and baptisms are all excellent occasions to reach out to missing members. For more information, contact Ed Williams at (301) 252-4898, or email ceddwilliams@aol.com.

Looking for an easy way to witness? “Surprised by Love” is a 10-part DVD Bible Study series by Pastor Elizabeth Talbot based on her book by the same title. In this series, women will meet Jesus in a more intimate way than ever before as they learn what the Bible reveals—from Genesis to Revelation—about His amazing role as our Go’el (Kinsman-Redeemer). Purchase the series at a local Adventist Book Center, or order it online at AdventistBookCenter.com. View a 3-minute video at the NAD Women’s Ministries website: nadwm.org.

Hell and Mr. Fudge, a new movie that centers on the truth about hell and a loving God, is now available on DVD. Through the years, misunderstandings about the subject of hell have caused many to reject God. Those who have not grown up with the concept of an ever-burning hell often do not realize how paralyzing this belief can be. Based on the story of Dr. Edward Fudge who wrote the book, The Fire That Consumes, this movie addresses the subject of hell in a disarming manner. It may be used in Bible studies and small group discussions as well as in church meetings and public evangelism. The DVD is available for purchase at local Adventist Book Centers.

March Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule

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