Congratulations are extended to:
~ happy parents Josh and Celeste Voigt on the birth of their third child, Anna Matilda. She was born on May 1—after a long wait—weighing 9 pounds, 3 ounces, and measuring 21.5 inches. Elder Voigt is pastor at the Catoctin View and Middletown Valley churches in the western region of the conference. Baby Anna joins big brothers Nathan, age 3, and Jack, age 18 months.
~ Rick and Jennifer Christman, who are praising God for their new daughter Carissa, born April 17, weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces. The couple also has a 3-year-old daughter, Charity. Rick Christman serves as Publishing director for Chesapeake Conference. The family attends the Hagerstown church in western Maryland.
~ Terry Forde who was recently named president and CEO of Adventist HealthCare. Forde, a member of the Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Maryland, has been Adventist HealthCare’s executive vice president and chief operating officer since 2011. Shady Grove Adventist Hospital and Washington Adventist Hospital are among several healthcare facilities operated by Adventist HealthCare.
~ Crossroads Adventist Preparatory School in Ellicott City, Maryland. The school was one of 65 Howard County schools to receive the Certified Healthy Schools award from the Howard County Health Department for displaying extraordinary commitment in the areas of nutrition and physical activity. Distinguished county leaders honored the winning schools at an awards dinner on April 29.

**Israeli-American cellist Amit Peled performs in concert** at the Spencerville church, Sabbath, May 3, at 6 p.m. Also performing are students from his cello studio at the Peabody Conservatory, and pianist Hui Chuan Chen. Admission is free. The church is located at 16325 New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland. For more information, call the church at (301) 384-2920.

**Washington Adventist University’s Graduation** weekend begins with a Consecration service Friday, May 2, at 8 p.m., at the Sligo church located on campus at 7700 Carroll Avenue in Takoma Park, Maryland. The Baccalaureate service takes place Sabbath, May 3, at 11:15 a.m., also at the Sligo church. The Commencement ceremony is on Sunday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to noon, at The Show Place Arena, 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Tickets are required for the Sunday commencement. For more information, visit the school’s website at wau.edu/registrar/graduation, or call (301) 384-9400.

**Highland View Academy Upcoming Events:** HVA is located at 10100 Academy Drive in Hagerstown, Maryland. For more details about these events, visit hva-edu.com, email kbrown@highlandviewacademy.com, or call (301) 739-8480.

~ Alumni weekend—May 2-4—is packed with exciting and uplifting features:
  ~ May 2, Friday: “God’s Hands” drama presentation, 7:30 p.m., Highland View Church
  ~ May 3, Saturday: 11 a.m., Lonni Melashenko is the guest speaker, Highland View Gym
  ~ May 3, Saturday: 7 p.m., Melashenko Four music concert, Highland View Church
  ~ May 3, Saturday: 8:30 p.m., Alumni Basketball Game, Gym
  ~ May 4, Sunday: 9 a.m., 5K Run, free and open to all. To register, contact the school.
  ~ May 4, Sunday: 10 a.m. Free brunch sponsored by the Alumni Association, HVA Cafeteria
  ~ May 4, Sunday: 11 a.m. Alumni Soccer Game

~ Choral Concert, Friday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m., Highland View Church
~ Instrumental Concert, Saturday, May 17, 7 p.m., Highland View Church

~ Graduation weekend—May 30-June 1—A Parent Tribute is planned for 7:30 p.m. on Friday. The Baccalaureate service is at 11 a.m. on Sabbath, and Class Night begins at 8 p.m. The Commencement ceremony takes place on Sunday at 9 a.m.

**Spencerville Adventist Academy (SAA) Upcoming Events** For details, visit www.spaac.net, or call (301) 421-9101.

~ All former students, graduates, or attendees of SJA/SAA are invited to Alumni Homecoming beginning with vespers on Friday, May 16, at 7 p.m. at the academy. On Sabbath, May 17, a special 11 a.m. worship service at Spencerville church features an alumni choir. Following the service, there will be lunch and tours at the academy. On Saturday evening, join fellow alumni at 8 p.m. for basketball and volleyball in the SAA gym. To participate in the alumni choir, please contact Robert Martinez at martinez@spencerville.org. The Spencerville church is located at 16325 New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring. Spencerville Adventist Academy is located at 2502 Spencerville Road, Spencerville, Maryland.

~ Graduation events are planned for May 30-June 1. All events except class night take place at the Spencerville church. The Consecration service is at 7 p.m. on Friday; the Baccalaureate service takes place Sabbath at 11:15 a.m.; Class Night begins at 8 p.m. in the SAA Auditorium; and the Commencement ceremony is on Sunday at 10 a.m.

**Hey kids, want to play ball?** It’s time to sign up for the 14th Spencerville Adventist Summer Baseball League (SABL) season. The season runs June 2-30 with games on Monday and Wednesday evenings for kids ages 5-18. The SABL is a Christ-centered co-ed league for 200+ kids who wish to enjoy the fun of playing baseball with friends while developing skills that benefit them in the game and also in life. The league is seeking coaches, too. For details and to register, visit leaguelineup.com/sabl. Have more questions? Contact Jeff Juneau at (301) 370-0669, or Stephen Faehner at (301) 535-8450.

**May 2014** Please forward this newsletter and/or print out copies for your local church bulletin board and for distribution.
Learn to identify which wild plants are edible by participating in a one-day class on Sunday, June 8, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. The $48 fee includes two meals (made with edible wild plants gathered during class time), guided identification hikes, lectures, textbook, and color plant identification packets. Must register to participate. To register, call (301) 824-6045, or email mtaetnacamp@myactv.net.

Learn church growth strategies at the Growing Dynamic Churches and Seeds Church Planting Conference, September 12-14. Seating is limited, so register now. This event is sponsored by the Chesapeake Conference and takes place at the adjacent Atholton church located at 6520 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland. The cost is $15 and includes lunch on Sabbath. Learn success secrets of church planting and growing churches, how to have an innovative prayer ministry that reaches non-members, how to use technology for ministry—even greeting methods that will have guests returning week after week! Learn more at ccosda.org, or call (410) 995-1910, ext. 2349.

“By Grace Alone” is the theme for The Gathering, Chesapeake Conference’s annual camp meeting, planned for June 17-21 at Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Maryland. Karl Haffner, pastor and author is the keynote speaker Friday evening and Sabbath. Bill Knott, editor/publisher of Adventist Review and Adventist World magazines, will bring spiritually uplifting messages weeknights using the engaging style that makes him a popular speaker throughout the world. Ann Roda, pastor for families at New Hope church in Fulton, Maryland, will set a happy, spiritual tone for the day during morning family worships. Message of Mercy, featuring Joey Norwood Tolbert, brings inspiring music.

Here’s a sneak peak at the practical and spiritual weekday seminars planned for camp meeting this year:

~ The Internet makes it extremely easy for incorrect theology to spread like a virus, infecting souls and churches. In his seminars, The Interpretation of Ellen White, The Authority of Ellen White, and Daniel 11 and Islam, Gerhard Pfandl, retired associate director of the Biblical Research Institute, shares solid principles for making sense of these issues.
~ God intends for each of His children to experience the abundant life promised in John 10:10. Heather Quintana, editor of Vibrant Life magazine, offers practical strategies for how to enjoy life to its fullest in her seminars: The Power of Positivity, How to Create a God-Inspired Bucket List, and Discover Your True Identity. Using the Bible and fun self-assessment quizzes and activities, you will identify and create a list of the dreams God has placed on your heart.
~ Why do so many young adults leave the church? In their workshops: Why Do Young Adults Leave or Stay in the Church?, Creating a Young Adult Friendly Congregation, and Reaching Young Adults in Your Community, veteran church planters Steve and Melissa Leddy reveal the answers and what can be done to stop the exodus. Steve is the founder of the Church Planting and Adventist Leadership School (CPALS). He and Melissa are laying the groundwork for a church plant in Laurel, Maryland.
~ Learn Simple Remedies You Can Use such as charcoal and hydrotherapies—and enjoy a chair massage—in a seminar taught by Daniel and Nerida McKibben. Daniel directs the Living Well program at the Potomac Adventist Book Center, and Nerida is a medical doctor and host of Hope Channel’s daily show Go Healthy...for Good. They will also teach a hands-on course titled How to Use the Health Message Evangelistically.

Plan now to enrich your life and make lasting memories with family and friends this year at camp meeting. Register for lodging and get details online at the Chesapeake Conference website: ccosda.org/campmeeting.

* See you at The Gathering! *

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