October 2014  Please forward this 3-page edition and/or print out copies for your local church bulletin board and for distribution.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Take some time to show love and appreciation to your pastor and his/her family. Make it personal—send a note of thanks, perhaps give a gift card to be used for books and resources or at a local restaurant. A few kind words or a thoughtful gesture may be a great encouragement! Look online for lots of good ideas.

Congratulations and good wishes are extended to:
~ Conference Executive Committee member Sandra Lee and her husband, Ben, on the birth of their son Isaac Sion Lee, born August 13—about a month earlier than expected! Baby Isaac is healthy, and eating and sleeping well. The Lees belong to the Washington-Spencerville Korean church family.
~ Roosevelt Marsden, associate pastor of the Atholton church in Columbia, Maryland, his wife Carol, and daughters Stacy-Ann, Daedre-Ann, and Aveann, who will relocate to Union, South Carolina later this year. Elder Marsden, a Chesapeake Conference pastor since 1994, has accepted a call to the Union church near Spartanburg, where he begins his new role on January 1. Best wishes and deep appreciation are offered to the Marsden family.

Education Events:
~ Teacher Commissioning Services—The Office of Education has focused on the commissioning of a new group of educators and has planned five commissioning services. Christian educators who have committed their lives and energies to teaching the four R’s—reading, writing, arithmetic, and a meaningful relationship with Jesus—will be recognized. Scheduled events are:
  • (Passed) Westminster, September 27, 320 Crest Lane in Westminster, Maryland
  • Dover, October 3, 647 Wyoming Avenue in Dover, Delaware
  • Frederick, October 25, 6437 Jefferson Pike in Frederick, Maryland
  • Atholton, November 8, 6520 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland
  • Williamsport, January 24, 2015, 16421 Lappans Road in Williamsport, Maryland

~ Celebrate the dedication of the new Dover First Christian School in a service to praise God for His abundant blessings—14 students on opening day! —Friday, October 3, at 6 p.m. Dover First teachers Joyce Barber and Jennifer Miller will be commissioned in a special ceremony. The school is located at 655 Wyoming Avenue in Dover, Delaware. Highland View Academy’s Highlanders choir performs.

Gather with the saints at the river—the Eastern Shore Gathering (a.k.a. Convocation) takes place Sabbath, October 4, at Governors Hall at Sailwinds Park, 200 Byrn Street in Cambridge, Maryland. Speaker Bill Knott, editor and publisher of Adventist Review and Adventist World magazines, brings fresh insights about God’s incredible grace and love for His people. Conference ministerial director Eli Rojas teaches the adult Sabbath School lesson, and Highland View Academy’s Highlanders choir performs Sabbath morning and afternoon. Programs for children and youth are planned and include a morning and afternoon boat trip for earliteens and youth. Those going on the Choptank River boat trip must meet the morning bus by 10:15 or the afternoon bus by 1:30. Bring an entrée and side dish to share and participate in what may be the best potluck on the east coast.

Around the world Adventists are #UnitedinPrayer for the #EbolaCrisis. The death toll from Ebola in West Africa has climbed to more than 3,338 in six months, with 7,178 cases confirmed as of September 28, according to the World Health Organization. Join fellow Adventists in prayer daily (at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.) for this crisis as well as on Sabbath, October 11—the designated special day of prayer and fasting. For more information, visit Adventist.org/UnitedinPrayer. Please pray for:
  • Protection for the healthcare workers caring for the sick
  • Church members and leaders as they minister to those affected by the Ebola virus
  • Those who have lost loved ones to the disease
  • A medical breakthrough in treating the Ebola virus
  • That God will put a halt to the spread of this virulent virus

Happenings at Highland View Academy:
The campus is located at 10100 Academy Drive, Hagerstown, Maryland, 21042; Question? Contact Kim Brown at kbrown@highlandviewacademy.com
~ Week of Prayer, October 6-10, featuring Pastor Robert Smith, former Breath of Life speaker.
~ Yard Sale, Sunday, October 12, beginning at 8 a.m. on the Highland View church lawn. Proceeds benefit Music Department mission trip to Brazil. To sponsor a student or make a donation, contact Joseph Choi at (301) 739-8480, ext. 258.
~ STEMfest, October 19, 2-6 p.m., featuring booths by STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) organizations, such as the Department of Energy, NOAA, NASA, NIH and others. Interactive and hands-on activities for children and youth are planned for this family-friendly event. Exhibitors will give away resources, posters, information sheets, and other materials that teachers and homeschoolers may find useful. Refreshments will be available for sale.

**October 8 is the deadline to register to attend the “Grow-Reach-Thrive” Women’s Retreat** sponsored by the conference Women’s Ministries department.

~ The weekend begins with an evening concert that is open to everyone (not just women) at Spencerville church on Friday, October 17. Among the concert musicians are Highland View Academy’s Highlanders Choir, and Spencerville Adventist Academy’s orchestra, high school choir and bell choir. Although there is no charge for the concert, a free will offering will be collected.

~ Women and teen girls age 15 and up are invited to register for the Sabbath event planned exclusively for them. Worship services and seminars in both English and Spanish languages will take place on Sabbath, October 18, at Spencerville Adventist Academy. Raquel Arrais, associate Women’s Ministries director for the Seventh-day Adventist world church, is the speaker for both English and Spanish tracks. Seminar presenters include Shirley Benton, Heather Quintana, Susana Schulz, Teenie Finley, Maria DiFrancisco, Janet Lutz, Jasmine Howell and Evelyn Sullivan.

~ A seminar track just for teens will be offered (in English) this year. The $35 registration fee covers lunch and materials. Space is limited, so register soon! Get details and register online at ccosda.org. Questions? Call (410) 995-1910, or email jstefan@ccosda.org.

**Regional Town Hall Meetings** are planned to provide a mid-term constituency report. Come and hear what's happening throughout the Chesapeake Conference. A printed summary will be mailed to each member household later this month. Each meeting will begin with a brief vespers service and there will be about 45 minutes of reports followed by a short Q & A session. The meetings are informational—no voting takes place and everyone is welcome to attend. Questions? Call the conference office at (410) 995-1910. Here is the schedule:

- **Eastern Region**, Sabbath, October 11, 6:15 p.m., Cambridge church, Bonnie Brook Road/Rt 50, Cambridge, Maryland
- **Western Region**, Sabbath, October 25, 6 p.m., Williamsport church, 16421 Lappans Road in Williamsport, Maryland
- **Northern Region**, Sabbath, November 8, 5 p.m., Baltimore-White Marsh church, 7427 Rossville Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland
- **Southern Region**, Sabbath, November 15, 4:45 p.m., Atholton church located at 6520 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland

**The Northeast church** hosts two special events this month. Both take place at the congregation’s rented meeting space in the Northside Baptist Church located at 1100 E. Northern Parkway in Baltimore, Maryland.

~ The Project Love in Action Annual Benefit Concert happens Sabbath, October 11, at 3 p.m. Come and enjoy music performed by the Majestic Steel Orchestra. Proceeds will be used to provide basic and preventive health care, HIV/AIDS education, food, clothes, shoes, vision care and reading glasses in the Ubakala community in Eastern Nigeria. Admission is free, however a freewill offering will be collected. Contact Iheanacho Odinma at (443) 631-4089 for more details.

~ Community Service and Guest Day is planned for Sabbath, October 18, beginning at 11 a.m. Pastor Roosevelt Marsden is the guest speaker. Stay for lunch and an afternoon concert that follows.

**Single Adults** are invited to a retreat planned for October 10-12 at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. Featured weekend speaker Eli Rojas, conference ministerial and Family Ministries director, will explore the book of Romans. Get the details at ccosda.org (select Ministerial/Singles Ministries), phone Fred Thomas at (410) 992-9731, or email fmthomas1950@yahoo.com.

**The Voice of Prophecy will film a Christmas program** to be aired for the ABC television network at the Spencerville church, Wednesday, October 15, at 6:30 p.m. Audience members dressed in holiday attire and prepared to be filmed, are needed. Music selections will include The Heralds, and soloist Christine Wollmann along with the Adventist Children’s Chorus. All are welcomed. The church is located at 16325 New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland. For more information, call (301) 384-2920.

**Everyone is welcome** to attend the grand opening service of the new Connection Community Seventh-day Adventist Church in Laurel, Maryland, Sabbath, October 18. Sabbath School begins at 9:30 a.m., and the Worship Service starts at 11:00 a.m. This is the new church plant you’ve been hearing about. The group meets in a new location at Monarch Global Academy located at 430 Brock Bridge Road in Laurel. Show support, or be a part of this vibrant, growing congregation! Contact Pastor Steve Leddy at (301) 802-1515, or email pastorsteveledddy@gmail.com for more details.

**Miss the Growing Dynamic Churches and SEEDs Church Planting Conference** last month, or just want to watch a seminar again? Videos, audio recordings and handouts of the seminars are available online at ccosda.org. Feel free to download and share this information with other church members who were unable to attend.
Upcoming Youth Ministries Events:
For more information and to register, contact Ann Reynolds at (410) 995-1910, or email areynolds@ccosda.org.

~ Adventurer Award Day takes place Sunday, October 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Spencerville Adventist Academy located at 2502 Spencerville Road in Spencerville, Maryland. Steve Finney, Spencerville youth pastor, begins the day with a devotional. Class levels from Little Lambs through Helping Hand are offered. The three awards are Feathered Friends, Wild West and Five Senses.
~ Youth age 10-18 are invited to the annual Youth and Pathfinder Lock-In, sponsored by the conference Youth Ministries department and planned for November 1-2, 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., at Mt. Saint Mary’s University in Emmitsburg, Maryland (just 15-20 miles north of Frederick). For many this event is greatly anticipated from year to year as it brings together clubs from all over the conference for a nightlong game of sports. Swimming, volleyball and basketball are among the activities. Charles Blythe, pastor at the Pikesville International church, kicks off the evening with a devotional thought. Register through your club or youth director.

Reach Chesapeake is an evangelistic effort that begins next year as part of the world Seventh-day Adventist Church’s Mission to the Cities initiative. Here are 5 things to know today about this project:

1. The goal is for every Chesapeake Conference church to participate in spreading the Good News. Churches are encouraged to partner with one another in order to utilize resources for the most effective evangelistic campaigns.

2. Training, support, sermons and slides will be provided by Chesapeake Conference to assist churches in holding meetings.

3. The Columbia Union Conference, along with the Allegheny East and Potomac Conferences, will join forces with Chesapeake to share the Gospel in the Baltimore/Washington metro area with plans for evangelistic meetings to take place in area churches simultaneously beginning on April 11.

4. Members and church leaders are asked to pray and mobilize their congregations to prepare for this amazing opportunity to bring people into a relationship with Jesus. This is an “all hands on deck” mission!

5. Speakers are needed. Ministers with a heart for evangelism are invited to be “home missionaries” and commit to a “two-week stay-at-home missionary service” to help make it possible to hold a meeting in every Chesapeake Conference church. Contact Gary Gibbs at (410) 995-1910, or email garyg@ccosda.org to volunteer.

Watch future issues of Currents for more details about Reach Chesapeake.

Sincere condolences are offered to Dover First teacher Jennifer Miller, her husband Doug, and their family. Doug’s sister Suzanne Miller, 38, a 5th grade teacher at Potomac Conference’s Sligo Adventist School in Takoma Park, Maryland, was killed September 28 in a motorcycle accident. Please remember in prayer the relatives, friends and students who have been impacted by this tragedy.

October Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:

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Note: Sunset times published above are for Baltimore, Maryland. For Delaware and the Eastern Shore, subtract two minutes. For West Virginia and Western Maryland, add three minutes.

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