Congratulations are offered to:
~ the three Chesapeake Conference Pathfinder teams (all in Maryland) who will advance to the North American Division (NAD) level Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE)—Atholton Faithblazers of Columbia, Hagerstown Disciples, and Triadelphia Sparks of Clarksville. These teams studied the book of Matthew and scored very well in the local, conference, and union-level challenges.
~ the Northeast church in Baltimore, on their recent purchase of a church building on a 3-acre land parcel. Enthusiastic congregants spent a Sunday in late March cleaning up the property in preparation for some much-needed renovations. The group will continue to hold Sabbath worship services at the Chesapeake Conference office during the construction phase of the project.
~ the Trust Services department, which was audited in November 2014 by the North American Division Trust Services Certification and Accreditation Committee and was recently again granted a Level A rating! This is the highest rating on the scale. The audit process is designed to assure an expected level of professionalism for our membership.
~ members of the Brooklyn and Glen Burnie churches near Baltimore who celebrated their merger with a “wedding” on Sabbath, March 28. The combined church family will meet in the Glen Burnie church facility and has future plans to sell the Brooklyn church building and choose a new name for their congregation.
~ Janice and Van Boone, members of the Norrisville, Pennsylvania, church, who on April 28 will celebrate 60 years of marriage. Janice worked for Chesapeake Conference as a Bible worker during the 1980’s. The Boone’s have three sons, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Pastor Transitions
~ Roger Mace, associate pastor at the Frederick, Maryland, church has announced plans to retire at the end of this month. Elder Mace, who has been in ministry for nearly 50 years, came to the Frederick church in 2009. Deep appreciation is offered for his many years of dedicated and valued service, and good wishes are extended to Roger and his wife Karen as they look ahead to new adventures.
~ Doug Rennewanz, pastor at the Federalsburg church (Maryland) and the Harrington and Sussex Central churches in Delaware, retires this month with more than 40 years of service, most of which were in pastoral ministry for the Chesapeake Conference. In addition, he was the conference Disaster Response coordinator for several years from the mid 1990’s to 2003. Warm appreciation for his ministry on the Eastern Shore and best wishes for God’s continued blessings are extended to Elder Rennewanz and his wife Olga.
~ Tim Crosby, who has been the interim pastor at the Waldorf church (Maryland), has accepted this post as a permanent assignment.
~ David Berthiaume, a retired pastor, is working as an interim pastor at the Park church in Salisbury, Maryland. Elder Berthiaume’s wife Cathyann is a former teacher. The conference administration is grateful for his leadership while a permanent pastor is sought.

Last month as part of an evangelism exchange initiative, a team of Chesapeake pastors traveled to Colombia, South America, to be part of a mission experience. For eight days, 10 Chesapeake Conference pastors preached in churches scattered on the southern part of Bogota, Colombia. Bogota is a cosmopolitan city with more than 7.5 million people facing the difficulties of most large cities. “It’s very congested but the people are loving and our church is trying its best to minister to their community,” says Eli Rojas, conference Ministerial director. “The Catholic faith is very strong in that country and still controls most of the government and city’s life. However, God blessed our efforts with 105 baptisms and probably the same number of interests to follow in their decisions for Christ sometime soon.” Twelve pastors from Bogota, Colombia, will join our Reach evangelism effort here preaching in most of the Spanish-speaking congregations in the conference. Please pray for an abundant harvest here, too!

Spring Break Mission Trips
Both groups expressed sincere appreciation to those who contributed financially and offered prayer support.
~ Highland View Academy’s Highlanders choir comprised of 23 students and accompanied 10 staff and parents, traveled to Brazil to perform in churches and schools there. Some of the schools they visited have more than 1,000 students, said choir director Joseph Choi. He says their goal was to be a blessing to the people there, but the group came home feeling they were also truly blessed.
~ A group of 59 high school students and adults participated in Spencerville church’s (Maryland) mission trip to Panama. The group laid of lot of block to form the foundation and walls of the Guabo church near San Felix, and held a Vacation Bible School program. Conference president Rick Remmers and his family joined the group to work on the building project, too. Elder Remmers also preached a 6-night reaping meeting at a nearby mountain church. This was Spencerville’s second mission trip to Panama.

Celebrate the resurrection of Christ with family and friends at an Easter Sunrise service featuring the Willow Brook Testify Drama Team on Sunday morning, April 5, at 7:30 a.m. in the dining room of White Pine Lodge at Mt. Aetna Retreat Center, located at 21905 Mt. Aetna Road, in Hagerstown, Maryland. Light refreshments will be served following the service.
Washington Adventist University (WAU) Alumni Weekend takes place April 9-12 on campus at 7600 Flower Avenue in Takoma Park, Maryland. The university celebrates the 30th anniversary of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies, hosts a Cherry Blossom Tour of Washington, D.C., sponsors a 5K Fun Run and a Family Fun Festival among the many activities planned for the weekend. For all the pertinent details, visit WAU’s website at wau.edu/alumni-weekend-events, or call (800) 835-4212.

Pastor Charles D. Brooks is the featured speaker at the Blythedale church on Friday, April 10, 7 p.m., and Sabbath, April 11, at 11:20 a.m. Join the congregation for these uplifting services and be blessed. The church is located at 36 Blythedale Road in Perryville, Maryland. Bring an entrée to share and stay for the fellowship luncheon following the worship service on Saturday.

The Reach Evangelistic meetings begin in area churches on Sabbath, April 11. Please support this conference-wide outreach endeavor by attending the meetings held in your local church (bring a friend), praying for the Holy Spirit to work in the community, and using your talents to advance God’s kingdom. Meetings will be held throughout Chesapeake Conference during the rest of 2015.

Celebrate diversity and cultural awareness at the Crossroads Advent School Multicultural Fair on Sunday, April 12, noon to 4 p.m. More than 30 countries will be represented at this fun-filled learning experience with informational booths, food, entertainment and more. Admission is free. The school is located at 3291 St. Johns Lane in Ellicott City, Maryland. Questions? Call (410) 465-6867.

The Spencerville Adventist Academy drama team is proud to announce an “Adventist” version of South Pacific, a musical story about prejudice set in the Samoan Islands during World War II, with performances April 15-19. Tickets are $10, $15 and $20. To purchase tickets by phone, call (410) 540-4989; by email, send request to saadramatickets@gmail.com; or purchase tickets online at http://www.spaac.net/tickets/. Performances on Wednesday, April 15, and Thursday, April 16, are $10 general admission seating (on Wednesday senior citizens and visiting students pay $7).

“Where do we stand with treating Alzheimer’s disease?” is the topic of Highland View Academy’s STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) lecture series this month that continues the second Monday of each month from 7-8 p.m. in the school library. On Monday, April 13, Daphney Jean, PhD, will give an overview of this disease and lead a discussion on the medical and social implications, current treatments, as well as the ongoing basic and clinical research underway to allow for better treatment in the future. Jean is a Drexel University College of Medicine alumna where she earned a degree in neuroscience focusing on neurodevelopmental disorders. She continued her post-doctoral training at Drexel University and worked on developing a cellular model of Alzheimer’s disease and testing potential therapeutic targets that could prevent or treat this neurodegenerative disorder. The event is free and open to the public. Email Ophelia Barizo at ombarizo@gmail.com for more details, or call (301) 739-8480. Highland View Academy is located at 10100 Academy Drive in Hagerstown, Maryland.

A Spring Retreat for single adults is planned for April 17-19 at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. Keynote speaker Katia Reinert, NAD Health Ministries director, speaks on the theme “Choosing to Live a Full Life with Purpose.” To register for this conference-sponsored event, contact coordinator Fred Thomas by phone at (410) 992-9731, or email fmthomas1950@yahoo.com.

Plan to attend The Gathering, Chesapeake Conference’s annual camp meeting experience, June 19-20*, on the campus of Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Keynote speaker:
Pavel Goia—popular speaker/author and pastor of the Lexington (Ky.) Seventh-day Adventist Church

Check out the fun activities for young people (and the young at heart) and register for lodging and meals online at ccosda.org, or use the form printed in the March issue of Visitor Magazine. Be there! ☺

*The Gathering is a two-day event this year due to financial constraints and the General Conference Session that also takes place in June. Chesapeake Conference anticipates returning to a five-day camp meeting in 2016, and has booked keynote speakers Shawn Boonstra, Voice of Prophecy Speaker/Editor for 2016, and John Bradshaw, It is Written Speaker/Director for 2017.

Ready for a great adventure? Enroll in REACH Columbia Union Urban Evangelism School in Philadelphia! Take your life and leadership skills to an exciting new level in this immersive experience. Gain unique, hands-on training in urban ministry and evangelism, as well as earn university credit. Cindy Tutsch, Dwight Nelson, Leslie Pollard, Jose Cortes Jr., and Keith Goodman teach the intensive classes. Only 16 spots are available, so sign up now! Apply by April 15 for priority admission. Classes launch June 7. For more information and to apply online, visit: www.reachcolumbiunion.org.

Dover First Christian School has a 1994 Bayliner Pontoon Boat with motor and trailer up for auction. The school will host a silent auction on Sunday, May 3, as part of their annual participation in the Delaware city’s Dover Days Weekend, and is accepting advance bids on the watercraft valued at more than $14,000. The current highest bid is $5,000. Be sure to ask principal Jennifer Miller to share the witnessing story behind the generous donation of the boat. For details, email her at jmillerdcfs@gmail.com, or call (302) 526-4998.
Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland, is hiring local Adventists as part-time challenge course facilitators, lifeguards, food service team members and guides for group hikes. Positions are tied to events rather than standard shifts, so times and dates vary. Training is provided. Contact Glen Milam or Diana Fishell at (301) 824-6045, or email mtaetnacamp@myactv.net, for more information or to apply.

North American Division President Dan Jackson calls for prayer for the upcoming General Conference Session—in a letter dated March 17, Elder Jackson writes, "In these next fifteen weeks or so leading up to the GC Session, I'd like to suggest—no, I'd like to urge—that each of us make prayer for the Session a priority and ask God that we may truly know and follow His heart. When the early church had serious needs and faced divisive issues, they came together and prayed boldly for God's intervention, and He provided just the help they needed—in every case. I believe He wants to do that for us, too. You and I agree that there is tremendous strength in prayer—personal and corporate—and both are imperative right now. In the coming weeks, I suggest that you find times to pray together. Someone has said that the oxygen that fuels the flame of "one accord" is purpose… I encourage you to make time in Sabbath School, the church service, and at prayer meeting to bring these needs to the Lord…. please keep this matter central…that the will of God may be done in San Antonio. He is faithful; nothing is impossible. Thanks for your prayers, your faith and your courage. Scripture assures us that heaven will not ignore these prayers.

Making summer plans for the kids? Mount Aetna Camp (MAC) offers the following camps:
Register for camps online at mtaetnacamp.com.

**Overnight Camps** (at MAC in Hagerstown, Maryland)
~ Adventure Camp June 28-July 5 Ages 7-10
~ Junior I Camp July 5-12 Ages 10-12
~ Junior II Camp July 12-19 Ages 10-12
~ Tween Camp July 19-26 Ages 12-14
~ Teen Camp July 26-August 2 Ages 13-16

**Teen Outpost Camps** for Ages 13-17, June 28-July 5:
~ Watersports Extreme Outpost
~ Horsemanship Outpost

**C.I.T. (Counselors in Training) Camp** for Ages 15-17:
Three 1-week sessions—June 28-July 5 • July 5-12 • July 12-19

Mount Aetna Camp also offers the following regional day camps called **F.L.A.G. Camp (Fun Learning About God)** for kids in grades 1-8. The one-week (Monday-Friday) day camps combine worship, arts and crafts, sports, and a daily field trip to help kids connect with God, enjoy friendship, and experience educational and recreational activities. The cost is $125 per week. Dates and locations are:

**Day Camps**
Maryland:
~ Baltimore White Marsh—June 29-July 3 and July 6-10
~ Cambridge—July 13-17
~ Chestertown—July 20-24

Delaware:
~ West Wilmington church, Wilmington—July 27-31

**High Heels and High Callings—Women of the Word** is the theme for the Chesapeake Conference Women's Retreat, October 31-November 1, at the oceanfront Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. Whether you prefer heels or flats, embark on a biblical journey and gain deep insights from the stories of women in Scripture. Fun, spiritual and inspiring programs for English-speaking women, Spanish-speaking women, and young women ages 15-21 are planned, so register now and bring your BFF. Look for a bulletin insert at your local church later this month. New details and program information is continually being added online at ccosda.org.

**Resource:**
~ New game app seeks to keep Ellen White relevant—The White Estate has released a computer game called Pitcairn meant to teach children about Ellen G. White and keep her relevant to the next generation of Adventists. The game tests players' knowledge of White's life and her relation to the Bible. Look for the game as a free download on iTunes and Google Play.

**April Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:**

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