March 2015  Please forward this newsletter and/or print out copies for your local church bulletin board and for distribution.

A hearty welcome is extended to Jason Lombard, new associate pastor at Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Maryland. Pastor Lombard brings several years of church leadership and experience gained as a church planter in California, as well as graphic design and media talents to his role at Spencerville. He fills the vacancy created when Patrick Morrison retired last April. He and his wife Gina have two sons, Garrett, age six, and Benjamin, age three.

Highland View Academy (#55) and Spencerville Adventist Academy (#62) were recently ranked in the top 100 private high schools in Maryland. Niche, a company that ranks schools for potential students (based on academics, student culture and diversity, and survey responses), ranked 3,880 schools nationwide in their 2015 Best Private High Schools report. See the full report online at k12.niche.com.

Beginning Sabbath, March 7, the Northeast church, which has been meeting in Parkville, Maryland, will hold Sabbath worship services in the lower level of the Chesapeake Conference office located at 6600 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland. Please call (410) 928-4223 for more information.

The Reach 2015 Prophecies of Hope evangelism initiative begins next month with a conference-wide launch on Sabbath, April 11. Chesapeake Conference churches will join the Allegheny East and Potomac Conferences, and the Columbia Union Conference, to share the gospel in the Baltimore-Washington Metro area. Chesapeake Conference is taking the outreach a step further and most churches throughout the conference—including those in western Maryland and on the shore—will host a variety of evangelistic events in their communities. “This is the time for people to be in earnest prayer, making friends and inviting people to meetings,” says Gary Gibbs, conference Evangelism and Ministries Development director. Everyone is invited to support the meetings by attending and participating. There are three upcoming prayer rallies for those who want to pray for the outreach as a group:

~ Baltimore Area, Sabbath, March 7, 4-5:30 p.m.: Miracle Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church
100 South Rock Glen Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21229
Phone: (410) 368-9294

~ Western Maryland, Sabbath, March 7, 5 p.m.: Hagerstown Seventh-day Adventist Church
11507 Robinwood Drive
Hagerstown, Maryland 21742
Phone: (301) 733-4411

~ Washington Area, Sabbath, March 21, 4-5:30 p.m.: Southern Asian Seventh-day Adventist Church
2001 East Randolph Road
Silver Spring, Maryland 20904
Phone: (301) 879-7222

If you missed the opportunity to participate in the February 28 Evangelism Offering, you can still financially support the sharing of the gospel in Chesapeake Conference and the Reach 2015 initiative. Simply place your gift in a tithe envelope marked Chesapeake Conference Evangelism, or give online through your church’s website.

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

~ Children and Youth Ministry leaders are invited to attend the Youth Leaders Enrichment Day for an uplifting worship service and valuable training workshops on Sabbath, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Baltimore White Marsh church located at 7427 Rossville Blvd. in Baltimore. The event is free and registration is not necessary. Those planning to participate in the potluck luncheon should bring a casserole to share. Jonathan Duffy, ADRA president, is the worship speaker. More than 18 seminars in these tracks will be offered: Children’s Ministries, Vacation Bible School, Adventurer Basic, Pathfinder Basic, PLA, Youth, TLT, and Master Guide.

~ One more Family Ski Day at Jack Frost Resort in Pennsylvania is planned for Sunday, March 8. Skiing, snowboarding and tubing packages are available starting at $33. To register and get details, contact Youth Ministries director Carl Rodriguez by email at crodriguez@ccosda.org.

~ The Union Level Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) takes place Sabbath, March 21, at 3 p.m., at the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church located at 6951 Carroll Avenue in Takoma Park, Maryland. Three Chesapeake Conference teams advance to participate in the union level PBE—the Atholton Faithblazers, Hagerstown Believers and Triadelphia Sparks.

~ Due to the snowy weather, the Pathfinder Rain Gutter Regatta has been postponed and will take place during the Pathfinder Fair planned for April 24-26.
Movie Night for single adults! Join other singles on Saturday evening, March 21, for pizza and a movie. The event takes place at 6:30 p.m., at Chesapeake Conference, 6600 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland (in the lower level). For more details, contact coordinator Fred Thomas by phone at (410) 992-9731, or email fmthomas1950@yahoo.com.

Highland View Academy (HVA) Drama and STEM Events:
HVA is located at 10100 Academy Drive in Hagerstown, Maryland.
~ See two drama productions for the price of one and support HVA’s Class of 2015! The curtain will be raised Saturday evening, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the campus gymnasium. The senior class performs *The Men Who Worry Too Much and Hug Too Little and also The Great Nursing Home Escape*. The evening also features food for sale and a silent auction. Tickets will be sold at the door. Ticket prices are $10/adults, $5/children under 12. For more information, contact class sponsors Ashley Dunbar or Derek Boyce by phone at (301) 739-8480, or email adunbar@highlandviewacademy.com or dboyce@highlandviewacademy.com.
~ The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) lecture series continues the second Monday of each month from 7-8 p.m. in the HVA Library. On Monday, March 9, Jared M. Urchek, an expert in myco-remediation and medicinal mushrooms, will speak about the role mushrooms play in nature. He will also touch on various traditional and modern medical uses of medicinal mushrooms, and discuss how mushrooms play a role in cleaning up toxic and post-disaster environments. Urchek teaches permaculture classes and also “mushroom modules” for university level classes. He studied under the world-renowned Paul Stamets, who wrote several books on mycology and myco-remediation, and has just received an award for his work from the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the largest and most prestigious scientific organization in the world. The STEM Lecture series at Highland View Academy is free and open to the public. Email Ophelia Barizo at ombarizo@gmail.com for more details, or call (301) 739-8480.

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 saadramatictickets@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).

You are invited to 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

Get details and register for lodging and meals online at ccosda.org, or use the form printed in the March issue of *Visitor* Magazine.

*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/Director for 2016, and John Bradshaw, *It is Written* Speaker Director for 2017.

REACH Columbia Union Urban Evangelism School is a 12-month urban missions experience for young adults that will transform and empower your leadership. Through a partnership with Washington Adventist University, REACH offers a college-accredited, immersive ministry training in the city of Philadelphia. Students will learn from outstanding ministry professionals, professors, and theologians, and participate actively in various types of transformational evangelism. Visit reachcolumbiaunion.org, or email reachcolumbiaunion@gmail.com, for more information and to apply now for the 2015-2016 cohort.

Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland, offers a one-day class called “Wild Edible Plants” on Sunday, June 14. The $49 fee includes two meals with edible wild plants gathered during class time, a textbook and color plant identification photos. To register by June 5, call (301) 824-6045, or email mtaetnacamp@myactv.net. Space is limited. The class is open to ages 10 and up.

March Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:

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