October 2015  Please forward this newsletter 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.

Many churches begin evangelistic meetings this month as part of the 2015 Reach Chesapeake initiative. Please volunteer to help and support the meetings in your area, and pray that people in the local communities will accept Jesus as their personal Savior.

Congratulations and good wishes are extended to:
~ Lori and John Zerne, who welcomed their second child Elinor Beatrice Clara Zerne on September 21 at 2:33 p.m. Lori Zerne teaches English, and John teaches Art and Yearbook at Highland View Academy. The couple also has a son, Edmund.
~ Sion Sung, youth pastor at the Baltimore Korean church in Ellicott City, Md., was ordained to the gospel ministry in a special worship service on Sabbath, September 26. Elder Sung's parents and sister traveled to attend the happy occasion. Sung’s father, Elder Seon Jae Sung, senior pastor of the Tokyo Korean church in Tokyo, Japan, participated in the ceremony by offering an ordination prayer.
~ Joseph Choi, Highland View Academy Music director, makes his conducting debut at Carnegie Hall Isaac Stern Hall on Sunday, October 4, at 7:30 p.m. Performers include the Altino Brothers Chorale from the Northeastern Conference, piano soloists Nerva and Robinson Altino, and the Oakwood University Aeolians under the direction of Jason Ferdinand.
~ The Catoctin View church was featured by the Frederick News Post on their website, fredericknewspost.com. Check out this upbeat article by typing Catoctin View Seventh-day Adventist in the newspaper's search box.
Correction: David and Stephanie Livergood's newborn daughter's name was misspelled in Currents last month. It is Maisie Katherine.

Canceled! The Disaster Relief Training will be held on Wednesday, October 7, at the Chesapeake Conference office. The event has been canceled.

Hagerstown Church’s Sundown Serenades Concert Series continues with these Sabbath concerts taking place at the church located at 11507 Robinwood Drive in Hagerstown, Md. An offering will be collected to defray expenses. Question? Call (301) 733-4411.
~ October 3 at 6 p.m. Features Rodrigo Paiva, classical guitarist, and Elizabeth Appleton, violinist.
~ October 10 at 11 a.m. Features world-class violinist Jaime Jorge sharing his music and his personal testimony.
~ October 24 at 6 p.m. Features newly organized flute quartet WE 4 playing classic hymns and classical favorites.

The Spencerville Adventist Academy (SAA) Choir and Strings hosts a Latin Fest on Sunday, October 4, at 5 p.m., on campus at 2502 Spencerville Road in Spencerville, Md. The live music featured includes a Christian Latin Band, the SAA Jazz Band, the Academy Chorale, and special soloists. Come and enjoy dinner and a show in the Multi-Purpose Room. Tickets are $12 for adults and $8 for kids 10 and under. Purchase tickets online at spaac.net/tickets/. Questions? Call the school at (301) 421-9101.

The first concert of the Afternoons@Atholton free concert series takes place Sabbath, October 10, at 4 p.m. Violinist Brian Liu and friends will perform Tchaikovsky’s String Sextet "Souvenir de Florence." The church is located at 6520 Martin Road in Columbia, Md. For more details, call the church at (410) 740-5030, or email anastasia@thelliotts.net. Come and enjoy the music.

Join the Northeast church for a special morning Sabbath service at the Chesapeake Conference office followed by a benefit concert in the afternoon at the Baltimore White Marsh church located at 7427 Rossville Blvd in Baltimore on Sabbath, October 10. Elder Everett Brow, president of the Jamaican Union Conference, is the featured speaker during the 11 a.m. worship service. The Project Love in Action Annual Benefit Concert begins at 4 p.m. Come and enjoy music performed by the Visioneers Quartet and Stephanie Johnson of New York and other artists. Project Love in Action uses proceeds to improve the overall well being in the Ubakala community in Eastern Nigeria by providing basic health care and preventive health care, food, shoes, vision care to residents. For details, call Icheanacho Odinma at (443) 631-4089. The Chesapeake Conference office is located at 6600 Martin Road in Columbia, Md.

An Eastern Shore Gathering is planned for Sabbath, October 17, at Governor’s Hall at Sailwinds Park, 200 Bym Street, in Cambridge, Maryland. Plan to be a part of a wonderful time for revival and fellowship. Pastor Lonnie Melashenko, former speaker-director for the Voice of Prophecy, is the featured speaker. Gospel artist Kevin Booth will praise the Lord in song. Look forward to programs for all ages and the usual good eating, too! Watch for more details in local church bulletins.

Enjoy the Fall Festival at Baltimore White Marsh Adventist School, Sunday, October 18, from 1-4 p.m., on the campus located at 7427 Rossville Blvd, in Rosedale, Md. Fun activities are planned for the whole family. Highlights include a petting zoo, pony rides, hayrides, a moon bounce, face painting, games—and plenty of food. For more information call the school at (410) 663-1819.
The Waldorf church will dedicate the new sanctuary on Sabbath, October 24, in celebration of years of planning and building. A special worship service is planned for 11 a.m., featuring guest speaker José Rojas and choir performances. Other guests include conference leaders, previous pastors and local dignitaries. Enjoy a fellowship luncheon following the service. “The sanctuary is only the first stage of the building program,” says Tim Crosby, the church’s pastor. “The second stage, not yet begun, includes a gymnasium..... And with a new sanctuary, the multi-ethnic community of Waldorf Seventh-day Adventist Christians have even higher hopes of impacting their community with the gospel of Jesus Christ and the message of His soon return.” The church is located at 11245 Berry Road in Waldorf, Md. For more information, call the church at (301) 645-8835.

Highland View Academy’s (HVA) Preview begins with a STEMFEST (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and Ribbon-Cutting for the Solar Field, Sunday, October 25, and continues through Monday, October 26, on campus at 10100 Academy Drive in Hagerstown, Md. For details and to RSVP for Preview, call (301) 739-8480, or email mcorea@highlandviewacademy.com.

~ The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the solar field takes place at 1:30 p.m.
~ STEMFEST takes place from 2-6 p.m. All are invited, especially students and teachers. Attend breakout sessions on exciting cutting-edge, multidisciplinary engineering research, as well as exhibitors including National Science Foundation (NSF), Department of Energy (DOE), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), National Institutes of Health (NIH), universities, and others. Many will giveaway free resources useful to teachers and homeschooling families.
~ Preview is for all students entering grades 9-12 for the 2016-17 school year. Everyone is invited to a special presentation by Richard Garey, “Mark Twain Himself,” at 1 p.m., in the gymnasium on Monday, October 26. This is a family-friendly presentation and schools are encouraged to bring elementary and middle school students. RSVP by email to mcorea@highlandviewacademy.com.

Youth Ministries Update:
~ Some 400 youth and adults representing 17 churches participated in the Pathfinder Classoree, September 27-29, reports Youth Ministries director Carl Rodriguez. The event provides fellowship and the opportunity to earn more than 40 different honors.
~ The annual Adventurer Fun Day was a hit with more than 240 kids and adults representing 10 churches gathering to tour the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Va. on Sunday, September 20. See photos on Facebook.

Upcoming Youth Ministries Events:
For more information and to register, contact Ann Reynolds at (410) 995-1910, or email areynolds@ccosda.org.
~ Adventurer Awards Day takes place Sunday, October 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Pikesville International church located at 4619 Old Court Road in Pikesville, Md. Classes for 18 various awards will be taught for Discovery Youth (preschool) and Adventurers.
~ 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 14-15, 8 p.m. to 8 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. Register through your club or youth director.

Women of all ages are sure to have fun and be blessed at the 2015 Women’s Retreat themed “High Heels and High Callings—Women of the Word,” October 30-November 1, to be held at the beachfront Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. The schedule includes inspiring preaching in English and Spanish languages, a concert, a shoe fashion show and Saturday night karaoke. Fun, spiritual and inspiring programs for young women ages 15-21 are also planned. Visit ccosda.org for more details, or contact Natysha Berthiaume by email at nberthiaume@ccosda.org, or call (410) 995-1910.

Washington Adventist University offers eight graduate and 10 undergraduate accelerated degree programs that can be completed in just 18 months, including a Master’s in Religion program. Register now for the second session of fall classes, which begins October 25. Call (301) 891-4092, or visit the school’s website at wau.edu, to learn more and find the program that best fits your needs.

Guide editor Randy Fishell has boxes of Guide magazines available for use in community outreach projects. The magazines come in boxes of 360 copies. Please email randy.fishell@pacificpress.com to make arrangements for local pickup.

October Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:

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