

March 2010 Please forward this newsletter and/or print out copies for your local church bulletin board and for distribution.

A Benefit Concert for Haiti/ADRA will be held Saturday, March 6, at the Dover First church, 647 Wyoming Avenue, Dover, Delaware. Musicians from area Seventh-day Adventist churches and from the local community will perform. This concert was originally scheduled for February, but was postponed due to inclement weather. A Love Offering will be collected and given to ADRA to be used specifically for relief work in Haiti. A light reception will be held at 5:00 p.m., and the concert is from 6:00-8:00 p.m. For directions or information, contact Pastor Phil Hamman at (302) 670-5675, or email pah44@comcast.net.

The Glen Burnie church is beginning a monthly Health Ministry event called the *InStep for Life Supper Club*. The first meeting takes place Sunday, March 7, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Glen Burnie Community Services Center, 510 Aquahart Road, Glen Burnie, Maryland. Dr. E. Albert Reece, Dean of the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, will speak on the topic of "Stress management and physical fitness in relation to the prevention of debilitating diseases like diabetes." Supper will be provided. RSVP to Trudy Goss at trudygoss@verizon.net, or call (410) 923-0704.

The Chesapeake Adventist Single Adult Ministries department announces the following upcoming events:

~ **Film Night**, Saturday, March 13, Time TBA, at the Chesapeake Conference, lower level, 6600 Martin Road, Columbia, Maryland. Light refreshments will be served.

~ **Spring Retreat** at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland, April 23-25. Jan Yakush, who works at the Potomac Adventist Book Center, will be the speaker.

Contact Fred Thomas at fmthomas1950@yahoo.com or (410) 992-9731 for the complete details, or visit www.asamchesapeake.com.

The Washington Adventist University Religion department will host the annual G. Arthur Keough Lectures, March 19-20. Historian David J.B. Trim, PhD, will present the following lectures: Friday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m., "G.D. Keough and Adventist mission to the Middle East: A case study in historical missiology." Saturday, March 20 at 2:30 p.m., "The sinlessness of the sin bearer: Keough and overlooked voices in early 20th century Adventist soteriology and Christology." For details, email Zdravko Plantak at zplantak@wau.edu or call (301) 891-4033.

The seventh annual Andrews University Music and Worship Conference, sponsored by Andrews University and the North American Division Church Resource Center, takes place on the University campus in Berrien Springs, Michigan, March 25-27. Featured presenters include Clayton Schmit, academic director of the Brehm Center for Worship, Theology, and the Arts at Fuller Theological Seminary, and Grammy-nominated producer, songwriter, and performer, John Stoddart, a graduate of Columbia Union College. The event is designed to equip, connect, and inspire church musicians, worship leaders, pastors, and lay leaders involved in worship ministry. For a complete list of presenters, and to register, visit www.auworshipconference.org, or call (800) 968-8428.

Wired4Faith is an evangelistic ministry of the Baltimore White Marsh church designed to reach out to young adults who are in their 20's and 30's. This ministry provides ongoing opportunities to engage in fellowship, worship, and service projects in the community. If you know a young person who has left the church or has never been to church, invite them to Wired4Faith's next monthly worship experience planned for Saturday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m., at 7427 Rossville Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland. For more details visit www.wired4faith.org, or call (410) 663-3727.

An Easter Concert featuring the vocal trio Bella Voce is planned for Sabbath, April 3, at the Cambridge Seventh-day Adventist Church, Bonnie Brook Road and Route 50, Cambridge, Maryland. The concert takes place at 11:00 a.m. during the worship service and also features tenor Curtis White and pianist Evelyn Perry. All are invited to this musical celebration. For details, call Pastor Cesar Gonzalez at (301) 254-9035.

The Columbia Union Disaster Response Training Institute, April 23-25, encompasses all aspects of disaster response including donations, operations, warehouse, crisis care intervention, forklift safety, and food service. This interactive experience will be held at the Tranquil Valley Retreat Center located at 2 Campus Drive, Andover, New Jersey. Anyone interested or already involved in disaster response is encouraged to take advantage of this educational opportunity. The \$83 registration fee covers seminar materials and all meals for the weekend. Lodging costs only \$35-40 per night. Register and learn more at www.PlusLine.org, or call Kitty Juneau at (301) 367-2715.

Spencerville church member E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, has been named Acting President of University of Maryland Baltimore. William E. Kirwan, chancellor of the University System of Maryland, has appointed Dr. Reece to this position effective March 1. Reece has served as vice president for medical affairs at UMB and dean of the School of Medicine since September 2006. At Spencerville church, Dr. Reece is an elder, a Sabbath school superintendent, and co-leads the Health Ministry with Peter Landless, MD.

Youth Ministries Update:

~ More than 150 high school students and youth leaders attended the Generation Rain spiritual retreat held at Mount Aetna Camp during the end of February. The young people were encouraged to discover their spiritual gifts and challenged to use them by getting involved in the ministry of their home churches. Twenty-three people were baptized at the event. Churches are urged to recruit and involve their young members in church life.

~ The Pikesville Tigers Pathfinder Club took first place at the conference-level Pathfinder Bible Achievement event on February 20. Eighteen clubs participated in the event according to Carl Rodriguez, conference Youth Ministries director. "I've never seen a club score so high at a Bible Bowl—ever!" he said of the Tigers. "I'm really proud of them."

The Conference office has experienced the following recent transitions:

~ Millie Maplesden, administrative assistant to Conference President Rob Vandeman, retired effective February 28. She will, however, continue work for the Trust Services department on a part-time basis. "It has been a privilege working with Millie," says Elder Vandeman. "She has always approached her responsibilities in a cheerful, conscientious, and efficient manner. And since Millie has never been one to draw attention to herself, few people beyond the three conference presidents she assisted really know just how valuable a contribution she has made."

~ Due to budgetary considerations, the leadership of the Children's Ministries department has been brought in-house and has been assigned to Samantha Young, assistant to the president for communication and Women's Ministries director. Stacey Bondurant has capably and enthusiastically directed Children's Ministries for the past decade. Says Rob Vandeman, "Stacey brought a unique energy to her role as Children's Ministries director. Under her guidance, Chesapeake became a perennial leader within the North American Division in the percentage of churches conducting a Vacation Bible School (VBS) ministry. People throughout the conference have appreciated the creative and practical workshops she either presented or organized."

Three conference workers are mourning the recent loss of loved ones. Condolences are extended to: James Hoffer, whose mother died a few weeks ago. Elder Hoffer is the pastor of the Inwood Group and the Smithsburg Valley Company in the western region of the conference; Evelyn Gates, conference receptionist and Adventist Community Services director, lost her brother to an extended illness this week; and youth department administrative assistant Ann Reynolds' mother-in-law died this past week from complications relating to a stroke. Please remember these workers and their families in your prayers during this sad and difficult time.

The End it Now! Campaign to end violence against women and girls, sponsored by the General Conference Women's Ministries department and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), needs your support. Worldwide, at least one of every three women has faced repression through sex trafficking, domestic abuse, sexual assault, honor killings, female genital mutilation, child marriage, emotional and verbal abuse, and other forms of violence. Visit www.enditnow.org, or see your pastor or women's ministry leader to sign a petition to the United Nations Secretary-General to respond to this critical issue of violence. Campaign kits were sent (in a large mailing tube) by ADRA to each church pastor or women's ministry leader this past week.

"The Adventists," the new one-hour documentary film from Martin Doblmeier and Journey Films, focuses on Seventh-day Adventists and explores the history and contemporary story of a faith group whose members are some of the healthiest and longest-living people on the planet. It will air on most PBS stations the week of April 5 (check local listings). The suggested broadcast date celebrates the Easter holiday and National Public Health Week, connecting faith and health. The film is now available on DVD for purchase from www.journeyfilms.com, and will be sold by various retail outlets, including the Potomac Adventist Book Center, beginning April 1.

The Hope Church Channel has a new satellite frequency. The new frequency for Hope Church Channel will be 12084 MHz. All other parameter information remains the same. To receive a free instruction manual for re-tuning the most common satellite receivers, call Hope Channel at (888) 446-7388, and select option 2 from the menu. Hope Church Channel is a supporting channel of the Hope Channel network, and carries special event programming such as conferences, training seminars and camp meetings. To learn more, visit www.HopeTV.org.

March Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunset</u>	<u>Offering</u>
March 6	6:02	Local Church Budget
March 13	6:09	Adventist World Radio/World Budget
March 20	7:16	Local Church Budget
March 27	7:23	Chesapeake Advance

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.