



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

**Congratulations to John and Earline Claridge** of the Martinsburg, West Virginia, church. The Claridge's will celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 26.

**Tutors are needed**—The Washington-Spencerville Korean church is starting a pilot Community Learning Center to begin this month. Capable, reliable persons are needed to tutor ESL, SAT Math and SAT English classes twice each week from September 21-December 16. Tutors will be paid a stipend. Contact Pastor David Kim at (443) 939-4798, or email davidandmiya@gmail.com by September 9 for more information.

**The Adventist Community Services (ACS)/Disaster Response (DR) annual meeting** is planned for Sunday, September 12, at 10:00 a.m., at the Chesapeake Conference office, located at 6600 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland. This meeting is for anyone involved in community service or disaster response, as well as pastors. Mark Hann will tell about his mission experience; Todd Fong of the Waldorf church will share innovative programs that are proving effective in his community; and participants will hear reports from the Chesapeake Disaster Response team and about the North American Division meetings. Lunch is provided. To register, contact Evelyn Gates at (410) 995-1910, or email egates@ccosda.org by September 6.

**Calling all Children's Ministry, Youth, Pathfinder and Adventurer Leaders**—A Youth Leaders Training Convention is planned for September 10-12 at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. There is still time to register for this comprehensive training event for Pathfinder and Adventurer leaders, children's and youth Sabbath School teachers, and anyone involved in working with young people. Workshop topics include organization, how to conduct effective meetings, leadership and communication, drills, planning creative activities, outreach ministry, learning styles and teaching methods, and more. For more information, contact Ann Reynolds at (410) 995-1910, or email areynolds@ccosda.org.

**Health Ministry coordinators and others** interested in providing health education services are invited to attend "Fit to Share," a seminar sponsored by the Health Ministries department, Sabbath, September 18, at 4:00 p.m. at the Chesapeake Conference office. This 90-minute seminar will survey the many resources currently available for a local church to use in providing quality programming for the community and their own members about how to live a healthier life. For more details, call Rick Remmers at (410) 995-1910, or email rremmers@ccosda.org.

**A Wild Edible Plant class** will be held at Mt. Aetna Retreat Center on Sabbath, September 18. The event runs from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The \$48.00 fee includes two meals with wild edible plants gathered during class time, guided identification hikes, a lecture, handouts and devotional. Call (301) 824-6045, or email mtaetnacamp@myactv.net to reserve a spot. Class size is limited, so call now soon. Attendees must be at least 10 years old. An adult must accompany children under 16 years of age.

**Adventist HealthCare is sponsoring a free Health Ministry Training** for people who want to start or revitalize the health ministry in their congregations. The event is planned for September 25-26, 2:00-6:00 p.m. at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, 9901 Medical Center Drive, Rockville, Maryland. Pastors, laypersons and health professionals are encouraged to attend. To register, call Katia Reinert at (301) 891-6102, or email kgreiner@ahm.com.

**A one-day conference for men**, sponsored by Maryland Men of Faith, takes place Sabbath, October 2, at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. Featured speakers are Rob Vandeman, conference president, and Jerry Lutz, senior pastor of the Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Maryland. A stellar line-up of presenters will speak on a variety of topics in breakout sessions. Register by September 27 at www.mmof.org.

**"Women at the Well" is the theme for the upcoming Women's Retreat** planned for October 15-17 at Mount Aetna Retreat Center. Hyveth Williams, professor of Christian Ministry at Andrews University, is the keynote speaker. The roster of presenters also includes Heather Quintana, editor of Vibrant Life magazine, Sally Appel, Celia Ogbonna, and Shayne Remmers. Topics include The Value of a Woman, Get Organized, The Sandwich Generation, The Door of Hope—Prodigals, Prayers and Promises, and more. Registration forms have been provided to churches. You can also get a form and more information by visiting www.ccosda.org, or by contacting Samantha Young by phone at (410) 995-1910, or by email at syoung@ccosda.org.

Get the early-bird discount by registering by September 10. Must register by September 30.

<u>Pricing is as follows:</u>	<u>By Sept.10</u>	<u>After Sept.10</u>
Lodging, Meals, Meetings	\$139	\$159
Commuters Plan A (Meetings & Meals)	\$ 99	\$119
Commuters Plan B (Meetings only)	\$ 49	\$ 69

**30 days to better health!** The Triadelphia church in Clarksville, Maryland, has invited Dr. Hans Diehl to present a series of lectures on the Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP). The series begins October 10. CHIP has helped thousands of people reverse the effects of heart disease, diabetes, osteoporosis, obesity, and other lifestyle-related conditions in as little as 30 days. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear Hans Diehl in person. To register for an upcoming free information session, contact Pastor Robb Long at (301) 854-3678, or email [longcars@juno.com](mailto:longcars@juno.com).

**The Chesapeake Single Adult Ministries department** invites all single adults in the Columbia Union to a retreat at Mount Aetna Retreat Center, October 8-10. Carol Barron of the North American Division Adult Ministries department will motivate and inspire participants to pursue a closer walk with Jesus. The cost is \$85 for the weekend and \$40 for Sabbath only. To register or get more information contact Fred Thomas by email at [fmthomas1950@yahoo.com](mailto:fmthomas1950@yahoo.com), or Howard Bankes by phone at (410) 531-3192.

**The Executive Committee** at its meeting on August 24 took the following actions and considered the following issues:

- ~ Carole Smith and Carl Rodriguez gave reports on Education and Youth Ministries within the conference and fielded questions from the committee.
- ~ Conference membership at the end of the second quarter stood at 13,490.
- ~ It was voted to recommend the retirement request of John William "Bill" Peeke on to the Columbia Union and North American Division after 41.21 years of service. Elder Peeke, associate pastor at the Atholton church, plans to retire at the end of the year.
- ~ It was voted to invite Vivian Ochoa, a member of the Hagerstown Spanish church, to fill the vacancy on the committee for a Hispanic representative. She takes the place of Linda De Leon who is relocating to Argentina.
- ~ It was voted to invite Elder Jerry Lutz to serve as the pastoral representative on the Columbia Union Executive Committee filling the place vacated by Rick Remmers when he transferred from pastoral to administrative ministry.
- ~ It was voted to support the Association Board of Trustees in approving the application for a bridge loan of \$4.2 million for the Spencerville church for their new school project. The bridge loan is needed due to the fact that the closing on the sale of the old school will not transpire until the new owners (Washington-Spencerville Korean church) take occupancy in the summer of 2011. For updates on this project—the largest project ever undertaken by a single congregation—check out the church's website [www.spencervillesda.org](http://www.spencervillesda.org) and click the "news" link and then select the building project updates blog.
- ~ It was voted to deny a request from the Potomac Conference asking for a variance to conference boundaries in the Bowie, Maryland, area to accommodate a Potomac church planting project that had found an opportunity to purchase a partially constructed church facility. While denying the request, the committee did authorize administration to dialogue with the Potomac leadership about more clearly defining the boundaries. The current boundaries around the Washington metro area on the northeast and southeast sides are from points to points as the crow flies and do not reflect natural boundaries such as major roadways or county lines. The committee felt that any discussion of boundaries and variances should be part of a larger strategic plan for the whole region.

#### **Condolences are extended to**

- ~ the family of Arvid "Al" Wennerberg who died August 25 at age 87. Following his retirement from a career in the insurance industry, Al worked for 14 years in the conference Trust Services department then retired again. "Al was a great source of encouragement," says conference president Rob Vandeman. "He had the profound ability to find the positive in people and circumstances and then to express it. On a professional level, his effort to help our constituents plan for the future will continue to bless this conference for years to come." Al Wennerberg is survived by a son, George Wennerberg, and a daughter, Joan Franklin. Many remember when George Wennerberg served as associate pastor of the Frederick church before accepting a call to North Carolina. Joan Wennerberg Franklin is a member of the Brooklyn (Maryland) church where she is the membership clerk and bulletin secretary. The family has been hit particularly hard with two deaths in as many weeks—Joan's husband, Thomas Franklin, died from complications of cancer just a few days before the death of her father.
- ~ the family of Mike Shacka, 81, who died on Tuesday of complications from cancer. Shacka was a charter member of the Pasadena, Maryland, church and served as the head elder there for many years. He will be greatly missed by his wife Ann, their adult children, and members of the Pasadena and Glen Burnie churches. Services will be held at the Singleton Funeral Home, One Second Avenue, SW, Glen Burnie, Maryland. Viewing on Tuesday, September 7, 3:00-5:00 p.m., and 7:00-9:00 p.m. The funeral will be Wednesday, September 8, at 12:30 p.m.

#### **September Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunset</u>	<u>Offering</u>
September	4	7:35 Local Church Budget
September	11	7:24 Fall Mission Appeal/World Budget
September	18	7:13 Local Church Budget
September	25	7:01 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.