

February 2012 Please forward this newsletter and/or print out copies for your local church bulletin board and for distribution.

The first annual Willow Brook Fine Art Show, sponsored by the Pioneers Pathfinder Club, runs Saturday, February 4, 7:00-9:00 p.m., and Sunday, February 5, 2:00-5:00 p.m., at the Willow Brook church located at 8916 Mapleville Road, Boonsboro, Maryland. Stop by to view paintings, photographs, drawings, and sculptures produced by local amateur, student and professional Adventist artists. Some art will be available for purchase. Entry and light refreshments are included in a small fee for those age six and older. For more information, contact the church office at (301) 797-8808, or email wb2@myactv.net.

Spencerville Adventist Academy (SAA) hosts a Talent Show sponsored by the senior class, Saturday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy performances by students in pre-K to grade 12. The event takes place in the SAA auditorium, 2502 Spencerville Road, Spencerville, Maryland. Admission is \$3.00; students pay \$2.00. Questions? Email hwetmore@spencerville.org, or call (301) 421-9101.

Adventist single adults are invited to a Valentine party, Saturday, February 11, at 6:30 p.m., at the Chesapeake Conference office located at 6600 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland. Chesapeake Adventist Single Adult Ministries sponsors the event. Bring food to share. Dessert and beverages are provided. For more details, call Fred Thomas at (410) 992-9731, or email ftthomas1950@yahoo.com.

"Understanding the State of Global Affairs" is a three-part seminar series hosted by the Triadelphia church. The seminars take place at 4:00 p.m. at The Gathering Place, 6120 Daylong Lane in Clarksville, Maryland, on February 11, 18 and 25. Ganoune Diop, General Conference representative to the United Nations, will lead a discussion of current issues that impact security, freedom, justice and peace. For additional details, contact Pastor Robb Long by email at Triadelphia@gmail.com, or phone (301) 854-3678.

Experience sights, sounds and tastes from around the world at the annual Highland View Academy (HVA) International Fair, Sunday, February 12, 2:00-6:00 p.m. Students will represent various countries in a parade of nations. Sample unique foods and gain insights into different cultures. The HVA campus is located at 10100 Academy Drive in Hagerstown, Maryland. To learn more, visit hva-edu.com, or contact Julie Recker at jrecker@highlandviewacademy.com or (301) 739-8480.

Crossroads Adventist Preparatory school is hosting a health fair, Sunday, February 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Learn the benefits of health and fitness through health screenings, massage, cooking demonstrations, seminars and student presentations. The school is located at 3291 North St. John's Lane in Ellicott City, Maryland. For more information, call (866) 715-7752.

Upcoming Youth Ministries Events:

For more information about these events or to register for Generation Rain, contact Ann Reynolds, assistant youth director, by email at areynolds@ccosda.org, or by phone at (410) 995-1910.

~ **The Generation Rain high school spiritual retreat**, February 24-26, is open to the first 200 registrants. Duane Esmond, Tom Fraga and Tiffany Taylor-Mduba from *Insight* magazine are featured presenters. A modest \$38 fee covers lodging at Mount Aetna Retreat Center and meals. Registration with no lodging and meals is only \$15. The retreat center is located at 21905 Mount Aetna Road, Hagerstown, Maryland.

~ **The Pathfinder Pinewood Derby** takes place Sunday, March 4, 9:00 a.m., at the Washington-Spencerville Korean (WSK) gymnasium (former site of Spencerville Adventist Academy) located at 15930 Good Hope Road, Silver Spring, Maryland. David Kim, WSK associate pastor, is the featured speaker.

~ **Youth Leaders Enrichment Day**, Sabbath, March 10, offers a menu of helpful workshops for leaders in Pathfinders, Adventurers, Youth and Children's Ministries. This special opportunity for worship and training runs 9:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. and is free of charge. Plan to stay for the fellowship luncheon and bring food to share. The event is held at the Baltimore White Marsh church located at 7427 Rossville Blvd. in Baltimore, Maryland. Scott Rackley, Spencerville church Adventurer leader, is the keynote speaker.

Children's Ministry Workshops (in English and Spanish) are planned for Sabbath, March 10, 9:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. at the Baltimore White Marsh church located at 7427 Rossville Blvd. in Baltimore, Maryland. Stay for potluck and bring food to share.

RSVP to Samantha Young, Children's Ministries director, by email at syoung@ccosda.org, or phone (410) 995-1910.

~ **Vacation Bible School and Child Evangelism Leaders** are invited to a VBS Resource Fair and Child Evangelism workshop (in English only). Preview the new VBS programs from leading publishers. Children's Ministry expert, Barbara Manspeaker, shares 21 Ways to Do VBS, how to recruit good help, and how to have an ongoing community child outreach program in your local church.

~ **Using the Grace Link Sabbath School Curriculum Effectively and Learning Styles** are topics offered in Spanish (only). Participants will discover resources to deepen the learning experience of children in Beginners, Kindergarten and Primary Sabbath School classes. Gladis Orjuela and Liliana Kahl provide instruction.

A Tribute Concert recognizing the music ministry of the late Virginia Gene Rittenhouse is planned for Sabbath, February 25, at 4:00 p.m.; at the Frederick church located at 6437 Jefferson Pike, in Frederick, Maryland. The concert features the New England Youth Ensemble, directed by Preston Hawes, and soprano Karla Rivera Bucklew. A free will offering will be collected. For more information, visit fredericksdachurch.org, or call (301) 662-5254.

Share your opinions as the Chesapeake Conference updates its Strategic Plan. Take a four-question survey online at ccosda.org (click the survey Quick Link on the home page), or print the downloadable PDF version of the survey and send it to Strategic Plan Survey, Chesapeake Conference, 6600 Martin Road, Columbia, Maryland 21044. The survey closes February 13. Need help? Call Jennifer Stefan at (410) 995-1910. Your thoughtful responses are appreciated.

February 29 is the deadline for churches to submit the names of delegates for the May 20 Chesapeake Conference Third Quinquennial Constituency Session. Find instructions and submit delegate information on the conference website at ccosda.org, under the Secretariat heading. Questions? Contact Jennifer Stefan by email at jstefan@ccosda.org, or by phone at (410) 995-1910.

A Disaster Preparedness Training opportunity is planned for April 21-22 at Eastern Shore Junior Academy, 407 Dudley Corners Road in Sudlersville, Maryland. Learn how you can help to protect families and communities during a disaster. Those who complete the training will receive a certificate. To register, visit www.acsdr.org, or call Evelyn Gates at (410) 995-1910.

A word of thanks goes out to church treasurers from Candy Iverson, conference accountant. "Thank you so much for all the hard work and patience you have shown as we have worked on the locally funded employees transition project. I appreciate all that you have done to make this process go more smoothly."—*Candy*

Washington Adventist University's School of Professional and Graduate Studies now offers accredited online bachelor and master degrees in Education, Nursing, Business and Public Administration. Apply now for admission to the Spring 2012 program. For information visit wau.edu, call (301) 891-4092, or email sgps@wau.edu.

Save the date! The Gathering: A Renewed Camp Meeting Experience takes place June 12-16 at Highland View Academy. Watch the *Currents*, and your church bulletins for details about this fresh approach to camp meeting. The lodging registration form will be on the conference website (www.ccosda.org) March 1 and printed in the March issue of *Visitor* magazine. Plan now to be there!

The conference office staff is deeply saddened by the recent death of Tracy Jones Rice, 43, beloved daughter of Millie Maplesden, administrative assistant in the conference Trust Services department. Tracy lost a four-year battle with cancer. She was a member of the Worthington, Ohio, church and a graduate of Takoma Academy. Please remember Millie and the family in prayer.

The Executive Committee at its January 31 meeting took action on the following items and received these reports.

- ~ Voted, to grant the North East company in Baltimore, Maryland, full church status. Pastor Sedley Johnson reports that the church planted in 2008 has shown steady growth and now has 71 members.
- ~ Voted to establish a Mission and Church Growth Council to provide intentional planning for the expansion of God's mission and growth of churches, both in size and number, in the Chesapeake Conference. The council replaces the Evangelism Committee.
- ~ Voted, to hire Robert J. Martinez as full time pastor of the Westminster, Maryland, church.
- ~ Voted, to approve the 2012 Conference Budget as presented.
- ~ Conference treasurer, Eduardo Munoz, reported a 4.3 percent increase in tithe for 2011 compared to 2010. Due to the faithfulness of members, no cuts to the budget in critical areas are necessary.
- ~ There were 481 baptisms or professions of faith during 2011, bringing the conference membership to 13,924.

February Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunset</u>	<u>Offering</u>
February 4	5:28	Local Church Budget
February 11	5:36	Adventist Television Ministries/NAD/World Budget
February 18	5:44	Local Church Budget
February 25	5:52	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.