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A warm welcome is offered to Jan Yakush, new principal and teacher of grades 7-8 at Rocky Knoll School in Martinsburg, West Virginia. A graduate of Southwestern Adventist College (now Southwestern Adventist University), Yakush has many years of experience as a teacher and chaplain. She has a keen interest in health and has developed a health ministry program for churches. Yakush fills the vacancy left by Mark Walker who was recently appointed conference interim associate superintendent of schools. Learn more about Rocky Knoll School’s PreK-Grade 8 program by visiting the school website at rockyknollsdaschool.org.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Take a little time to make your pastor feel appreciated. Send a note of thanks, perhaps give a gift card to be used for books and resources or a local restaurant (offer to babysit the pastor’s kids)—or post words of gratitude on Facebook (Facebook.com/ChesapeakeConference and Facebook.com/NADadventist). A few kind words may offer great encouragement.

“The Gathering” on the Shore drew some 300 attendees to Cambridge, Maryland, to worship together on the banks of the Choptank River. Pastor Jim Ayer, vice president for advancement at Adventist World Radio, shared his dramatic testimony of coming back to God. Elder Frank Bondurant, Columbia Union Conference vice president for Ministries Development, led the Sabbath School lesson study. A healthy living seminar, fellowship luncheon, and an afternoon gospel concert featuring the inspiring testimonies of local members were among the highlights. A cruise on a skipjack and a trio of miniature horses rounded out programming for children and youth. Recordings of presentations and photos of the day will be available on the conference website—ccosda.org—by mid-October.

Award-winning vocalist and songwriter Jeff Hunt will be in concert at the Dover First church on Saturday afternoon, October 19, at 5:30 p.m. Hunt is a former Heritage Singer, back-up singer and musician for renowned singer Doug Oldham, and a 3ABN artist. Bring family and friends to hear Hunt’s vocal artistry, humor, passion and insights into a closer walk with God. The church is located at 647 Wyoming Avenue in Dover, Delaware. For more information, contact Pastor Phil Hamman by email at pah44@comcast.net, or call (302) 674-3680.
Spencerville church celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in a special Sabbath School program on October 19. Bill Knott, editor of Adventist Review and Adventist World, will share the story of Hannah Moore, a little known heroine of the Adventist church. Conference president Rick Remmers facilitates the Sabbath School lesson study. The program begins at 9:50 a.m. and ends at 11 a.m. The church is located at 16325 New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland. Questions? Call (301) 384-2920.

Upcoming film screenings:
~ See Martin Doblmeier’s newest film, The Adventists 2, Saturday night, October 5, at 7 p.m., at Sligo church located at 7700 Carroll Avenue in Takoma Park, Maryland. A reception hosted by Washington Adventist University takes place before the showing (beginning at 6 p.m.) in the Sligo Church Atrium. To learn more about this inspiring film, visit journeyfilms.com.
~ Hell and Mr. Fudge, an award-winning feature film about what happens when you die, will be shown at five churches on the eastern shore. To learn more about the film, visit hellandmrfudge.org. Screenings take place as follows:

Cambridge, Maryland
Cambridge Seventh-day Adventist Church
3105 Mallard Court
Sabbath, October 5, at 6 p.m., reception follows

Chestertown, Maryland
Chestertown Seventh-day Adventist Church
305 N. Kent Street
Friday, October 4, at 6:30 p.m.; Sabbath, October 5, at 4 p.m.

Dover, Delaware
Dover First Seventh-day Adventist Church
647 Wyoming Avenue
Saturday, October 5, at 7 p.m.

Grasonville, Maryland
Grasonville Seventh-day Adventist Church
205 Medical Center Road
Saturday, October 5, at 7 p.m.

Salisbury, Maryland
Beacon of Light Seventh-day Adventist Church
817 Camden Avenue
Sabbath, October 5, at 11 a.m., lunch to follow

Hear The King’s Heralds and experience ADRA’s world through dynamic presenters and inspiring stories from the front lines. This free event takes place at the Southern Asian Adventist Church—located at 2001 E. Randolph Road in Silver Spring, Maryland—Friday, October 11, at 7 p.m. For more information, visit online at ADRA.org/OnTheEdge.

The Project Love in Action 11th Annual Benefit Concert and reception takes place on Saturday, October 12, 4 p.m., at the Northeast church located in the St. Andrews Lutheran church, 1201 Taylor Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland. Proceeds will be used to provide basic and preventive health care, HIV/AIDS education, food, clothes, shoes, vision care and reading glasses in the Ubakala community in Eastern Nigeria. The Visioneers, a popular Christian quartet from New York are featured. Admission is free, however a freewill offering will be collected. Have a question? Contact Iheanacho Odinma at (443) 631-4089.

Eastern Shore members can look forward to the annual Harvest Home Musical Program and dessert reception at the Rock Hall church, Sunday, October 13, at 2 p.m. The church is located at 21366 Sharp Street, Rock Hall, Maryland.
Proceeds of the bake sale will be used to restock the church’s food pantry. For more details, contact Vickie Anderson atvand4@verizon.net, or phone the church at (410) 639-2926.

The Chesapeake Chapter of Adventist Single Adult Ministries hosts a weekend retreat, October 11-13, at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. Keynote speaker Alphod Sinclair, a pastor and counselor, covers topics that are relevant to single adults. For details and to register, call Fred Thomas at (410) 992-9731, or emailfmthomas1950@yahoo.com.

“Christ our Rock” is the theme for Highland View Academy’s (HVA) Academy Days, October 25-26. Students in grades 7-11 who have an interest in learning more about HVA should contact Renee Williams by email at rwilliams@highlandviewacademy.com, or call (301) 739-7480. Registration is required. The campus is located at 10100 Academy Drive in Hagerstown, Maryland. Also visit hva-edu.com.

A getaway just for women: There is still time to register for the “Intimate Moments with God” 2013 conference-wide Women’s Retreat planned for November 1-3 at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania—a 90-minute drive from Baltimore. The early-bird rate has been extended, so plan now to join the fun and be blessed. Learn valuable strategies for developing a deep, authentic relationship with the Creator. New details about seminars (Gwen Foster, former Philadelphia health czar, and “Binding the Wounds” facilitator Sharyn Joseph will present) and activities have been recently added to the website. Seminars for young women (age 15-21) on topics such as dating/relationships and beauty have been added, and will be led by Tammya Horst and Pastor Jennifer Deans. Visit ccosda.org to register and find schedule details, or contact Jennifer Stefan by email at jstefan@ccosda.org, or by phone at (410) 995-1910. Ask your local Women’s Ministry leader how you can help by donating funds and items for the patients of the Penn State Hershey Children’s Hospital.

Pull an all-nighter at the annual Youth and Pathfinder Lock-In, sponsored by the conference Youth Ministries department, planned for November 2-3, 8:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., at Mt. Saint Mary’s University in Emmitsburg, Maryland (just 15-20 miles north of Frederick). Youth ages 10-18 are invited to come, make new friends, and enjoy sports—swimming, volleyball, basketball, badminton, and racquetball, to name a few—and of course, lots of food. Contact Ann Reynolds at (410) 995-1910, or email areynolds@ccosda.org to register.

Get a Total Body Tune Up, at Mount Aetna Retreat Center, November 1-3. Garner practical information for healthier living in workshops presented by John Kelly, M.D., and Pastor Inskip Allsop. For details, email mtaetnacamp@myactv.net, or call (301) 824-6045.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to two Chesapeake Conference teachers who recently experienced the loss of a parent. Clifford Stitely, father of Beth Bankes, died September 8 at his home in Mifflin, Pennsylvania, following a long illness. The 71-year-old retired Pennsylvania State Trooper was a graduate of Shenandoah Valley Academy. Beth Bankes teaches grades 3-4 at Rocky Knoll School in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Kathy Young, 3rd grade teacher at Spencerville Adventist Academy, was able to spend some precious time with her mother, Thelma Dickson, in the days preceding Thelma’s death the last week of September. Family and friends are invited to a graveside service, Friday, October 4, at 10 a.m., at George Washington Cemetery, 9500 Riggs Road in Adelphi, Maryland. Please pray for and support these families during their time of sorrow.

Jim Ayers, keynote speaker for the Eastern Shore Gathering last month, has authored new resources published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association. A book, Transformation, a 12-week companion study guide called Your Daily Journey to Transformation, and a DVD series, Remodeling Your Life—God’s Transforming Power, provide a journey of Biblical discovery and the keys to living a life of happiness through the strength of God alone. Available at the local Adventist Book Center, or online at adventistbookcenter.com.

October Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:

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