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Terri Day, a veteran Seventh-day Adventist health system administrator, has been named president of Kettering Adventist Healthcare, one of two Adventist healthcare systems in the Columbia Union. She is the first woman to serve as president in Kettering’s 48-year history. Fred Manchur, who has been the network’s president and CEO since 2010, continues as CEO.

Day served as Kettering’s executive vice president of operations since November 2010. Prior to that she was vice president of Adventist Health in California, where she developed integrated delivery networks to strategically advance the organization.

“The future requires that our operations and service lines be designed to support ease of access and coordination of care throughout our entire network,” Day noted. “We are a faith-based organization that puts patients at the center of care. Operating as one network means
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Sligo Members Pay off $2.2 Million Loan 13 Years
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Amens and applause rang through Potomac’s Sligo church on a recent Sabbath as Charles Tapp, senior pastor, announced that the Organ and Sanctuary Restoration (OSR) loan that was taken out in 2005 had been fully paid. The total cost for the OSR project was $4,482,455. To pay for this, a significant amount was raised before the project began and $2,295,958 was borrowed from the Columbia Union Revolving Fund (CURF) in May 2005, with a monthly payment of $16,500 for 20 years. At the start of 2012, the balance was just under $900,000. While Tapp and other leaders challenged members to reduce the balance to below $500,000 by the end of the year, not even they could have predicted that that the loan would be zeroed by then.

On Tuesday, November 20, Charlotte Conway (pictured left), church treasurer, traveled in person to the Columbia Union office to present the final check of $116,406.18 to Peggy Lee (pictured right), CURF secretary/treasurer. “Having experienced this miracle, we can no longer say of any large scale initiative at Sligo church, ‘It can’t be done,’” Tapp said. “Now that we have raised the money, we can now concentrate on bringing people to Christ by any means necessary and provide more resources for ministries that change lives.”—Story by Don W. McFarlane/Sligo Church

Highland View Academy Welcomes Interim Principal

After health reasons forced new principal Gregg Cain to resign, Highland View Academy Board members recently welcomed his replacement. Leroy Snider will serve as the Hagerstown, Md.-school’s interim principal. Originally from Ohio, Snider started his teaching career in 1966. He and his wife, Doris, have been married for 50 years. His daughter, Jennifer, attended HVA in the 1980s. Snider, has a bachelor’s in religion/theology from what is now known as Washington Adventist University and a master’s from Andrews University (Mich.) in supervision /curriculum development. He has served as principal in many schools over the years, including eight years
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Blue Mountain Academy (BMA) seniors Hannah Ashburn and Avonelle Davis decided they wanted to continue the tradition of BMA students making a difference in the world around them. So they volunteered to organize the biannual blood drive, which has been held on the BMA campus in Hamburg, Pa., for more than five years. It is estimated that only 5 percent of the U.S. population gives the gift of life.

Pictured is junior A.J. Landa, who along with nearly 30 other students and staff, stepped up to the task that day. However, Landa was asked if he would be willing to give a double bag of platelets rather than just a straight blood donation. His immediate answer was, “Of course!” He was the first student of the day to give platelets, but soon others followed his example. In the end, BMA was responsible for donating 21 units of good ol’ blood, which is enough to save 63 lives!—Story by BMA Staff
Ramah Students, Alumni Complete Buckeye Classic 10K

Last month five students and alumni from Allegheny West Conference’s Ramah Junior Academy laced up their running shoes to participate in the Buckeye Classic 10K at Highbanks Metro Park in Cleveland. Alumni Tasheet Wallang and El-Ryck Kendrick and eighth-graders Aaron Wimberly, Nia Gilbert and Jazmyne Lavalas (pictured left to right) spent several months training for the 6.2-mile run with the help of Shawn Maycock, the school’s fifth- through eighth-grade math and science teacher. The students’ hard work paid off when they all crossed the finish line in what is regarded as one of the toughest 10K courses around.

“It was a challenging race, but I met the challenge and feel great about my accomplishment,” commented Kendrick.—Story by Yvette Cooper

87 Attend Women’s Spiritual Breakfast in Southern New Jersey

Women from some 10 churches recently
attended the third annual Women’s Spiritual Breakfast organized by New Jersey Conference’s Woodbury church Women’s Ministries team. The breakfast was held at the Adelphia restaurant ballroom in Deptford. Guest speaker Catherine Schofield spoke about Queen Ester and Sally Atari sang original songs from Scripture.

Teresa Garloff, Woodbury’s Women’s Ministries leader, says women reported receiving a blessing. “This was a successful outreach and friendship-building event, as women who recently attended local evangelistic outreach programs were in attendance,” Garloff said. “We recognize the need not only to minister to the women within our own church community, but also the importance of reaching out into the homes within the community at large. To this end the Women’s Ministries department seeks to bring encouragement and comfort to those women whom Jesus draws into our presence.” Pictured from Left to right it is Helen Lewis, Margaret Freeman and Ruthann Knarr. More images can be seen at http://woodbury22.adventistchurchconnect.org/article/35.

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**Potomac Boy Excited About Memorable Birth Day**

Although various news outlets are reporting that thousands of couples are scrambling to claim the once-in-a-century wedding date of 12-12-12, a young Potomac Conference member is eager to claim today for another reason: his 12th birthday. Rohan Panickar, who is a student at the Beltsville Adventist School in Beltsville, Md., says he’s excited about the momentous occasion, and that the historic date makes him “feel special.”

Panickar is actively engaged in activities, like Pathfinders and choir, at the Southern Asian church in Silver Spring, Md. He says he hopes to one day use his gifts in music, or even missionary work, to further God’s kingdom. Happy birthday Rohan!—Beth Michaels
Look for the 2013 Visitor Calendar in Your Mailbox

Our 2013 Visitor Calendar is coming! The theme is “Fearfully and Wonderfully Made,” and it will feature God’s creatures, great and small. Look for it in your mailbox next month. For additional, free copies, email bweigley@columbiaunion.net.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas!
We at the Visitor magazine wish all of our readers a very blessed and Merry Christmas. This will be the last issue of the Visitor News Bulletin for this year. Look for the next issue on January 9, 2013.—Visitor Editors

UPCOMING EVENTS

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MARYLAND

December 15: Train to be an evangelist! Robert Folkenberg will be at the Triadelphia church from 2 to 5 p.m., to conduct a training seminar for those interested in holding ShareHim evangelism meetings, either in the United States or overseas. The training is for pastors and lay members. The church is located at 12950 Brighton Dam Road in Clarksville, Md. For more details, call Pastor Robb Long at (301) 854-3678. To learn more about ShareHim, visit www.sharehim.org.

December 15: Miracle Temple’s sanctuary choir presents the 18th Annual Christmas Cantata with Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Eric Conway. The program starts at 11 a.m. and features the Awesome Wonder children’s choir. The church is located at 100 South Rock Glen Road in Baltimore.

December 22: Join the Metropolitan Symphony Steel Orchestra, the Lara Family and Friends Steel Band and the Ottley Music School for Christmas Jubilee — starting at 5 p.m. at the Metropolitan church. Many items of beautiful pan music will be shared, along with other musical selections. Bring a friend! The church is located at 6307 Riggs Road in Hyattsville, Md.

December 31: By Your Side Ministries presents a New Year’s Eve Celebration. Come celebrate with live performances by Rob Mercer, June April and Angela Bryant-Brown along with comedian Cerrome Russell and the hilarious MC, David Williams. Start the year right with a great food, fun and fellowship while helping teen moms and underserved youth in the
February 8-10, 2013: A Lifetime of LOVE Marriage Retreat is the fifth annual community marriage retreat weekend. It will be held at Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City, Md. Joan and Rich Liversidge will present the sessions, which run from Friday evening to Sunday morning. For more information, email MarriageEnrichment@comcast.net or contact Mark and Peggy Lee at (301) 801-2344, or Jeff and Sandy Hartz at (443) 864-6328. The early bird discount ends December 17.

NEW JERSEY
December 15: Proceeds from the Family Aid Fund’s special Christmas concert will benefit victims of Superstorm Sandy. The concert, which starts at 7 p.m., will feature soprano Karla Rivera Bucklew and pianist Ingrid Forss. It will be held at the Parkway South church, which is located at Roosevelt Boulevard and Route 9 in North Marmora, N.J. For more information, call (609) 675-4124 or visit Facebook.com/FamilyAidConcert. Admission is free but donations toward the Family Aid Fund are appreciated.

PENNSYLVANIA
January 6: The Pennsylvania Conference is planning their first of two Family Ski Days at Jack Frost Ski Resort in Pennsylvania. Your group will need to arrive between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at the reservation booth. All tickets for your group will be given to the group leader to distribute to each person in your group (there will be no individual check-in). Each skier or tuber must have filled out a release form to take with them and turn in upon check-in (do not mail the form to our office). The resort is open till 4 p.m. Click here to register and RSVP.

TELEVISION
December 15-25: NBC’s Holiday Special, “The Present,” was filmed live at the Atlanta Berean church and features musicians Take 6, Jaime Jorge and Jennifer LaMountain and presenter Carlton P. Byrd, speaker/director of the Breath of Life telecast. For a list of stations and air dates, go to breathoflife.tv or call (805) 955-7681.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
December 15: Holiday Party for Singles. Connexus Ministry invites you to their 2012 Holiday Party Saturday, December 15, from 7 p.m. until 12 a.m. It will be held in the Capitol Hill church’s fellowship hall located at 914 Massachusetts Avenue N.E. in Washington, D.C. Please
bring a unisex gift ($20 or more) for the gift game. For more information, email connexusministry@yahoo.com.

**December 15: Capitol Hill church's Christmas Worship Service "From Presents to Presents: Living and Giving Like Jesus"** will feature a brass ensemble, with spoken word by the Capitol Hill Outreach ministry leaders. The service of word and song will focus on Jesus’ purpose in coming, and the birthday gifts He truly desires. The service will begin 11 a.m. The church is located at 914 Massachusetts Ave, NE, in Washington, D.C. For more information, call (202) 543-1344, or visit chcsda.org.

**December 16: Capitol Hill church will host a surviving the holidays seminar.** No matter how long it’s been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there’s hope. This seminar will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them. This seminar, held at 3:30 p.m., will be led by Chaplains Saundra Austin and Melanie Bailey. The church is located at 914 Massachusetts Ave, NE, in Washington, D.C. To register, call (301) 793-1554.

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“To be honest this opened my eyes to the possibilities of evangelism,” said Elliot Smith, an associate pastor at Ohio Conference’s Kettering church and coordinator for the outreach. “It has reshaped my understanding of how big God is. I never thought He was small, but it was amazing just to see what happens when multiple churches unite, hold hands and pray together. It just felt like this city is God’s city and He’s doing something that we just became aware of and we are just starting to tap into how we can partner with Him.”

Both conferences are continuing their partnership. They have made contact with some 3,000 people in the area and plan to regularly communicate with them based on what their indicated interests were. Some churches have already started stop smoking clinics, health seminars and smaller evangelism meetings. Elliot says they recently hired Shalena Berglund to serve as a full-time Bible worker to review Bible study contacts and train volunteer from area churches to lead new outreach initiatives.

Next year should be an exciting year for both conferences as they individually and separately continue to do their parts to fulfill the Great Commission. “This is all about building relationships,” Smith said. “One meeting or one event is not evangelism. What we are putting into practice is building relationships with the people God has put us in touch with.”

John Bradshaw, speaker/director of It Is Written, speaks during a 22-night evangelism meeting in Dayton, Ohio.

Pastor Elliot Smith, associate pastor at the Kettering church, presents the group of 22
students from Ouachita Hills College (Kansas) who canvassed in the Dayton area for 10 weeks.

At the close of a weekend prayer revival meeting at the Kettering church, attendees prepare to prayer walk a section of Dayton.

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Jacqueline Sanchez-Ventouris, who serves as one of the elders and as Esposito’s assistant during the week, says Esposito was the one who pushed hardest for this church. “He saw that the younger generations were skipping out on church,” she said. “This was a call for us to set up a church and call back our brothers, sisters, family members and friends who have left the church. A lot of us who are leaders also wanted to create a place where people feel that they can worship God in a contemporary, American setting. We’re all Hispanic but American and can’t always relate to our parents’ church where there is a strong emphasis on the Spanish culture.”

In the August cover story of the *Visitor magazine*, the author explores the very issue of a growing number of American-born Latinos who speak English a majority of the time and how churches in the Columbia Union were meeting those needs. Many young people are leading English-language church and vespers services. Arise seems to be a natural progression of those earlier efforts—an independent church plant positioned to reach English-speaking Latinos. And the Potomac Conference, which is home to the largest number of Spanish-speakers in the Columbia Union, seems like a natural place to pioneer a plant like this.

While the conference’s Hispanic churches have several English-language services, Victor Martinez, the youth leader behind Awakening, a monthly English-language vespers service and a member of Arise, says, “Arise is more than just an English youth service. This is first and foremost a church where we can reach others like myself.”

Arise is also a place where people can push the envelope and embrace freely integrate technology into the worship service. “This is not your parents church,” says Hector Perla, the church’s communication leader. “In my home church a lot of youth felt left out because they
would try to do some innovative things and were shut down. But, Jesus was an innovator, and here they can cultivate their talents. All ideas are welcome here, and through the Holy Spirit, they can be realized here.”

Perla, who is developing an interactive check-in process, points to the fact Arise churchgoers don’t get a traditional bulletin. Instead, when they enter the church, they can scan a QR code to get the bulletin on their smart phones. And when people look down on their phones during the service, leaders can rest assured that they are most likely following along with the Scripture reading on their Bible application.

‘Not About Music Style Method’

Still, “this church is not about music, style or method. It’s about saving this generation for the generation to come,” says Frederico Revollo, one of several pastors who preach at Arise.

“It’s not that I wanted to leave my home church,” says Joseph Amaya, head deacon and a musician. “I just wanted to be somewhere where I felt more connected. We wanted to make church a more comfortable place for people to come. We want this to be a fun but Holy place.”

The first sermon at Arise, titled “House Party,” plays into the idea that worship can be fun. And, while one may be forgiven for raising an eyebrow, the content reached deeper than the title. Based on Luke 15:11, Revollo spoke about the prodigal son and the party his father threw for him when he returned. While sharing a little of his own prodigal story, Revollo said, “What is the most precious gift that God gave us? Life. [The prodigal son] wasted the gift that his father gave him. It’s the same with us and God. The life you have is not really yours. It belongs to God. Live that life with him in ‘the house.’”

And that is Arise’s true mission, to reclaim the prodigals who mistook the world for their home when their real home is in Christ. “We really try to make people feel at home here,” Urrutia says. “We provide lunch every Sabbath and take time to get to know each other, not just as a visitor but as a new friend.”

Already a couple that had once left the church is prepping for baptism. Their families are thrilled that their children are back in church.

“The message we want to share with everyone who comes here is that ‘God loves you, and no matter what you’ve done, there is a place for you here,’” said Armenta.
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Kettering, OH - 12/11/2012

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During Scriven’s tenure, the college refocused its mission toward health care programs at the baccalaureate and graduate levels, bringing on a Bachelor of Science in Human Biology, BS in Nursing, BS in Diagnostic Medical Sonography and a Master of Physician Assistant Studies, which was the school’s first on-campus master’s degree offering. Also in the planning stages are a doctoral degree in occupational therapy and a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care. In addition, the college launched two online baccalaureate completion programs.

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Chew, who also is chair of the college’s Board of Directors, stated that a board-led search committee is being formed to choose Scriven’s successor.

“I’ve been here for over 12 years. I still love the people I work with; I still love the mission we sweat for; I still love contributing -- from a distance, unlike my colleagues who teach -- to student success. Come May, I will leave here proud. Most of all, I will leave here grateful for everyone in the Kettering College family,” said Scriven.

Scriven studied at Walla Walla College, Andrews University and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif., where he earned a doctorate in systematic theology and Christian social ethics. After completion of his Andrews seminary degree in 1968, he was briefly a pastoral intern in the Pacific Northwest. He then became one of the founding editors of Insight magazine in Washington, D.C. In 1973 he taught journalism for a year at Walla Walla College, then served as a pastoral intern for a year in Athena, Ore.

Following work on his doctorate in California, Scriven returned to Walla Walla as a member of the religion faculty. In 1985 he became senior pastor of the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church, and in 1992 he became president of Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University), prior to his tenure at Kettering.

An accomplished author, Scriven’s books include “The Demons Have Had It: A Theological ABC,” “The Transformation of Culture: Christian Social Ethics After H. Richard Niebuhr” and “The Promise of Peace: Dare to LIVE the Advent Hope.” He is chair of the board of the Adventist Forum, publisher of Spectrum (both a print and internet magazine) and facilitator of conversation and conferences on topics of interest to thoughtful Adventists.

About Kettering College

Kettering College, born out of Adventist faith, is a fully accredited college that offers graduate and undergraduate degrees in health science education. Upholding Christ, the college educates students to make service a life calling and to view health as harmony with God in body, mind, and spirit. A division of Kettering Medical Center, Kettering College is located on the KMC campus in a suburb of Dayton, Ohio.

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It is also an opportunity to showcase how much progress the school has made since it almost closed its doors a couple years ago. “It was important for us to have this night to showcase what our students have done and show how we have developed a strong STEM foundation. We want to inspire in our students a passion and desire to learn more about mathematics and the sciences from a biblical perspective,” said John C. Alberty, principal.

“Our students are now excited about learning science. How do I know this? Many of the parents told me that their children were the ones who insisted that they come tonight!”

The evening was also part of an ongoing collaboration with nearby Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md. Andrea Campbell, a senior biochemistry major at WAU was on hand rubbing a piece of pipe against her clothes to show attendees how electrostatic electricity works. Working with G.E. Peters students is part of her senior seminar grade. “Once a week, we come to the school and teach new experiments. The most fun part is we show students that God is a part of science,” she said.

At the volume and measurements table where participants guessed how many cups of water went into a particular container, first-grader Natalia Gay, happily used a cup to scoop water into a larger container to see if her guess about the amount it can hold is correct. “It’s really nice for parents and students to interact this way,” says her mother, Jennifer. “She went to public school before this and didn’t have opportunities like this. At her old school they were trying to put her on Attention Deficit Disorder Hyperactivity drugs and here she is on the honor roll and is so much happier.”
First-grader Natalia Gay learns how to make a lava lamp.

First-grader Jonathan Grandison performs an experiment under the watchful eye of presenter Tamaya Williams.

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Upcoming Events Around the Columbia Union

MARYLAND

December 6: A Sacred Brass Christmas Concert featuring Brass of the Potomac, directed by Steven Bulla, happens Thursday, December 6 at the Spencerville Adventist Academy Fine Arts Center. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. The school is located at 2502 Spencerville Road in Spencerville, Md. Tickets are available at www.spaac.net/tickets. Proceeds benefit the school’s band program.

December 07: Metro Area Adventist Young Adults (MAAYA) invites everyone to join them for “First (1st) Fridays” at 7:30 pm. They will bring in the Sabbath with a year-end praise and worship testimony service and agape feast. “First Fridays” will be held at the Restoration Praise Center located at 10411 Greenbelt Road in Lanham, Md. Visit their Facebook page and follow them on Twitter@maayaministry.

December 8: Frederick church presents “The Many Moods of Christmas,” featuring the music of the Frederick Church Choir (Francisco de Araujo, conductor), piano soloist Andy Luse and the New England Youth Ensemble of Washington Adventist University (Preston Hawes, DMA, director), at 7:00 p.m. A free-will offering will be collected. The church is located at 6437 Jefferson Pike in Frederick, Md. For more details, visit fredericksdachurch.org, or call (301) 662-5254.

December 8: The Annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols takes place at Spencerville church, at 4 p.m. The Columbia Collegiate Chorale and Pro Musica of Washington Adventist University will once again join the Spencerville Sanctuary Choir, under the direction of James Bingham, DMA. The choirs will sing carols interspersed with readings to tell the story of the plan of salvation through the coming of Jesus to this Earth. A reception follows in the fellowship hall. The Spencerville church is located at 16325 New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring, Md. Questions? Call (301) 384-2920.

December 9: The second annual Sligo Adventist School Craft Show and Small Business Showcase will run from 11-3 p.m. for vendors and shoppers alike. Vendor tables are $35 and shopper admission is $1 (you also receive a raffle ticket for fabulous giveaways!), with those proceeds going to the Worthy Student Fund. This is a fabulous opportunity to promote your craft/small business and to get some Christmas shopping checked off your list! Applications are available online at http://www.sligoadventistschool.org/ under Parent Resources or call (301) 434-1417 for more information.

December 10: A Depression Recovery program, sponsored by the Annapolis church, begins with an information session at 7 p.m. Gain control over your thoughts and improve concentration and energy levels. The group will meet Monday evenings in January and February. The church is located at 1996 Generals Highway in Annapolis, Md. For more information, email melzettawilliams@yahoo.com, or call (410) 266-8887.

December 15: Miracle Temple’s sanctuary choir will present their 18th annual Christmas Cantata with Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Eric Conway during Divine Worship. It will also feature their children’s choic, Awesome Wonder. Remember to invite family, neighbors, co-workers and friends to worship with us! The church is located at 100 South Rock Glen Road in Baltimore. For more information visit miracletemple.net.

February 8-10, 2013: A Lifetime of LOVE Marriage Retreat is the fifth annual community marriage retreat weekend. It will be held on at Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City, Md. Joan and Rich Liversidge will present the sessions, which run from Friday evening to Sunday morning. For more information, email MarriageEnrichment@comcast.net or contact Mark and Peggy Lee at (301) 801-2344 or Jeff and Sandy Hartz at (443) 864-6328. The early bird discount ends December 17.

NEW JERSEY

December 15: A special, Christmas edition of the Family Aid Fund Concert will benefit victims of Superstorm Sandy. The concert, which starts at 7 p.m., will feature soprano Karla Rivera Bucklew and pianist Ingrid Forss. It will be held at the Parkway South church, which is located at Roosevelt Boulevard and Route 9 in North Marmora, N.J. For more information, call (609) 675-4124 or visit Facebook.com/FamilyAidConcert. Admission is free but donations toward the Family Aid Fund are appreciated.

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TELEVISION
December 15-25: NBC's Holiday Special, “The Present,” was filmed live at the Atlanta Berean church and features musicians Take 6, Jaime Jorge and Jennifer LaMountain and Carlton P. Byrd, speaker/director of the Breath of Life telecast. For a list of stations and air dates, go to breathoflife.tv or call (805) 955-7681.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
December 15: Capitol Hill church’s Connexus Ministry is hosting a holiday party for singles. It will be held Saturday, December 15 from 7 p.m. until 12 a.m. in the church’s fellowship hall located at 914 Massachusetts Avenue N.E. in Washington, D.C. Please bring a unisex gift ($20 or more) for the gift game. For more information, email connexusministry@yahoo.com.

December 15: Holiday Party for Singles. Connexus Ministry invites you to 2012 Holiday Party Saturday December 15 from 7 p.m. until 12 a.m. It will be held at the Capitol Hill church’s fellowship hall located at 914 Massachusetts Avenue N.E. in Washington, D.C. Please bring a unisex gift ($20 or more) for the gift game. For more information, email connexusministry@yahoo.com.

December 15: Capitol Hill Church’s Christmas Worship Service "From Presents to Presents: Living and Giving Like Jesus" will feature a brass ensemble, with spoken word by the Capitol Hill Outreach Ministry Leaders. The service of word and song will focus on Jesus’ purpose in coming, and the birthday gifts he truly desires. The service will begin 11 a.m. The church is located at 914 Massachusetts Ave, NE, in Washington, DC. For more information, call (202) 543-1344, or www.chcsda.org.