Columbia Union Camp Meetings Get Underway

While some Columbia Union Conference camp meetings have come and gone, several are underway this week. Below are some photos:

Potomac Conference

Bill Miller, Potomac Conference president, prays Tuesday night over Jan Paulsen, keynote speaker and former General Conference president. Potomac's English camp meeting, held in New Market, Va., started on Tuesday and goes until June 22. The evening meetings start at 7 p.m. and are streamed live at pcsda.org.

Paulsen will speak for the rest of the week, with Miller speaking on Sabbath.
Pennsylvania Conference

This tyke was one of 62 people who crossed the finish line in Pennsylvania Conference's 5K/10K on Sunday during camp meeting. The Adventist WholeHealth Network sponsors the race with a goal of promoting family fitness. Click here to view photos from camp meeting, which is held in Hamburg. Brian McKnight shared his appreciation of the photos via Facebook: "I grew up and spent 41 years in the PA Conference! I fondly recall many camp meeting's @BMA, and also proud to be a BMA alumni! Now in the Carolina's, but a piece of my heart will always remain with the good folks of PA! God bless!" The camp meeting goes until June 22.

Chesapeake Conference

Mark Sigue, youth pastor at Chesapeake Conference's Frederick (Md.) church enthusiastically shares with kids during the June 11-15 camp meeting held in Hagerstown, Md. Click here to see photos on their
Mountain View Conference

At 6:30 a.m., during Mountain View Conference’s “Early Morning Visits with Jesus,” Dan Augsburger, speaker, shares with attendees that “there is nothing more exciting and satisfying than a life fully surrendered to Jesus.” The camp meeting is held in Huttonsville, W.Va., and goes until June 22.
Ohio Conference's pastor-organized camp meeting took place again this year at Mount Vernon Academy in Mount Vernon, Ohio, June 9-15. Since this year marks the 150th anniversary of the Seventh-day Adventist church, there were several seminars on the history and heritage of the church. Campers took a commemorative photo after Sabbath lunch.

Check Out These Upcoming Camp Meetings

Camp meeting is definitely not over. Here is a list of other camp meetings to consider attending.
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this summer:

• New Jersey Conference Spanish Camp Meeting, June 21-22
• Allegheny West Conference Camp Meeting, June 21-30
• Pennsylvania Conference Haitian Camp Meeting, June 22
• Allegheny East Conference Camp Meeting, June 27-July 7
• Pennsylvania Conference Hispanic Camp Meeting, June 28-30

Need directions? Click here for driving directions and for links to each conference’s website.

Southeast Music Team Hosts Community Worship Service

When residents of Ward 1 and surrounding communities in Cleveland assembled at Allegheny West Conference’s Southeast church on the third Sunday of the month to receive their food baskets, they were greeted with an uplifting song service.

Under the leadership of Melissa Strickland, the church’s music ministry coordinator, more than 100 families enjoyed music presentations by the choir, named Divine Worship, and praise dance performances by the group Selah. The response from the community was overwhelmingly positive. Several shared that the music touched their hearts and blessed their souls. Following the program, members of the music team stayed for the
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“Our music ministry’s mission is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through outreach,” Strickland said. “We seek not only to minister to the church, but to win souls for Christ in the communities.”

G.E. Peters Students Read the New Testament

Under the guidance of their Bible teacher, Karen McKinnie, fifth-graders at the George E. Peters Adventist School in Hyattsville, Md., read the entire New Testament in the King James Version. McKinnie's efforts were inspired by Ted N. C. Wilson, General Conference president, who encouraged every church member to read the entire Bible. McKinnie realized that reading the Bible from cover to cover in one school year might not be attainable, but felt they could read the entire New Testament.

McKinnie stated that she was so proud of her students because of their sincere desire to know the Word of God. Seven of the students went ahead of the class and completed the New Testament on their own.

“I love the stories,” said Dajah Gordon. “I learned about stories I never knew, and I liked how our teacher explained things we did not understand.”

McKinnie concluded that this was not an easy task. “We started on the first day of school and ended on the last day,” she said. “… With the help of our Savior Jesus Christ we are victorious!”

Adventist HealthCare Releases Annual Report to Community

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WAU Students Minister in Mauritius

Baraka Muganda, Washington Adventist University’s (WAU) vice president for ministry, and Alvin Fuentes, assistant professor, recently led a group of nine students to the Mauritius, an island in the Indian Ocean, off the southeast coast of Africa. The students became preachers and, during a series of evangelism meetings, spoke for 16 days to more than 2,500 attendees. The team also conducted devotions every morning at the only Seventh-day Adventist Academy in Mauritius and played games with the students.

“The trip has brought me closer to God,” said Danielle Barnard, a junior theology major. “It has shown me the purpose for my life; I feel like God made me for Mauritius and the church members affirmed me as a theology teacher.” Myrna Wylyan accompanied her daughter, Janelle Wylyan, a junior social work major, on the trip. “I went because the Lord has blessed me marvellously, and I wanted to serve Him through this opportunity,” she said. “I will always consider joining my daughter on these mission trips.”
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At the end of the two weeks, 65 people (some pictured) were baptized in several churches, while another baptism is planned for this month.

700 New Jersey Pathfinders Gather for Fun Day

Approximately 700 of New Jersey Conference’s children and youth recently gathered at the Tranquil Valley Retreat Center in Tranquility for a Pathfinder fun day. “Alone we are one, but together we are an army!” said Pastor Paulo Macena, Youth Ministries director, during the devotional before the activities. Children and youth were separated in groups according to their ages and participated in archery, canoeing, water slides, ultimate Frisbee, soccer, obstacle courses, tug-of-war, giant volleyball and many fun activities. Pictured are Pathfinders from Union City and Lakewood churches competing in a game of Tug-of-war.

Spencerville Academy Students Produce Film With Valuable Message

Spencerville Adventist Academy’s (SAA) broadcast journalism class recently created a short film titled 'it' Girls, which addresses the issues of peer pressure and being true to oneself. The students took charge of the project, from writing the script, directing, acting, editing, composing the original music, and much more,
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Junior Paola Charnichart, who wrote the film, says she was inspired by her personal experience of starting high school. She says, “I have always pictured myself in the movie *Mean Girls* but wanted to put my own twist on the story. High school isn’t about being popular; it’s about meeting the people who are going to be there for you for life.”

Charnichart says the story is about a shy girl named Sophia who goes to high school and struggles to fit in. View the [movie here](#).—Story by Heidi Wetmore

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Former General Conference Insurance Pro Dies

Harry R. House, Jr., longtime *Adventist Risk Management* (ARM) Board member (retired) and former employee, passed away June 1 in Clemson, S.C. House, who was a longtime member of Chesapeake Conference’s Westminster (Md.) church, began his tenure at ARM in 1957, then known then as the General Conference Insurance Services, and over the next 13 years lent his expertise to executive management of the church’s insurance operations. Even after leaving ARM for opportunities outside of denominational employment, House maintained his ARM connection by serving on the board...
End quote: What if Your Job Title Was Changed to ‘Servant?’

"Two years ago, I was at the airport in Charlotte, N.C., waiting for my plane home to Baltimore, when an announcer came over the public address system informing us the airport had experienced a power outage.

Three hours later, ground personnel told us we could board. As I walked toward the plane, I noticed a man walking up and down the stairs. I wondered what was wrong with him. We all wanted to go home and he was just delaying our departure. I walked up the stairs and noticed the sweat on the man’s face and shirt—he was carrying passengers’ luggage. Then I noticed who he was—our pilot.

This was my servant pilot. This pilot went above and beyond just flying planes. He made passengers more comfortable at the cost of his own comfort. Nobody asked him to help, and I’m sure he didn’t get paid more for doing it.

Days later I reflected: What would happen if instead of us having the title of captain, co-pilot, editor, administrative assistant, director or president, we had the title of "servant." Would we behave the same way?"—Laura Samano is the assistant editor for Guide magazine and a member of Chesapeake Conference’s Highland View Academy church in Hagerstown, Md. This commentary first appeared at Adventist News Network.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Click here for a complete listing of upcoming events around the Columbia Union Conference.

MARYLAND

June 22: Restoration Praise Center's Reconnect Singles Ministry is hosting an Open Mic Night and inviting all to attend. The event will be held on Saturday from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Everlasting Life Restaurant and Lounge located at 9185 Central Avenue in Capitol Heights, Md. Tickets are available for purchase at the RPC online store. Tickets range from $8 to $15. Please print out your confirmation number as the entrance into the event. For more information, contact Abigail at reconnect@rpcsda.org. For those interested in sharing their poetic talents, sign up will begins from 7:30 to 8 p.m. the night of the event.

June 30: Stop by the “Eat Like a ‘Super’ Kid” Healthy Cooking Fair at the Middletown Valley church Sunday, June 30, from 3-5 p.m., and join fun activities designed to give families healthy options for eating and living. Dinner is provided. To register—by June 23—email mvsdaevents@gmail.com, or call (240) 415-8268. This is a free event, but donations are welcome. The church is located at 1811 Arnold Road in Jefferson, Md.

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The broadcast students say they thoroughly enjoyed producing the film, while the editors say they enjoyed expanding their knowledge of editing software. Senior Sara Hernandez, who played the role of Sophia, says, “It has been a good experience seeing how much work goes into making a film.”

Robert Martinez, broadcast teacher and the film’s producer and director, says he appreciated this opportunity to put the students’ leadership skills into practice. “Film is a form of communication that this generation of young people is interested in,” he comments. “Giving them a structure in which to work has opened their eyes to the witnessing opportunities that their own work
can reach. I am trying to show them how to communicate their ideas in an effective, professional and spiritual way.”

View the movie here or at spaac.net.

Jason Boyd, CJ Gibbons and Danny Elliott edit the class film utilizing specialized computer software.

Robert Martinez, broadcast teacher, works with students to get just the right camera angle for a scene.
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NATIONAL
September 1: Enter the 2014 “Forever Faithful” International Camporee theme songwriting contest by September 1. Click [here](http://www.columbiaunion.org/article/984/news/visitor-news-bulletin-archives/2012-visitor-news-bulletins/upcoming-events) to enter the contest. If your submission is chosen, you could win two free tickets to the camporee and the honor of having your music become the 2014 Forever Faithful International Camporee official theme song. For more information, contact Justin Yang or Stacy-Ann Thomas.