The makings of an unforgettable weekend began with 2,000 Pathfinders, a fairground field full of tents, chuck wagons, and excellent weather. The quinquennial North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) Pathfinder Camporee was held September 13-16 in Astoria, Oregon.

Each evening the two thousand Pathfinders filled the bleachers around a stage in the Clatsop County Fairground’s indoor arena. They came to hear and see the story of David acted out in drama. The drama, written and directed by Rachel Scribner, a Walla Walla University Communication/Religion double-major, is a past Pathfinder. Watching the experiences that David and Saul went through showed how God can work in us and through us even if we make mistakes. All we need to do is give our hearts to Jesus. This year’s theme was just that: “My Heart for Jesus.” The theme text for the weekend was “And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart,” Ezekiel 36:26 NLT.

Each evening the drama was followed by a short wrap-up by one of the Pathfinder leaders—Ron Whitehead, International Camporee Director on Thursday night; Pastor Jonathan Tejel, World Pathfinder Director on Friday night; and James Black, North American Division Youth Director for both Sabbath morning worship and the evening program.

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Special post-meeting teen gatherings were held after each evening meeting. Bob Gaede led out by saying, “I want you all to come close, very close, because we actually want to experience what it was like to be near the cross itself.” Bob Gaede challenged the Pathfinders during the Friday night teen get-together to take off their shoes and come barefoot to the cross and touch it. He wanted to help them take in the real meaning of what Jesus sacrificed for each one of us so we have the opportunity to join Him in heaven.

Activities on Friday included a 5K Fun Run/Walk in preparation for Let’s Move! Day on September 23rd. The rest of the day Pathfinders were involved in a variety of activities which included visiting the beach or nearby Fort Stevens, climbing the Astoria Column, and BMX biking on the fairground’s course.

After the program on Sabbath morning, a pilgrimage was made to the ocean where there were close to 20 baptisms in the Pacific Ocean at Sunset Beach that afternoon. Hundreds looked on in support of the decisions to give their hearts to Jesus.

Sabbath evening, Pastor Black briefly touched on his own experiences growing up in a gang, though never feeling the part of a gang member. Another gang member killed Pastor Black’s brother and Pastor Black has since had the privilege of baptizing that man. When you give your heart to Jesus, God will use you!

To close the meeting that evening, Pastor Black made a call for those who wanted to do something great for God to stand and be anointed with oil, representing “My Heart for Jesus.” Many Pathfinders stood and dedicated their hearts to God’s purpose. And all left with the charge to give “My Heart for Jesus” every day!

**WHAT DOES JESUS MEAN TO YOU?**

That I am saved. No matter how many mistakes I make in life, that I will be forgiven. And that I get to be that person that I am – God’s Child.”

Jesus is a guy who was super kind to people and helped the poor and people in need.”

Jesus means a second chance.”

Even though I am a sinner He will always forgive me and love me.”

“I love him and He loves me. He is very special.”

“Freedom. Freedom from my past and freedom to live forever with Him.”

“I cannot imagine life without Him at all.”

“You wouldn’t be anywhere without Him.”

“Jesus is the Savior of all of us and He is a person you can count on. He died on the cross for us.”

“He washed all our sins away.”

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The Recipe Exchange

Krisy Barber, assistant to the director of communication, was asked to share this old recipe of her mother’s. It’s an old family recipe and a favorite for holiday dinners. We think you’ll find it a great addition to any fall meal. It also reheats well, making it a great potluck dish. We hope you enjoy it as much as Krisy’s family does!

Next month we will be celebrating Thanksgiving! What will be on your family’s table? Share your favorite holiday recipes with us and we’ll share them here in the eCommunique!

All recipes must be vegetarian or vegan. Please include preparation directions. Email your recipes to: krisy.barber@oc.npuc.org

Squash & Apple Casserole

Ingredients
1 large butternut or buttercup squash      1/2 cup maple syrup or honey
4 apples, peeled and diced                1/2 tsp. salt
4 tbsp. lemon juice                      1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup margarine, melted

Directions
•Cut the squash in half length-wise and lay face down in a baking dish. Add 4 tbsp of water to pan and bake 20-30 minutes at 400°F. •Scoop out baked squash, place in large casserole dish and mash. •Mix together apples, lemon juice, margarine, maple syrup or honey, salt, and cinnamon. •Add to squash and mix together. • Bake at 400°F for 45 minutes.

Note: This recipe is a wonderful addition to any fall meal, but particularly your family holiday meals!
HACKERS INVADE WHITE ESTATE WEBSITE
Ellen G. White Estate officials say they received confirmation earlier this year that hackers stole material from a password-protected database of White’s letters and manuscripts. Hackers also stole a mailing list, which they used to solicit sale of the stolen documents. The estate has filed a complaint against a group who identified themselves as the distributors of the stolen material. All of White’s letters and manuscripts have long been available for viewing, researching and photocopying within guidelines at White Estate research centers and branch offices worldwide. The collection is also being annotated for publication. The first volume is currently at the press.

FLORIDA COLLEGE BECOMES NEWEST ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY
The Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, whose graduates largely serve as staff for Florida Hospital in Orlando, became the Adventist University of Health Sciences earlier this month. Established in 1992, much of the university’s growth in recent years stems from increased distance learning options, which education leaders for the church have lauded as an example for other schools. About half of the current students study on campus. The university now has about 2,700 enrolled students, up from about 1,800 in 2006. Larry Blackmer, North American Division vice president for education, affirmed school officials for adding the word “Adventist” to the name, noting the church’s long commitment to healthful living and preventive care.

JACKSON NAMED NPUC EDUCATION REGISTRAR
Paulette Jackson, current Washington Conference associate education superintendent, has accepted a position as North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) education registrar. She will begin her new full-time responsibilities in October. Prior to her position with the Washington Conference, Jackson served as Idaho Conference’s superintendent of schools. She brings three decades of experience to her new role at the NPUC. She has worked as principal at Holbrook Indian School in Arizona, and taught at Portland Adventist Academy, and Meadow Glade Elementary School and Columbia Adventist Academy, in Battle Ground, Wash.

SHADLE COMPLETES CROSS-COUNTRY BIKE TREK
Eric Shadle completed his two-month cross-country trip on Sept. 5 to raise awareness of lack of diapers for low-income families. Shadle, who is pastor of the Richland, Wash., church, began his ride on July 8 as an effort to raise awareness for the need of diapers to distribute to community organizations that help local residents in need. So far, Shadle’s project has raised funds for over 500,000 diapers, including “matching diapers” from the National Diaper Bank Network! Read more from Shadle’s ride website at www.ride4diapers.org.

THUNDERBIRD ACADEMY STUDENT KILLED
Sixteen-year-old Thunderbird Academy student, Andrew Murphy, died of a gunshot wound after he attempted to stop an attempted robbery of his sister in a Phoenix park on September 13. Read more from local news at http://bit.ly/UL0poCN

TILLAMOOK HOSPITAL HONORED
Tillamook County General Hospital has been honored by being placed among 620 hospitals recognized by The Joint Commission as one of the nation’s “Top Performers on Key Quality Measures (TM).” The two accountability measures for which Tillamook Hospital was recognized for its quality of care are pneumonia and surgical care. Tillamook Hospital was one of five hospitals in Oregon to achieve this ranking.

WWU WELCOMES FIVE NEW FACULTY MEMBERS
Jody Carlisle and Steve VanOrden have joined the Walla Walla University School of Business faculty. Carlisle holds two master’s degrees in professional accounting and business administration. VanOrden has extensive experience in health care administration and also with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). He holds an international business degree and a master’s in public administration. Also joining the WWU team are Elisabeth Ritacca in history and philosophy, Ferdinand Regalado in the school of theology, and Anthony Remboldt as an aviation instructor in the department of technology.

REGISTRATION OPENS FOR GYC IN SEATTLE
This year’s Generation of Youth for Christ (GYC) conference is happening Dec. 28 through Jan. 1 at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle. This gathering of youth from around the nation and beyond is an annual highlight of spiritual focus and revival. Registration is now open online. Learn more at http://gycweb.org.

WALLA WALLA HOLDS UNIVERSITY CAMP MEETING
Since the Upper Columbia Conference has moved its annual camp meeting to Upper Columbia Academy, Walla Walla University decided this year to hold an additional event on its own campus. The weekend, entitled “Courage in a World of Change,” was held Sept. 7 and 8 at the University Church. Special speakers included church pastors Alex Bryan, Troy Fitzgerald, Emily Flottmann and Kris Loewen. Professors Paul Dybdahl and Dave Thomas of the WWU school of theology spoke as well.

CONFERENCE EMPLOYEES—AVOID THE POLITICAL TANGLE
A reminder from our world church Office of General Counsel: Church employees of any 501(C)(3) should refrain from any indication of support or opposition to any political candidate. This includes using your position, church resources or equipment (bulletin boards, emails, websites, stationery, publications, and the pulp) to either support or oppose any political candidate. You are free to do this as a personal matter, but please refrain from any involvement in such activity within your duties as an employee of the church. For complete details, read the Political Activities Compliance Initiative at http://1.usa.gov/Ptfsm and The Restriction of Political Campaign Intervention by Section 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Organizations at http://1.usa.gov/O2G41D. You can also call the General Counsel at 301-680-6321 if you have questions.

ADVENTIST HEALTH CELEBRATES OLDEST VOLUNTEER
Adventist Medical Center (AMC), in Portland, Ore., recently celebrated the 100th birthday of its oldest volunteer, Vida Trout. Fellow volunteers, friends and staff joined to celebrate the special occasion. Trout has been a volunteer at the hospital since 2005 and has logged 1,442 hours of service. She walks to AMC on the days she volunteers (about two miles round trip) and enjoys swimming, playing pool and ping pong in her spare time.

ADVENTISTS GET MOVING ON "LET'S MOVE!" DAY
Church members across North America headed to parks, tracks, gyms or even their own neighborhood streets to participate in the annual Let’s Move! Day. This church-sponsored activity is incorporated as part of the InStep for Life program of the North American Division and echoes the national initiative promoted by First Lady Michelle Obama. North Pacific Union Conference staff members spent their Monday noon hour this week walking near their office in Ridgefield, Wash. Katia Reinert, NAD health ministries director, says “Our culture is coming to grips with its health crises, and we have a message for our times.”

For additional news visit www.OregonConference.org
**OMAC CELEBRATION OF AFRICA PROJECT**
*When: November 10, 4:30 pm*
*Location: Vancouver Adventist Community Church*
Join Oregon Adventist Men’s Chorus (OAMC) in celebrating what God did in South Africa during August 2012. Learn more about the concert in the dark, divine appointments, and more amazing stories from Dan and Betsy Matthews and OAMC singers. Whether you supported OAMC in prayers, donations, attending any OAMC concert, or listening to an OAMC recording, there is a blessing in store for you. The Adventist Community Church of Vancouver is located at 9711 NE St. Johns Rd, Vancouver, Wash.

**PROPHETIC REVELATIONS SEMINAR SERIES**
*When: October 6-27, 7:00 pm*
*Location: Salem Central Adventist Church*
Salem central church will host “Prophetic Revelations 2012” with speaker Pastor Mark Cockerham from Sabbath, Oct. 6 to Oct. 27. Meetings are at the church, 1330 Summer St. NE, at 7:00 pm every night except Mondays and Thursdays. Emphasis will be on the heart of Revelation, chapters 12-14. Each night will feature a brief health or family life segment, special music and children’s program. As a special feature, Wanda Vaz will give a sacred concert on Sabbath Oct. 20 at 6:15 pm. For further information call 503-364-4626 or 503-409-0759.

**RIVERGATE FALL FESTIVAL**
*When: October 7, 2:00-6:00 pm*
*Location: Rivergate Adventist School*
Rivergate School would like to invite you and your family to join us for our Annual Fall Festival fund raiser event. There will be fun activities for all ages, including go-karts, games, face painting and photos. There will be a farmer’s market booth, fresh-baked goods, food and special treats for all! This year’s “cook-off” will be veggie burgers. Enter one of your tastiest burgers with all the fixings and a written recipe. The winner will take home a $25.00 prize! All proceeds will go towards the new building fund. Rivergate Adventist Elementary School is located at 1505 Rivergate School Rd, Gladstone, Ore.

**THIRD ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR**
*When: November 9 & 11, 2012*
*Location: Gladstone Park Adventist Church*
The Gladstone Park Adventist Church is holding its third annual Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 9 and 11 from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm to benefit the church fellowship hall and junior high wing. Offerings include crafts, gifts, collectibles, antiques, home-based business displays, food and more! Prices are low, and kids will have fun too! Gift wrapping is available. The church is located at 8378 Cason Rd, Gladstone, Ore. For more information email fundraising@gladstonepark.org, call 503-655-2614 or visit www.GladstonePark.org.

**HOMECOMING 2012 AT SHARON CHURCH**
*When: October 12-13, 2012*
*Location: Sharon Adventist Church*
The Sharon Adventist Church will be celebrating 66 years of being blessed by the Father and directed by the Holy Spirit in ministry. We are inviting past members, current members, friends and the entire community to come and celebrate with us! The Lord has continued to bless us, and we have continued to share those blessings with the community. So please, come one...come all to the place where “The Arms of Christ Are Always Open.” For more information call the church office at 503-287-7649. Visit http://bit.ly/Qo6uDQ.

**COMING OUT MINISTRIES SEMINAR**
*When: October 5-6, 2012*
*Location: Vancouver Community Adventist Church*
Coming Out’ Ministries will present a weekend seminar on how to embrace those who have been hurt, alienated and rejected, and how to draw them into our loving Savior’s grace and mercy. Wayne Blakely and ministry colleague Michael Carducci have both stepped away from the gay lifestyle. They will share their testimonies and teachings October 5th and 6th at the Adventist Community Church of Vancouver. Join them on Friday evening at 7:00 pm and from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Sabbath, including a vegetarian potluck over the lunch hour. The Vancouver Adventist Church is located at 9711 NE St Johns Rd, Vancouver, Wash. For more information, visit vancouveradventist.org.

**“HOMeward BOUND” PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH’S 30TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION**
*When: October 26-27, 2012*
*Location: Pleasant Valley Adventist Church*
Pleasant Valley Adventist Church (PVC) invites you to join with us in celebrating 30 years of God’s blessings, Oct. 26 & 27. The event starts with a “Welcome Home” dinner at 6:00 pm on Friday. Sabbath services are at 9:10 and 11:40 am, with memory sharing at 10:30 am. Stay for potluck lunch. Vespers starts at 5:00 pm, followed by a reunion social and dinner. If you were part of PVC’s start and history, please let us know. We’d like to hear your recollections and see any pictures you may have. More by calling 503-658-2248, emailing info@pvcsda.org or visiting www.pvcsda.org. PVC is located at 11125 SE 172nd Ave., Happy Valley Ore.

**“His WAY of HOPE” SERIES**
*When: October 5-Nov. 3, 2012*
*Location: Castle Rock Adventist Church*
Join the Castle Rock Adventist Church Oct. 5-Nov. 3 as they present a series of messages that will address hard questions. “His Way of Hope” will be held on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Meetings will mostly be in the evening beginning at 6:45 pm and ending at 8:30 pm. Presenters will address many hard-to-answer questions and give real evidence to believe that the Bible is our source for truth and comfort. For information and schedules call 360-967-2165.

**“ISLAM & CHRISTIANITY” SERIES**
*When: October 12-22, 2012*
*Location: Pleasant Valley Church*
Pleasant Valley Church (PVC) is hosting the first full ‘Islam and Christianity’ series in the Portland area with Pastor Tim Rosenberg. This series has been presented to crowds across the U.S. and now you have a chance to hear it in person. If you would like to know more about this series, visit www.IslamandChristianity.org. PVC is located at 11125 SE 172nd Ave. in Happy Valley, Ore.
**Transitions**

**VJ Puccinelli** (Marilyn) will be ending his interim assignment as pastor for the McMinnville church.

**Jerry Joubert** (Beverly) will be moving from the Bend/Cascade district to take on the pastorship of the McMinnville congregation.

**Steve Madsen** (Shalline) will be moving from the Pleasant Valley church to take the pastorship of Lents church.

**Edwin Lopez** (Leticia) will be joining the Oregon Conference from the Idaho Conference as pastor for the Milwaukie Spanish congregation.

**Warren Minder** (Joanne) has fully retired from his position as Special Assistant to the VP of Education.

**David Merino** (Sandra) will be moving from the Milwaukie Spanish church to pastor at the Woodburn Spanish church.

**Fonda Cox** (Kevin) has joined the Oregon Conference as Director of Development and Fundraising for Education.

**Lyle Arakaki** (Iris) will be moving from pastorate of the Roseburg congregation to join the Washington Conference.

**Tim Mayne** (Bonnie) will be moving from the Glide/Turning Point district to take the position of pastor for the church at Tillamook.

**Bill Smith** (Sue) will be ending his interim assignment as pastor for the Tillamook congregation.

**A correction to last month’s transitions:** **Jason Bibb** (Sarah) will be taking on the position of VP of Finance at Milo Adventist Academy.

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**THE HERON IN THE REEDS**

By Phil Kahler

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**SUNSET CALENDAR**

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