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## AROUND THE UNION



## Disaster Response Crew Rally to Aid Cleanup Following Lansingarea Storm

On Thursday, August 24, a violent thunderstorm, accompanied by several tornadoes, struck mid-Michigan, traveling from Grand Rapids to Lansing, Michigan. Wind gusts of up to 80 miles an hour uprooted trees, sending them smashing onto people's homes and cars, turning once peaceful backyards into devastation. One such yard belonged to Dorothy, who had over 25 large, mature trees fall in her backyard.

Michigan Adventist Community Services and Disaster Response (ACSDR) first came in contact with Dorothy through her neighbor, Snowrene Mitchell. Mitchell is the Lansing Adventist Community Services director, and her yard was also devasted. A volunteer on his way to Mitchell's home mistakenly pulled into Dorothy's driveway.

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# Toxic Chemicals. Poor Access to Fresh Food. How a Detroit-area Church Took Action

In February 2023, a train carrying more than 115,000 gallons of toxic chemicals derailed in East Palestine, Ohio - 230 miles from Romulus, Michigan, where Sharon-Inkster Seventh-day Adventist Church is located. The catastrophe released cancer-causing chemicals that polluted the East Palestine air, soil, and water, eventually spreading to adjoining states and communities.

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## **Hospitals Rework Cafeteria Menus** to Offer More Healthy Choices

UChicago Medicine AdventHealth is making changes to the food served at its cafes and Grab and Go stands. The decision sprang from a desire to adhere more closely to an AdventHealth concept of CREATION Life, a Bible-based plan for building a life based on Choice, Rest, Environment, Activity, Trust, Interpersonal relationships, Outlook and Nutrition (creationlife.com).

"We wanted to move our hospitals back to their foundation of whole-person care and help improve the health and well-being of our visitors, our patients and our team members," said Paul Fischer, food and service director for UChicago Medicine AdventHealth Hinsdale and La Grange. "We want to continue building a culture of life and wellness."

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## Reflections on a Life-changing Summer in Ministry

"It's difficult to explain the feelings of sadness that I felt the last few days leading to the end of my internship at the Shepherd's House Adventist Church in Wausau, Wisconsin. It was unexplainably painful to say goodbye to all of the people I had spent the summer getting to know. The thing that pulled me out of the sadness was reflecting on all that I had been able to learn and experience during this summer." - Lexi Hamilton, pastoral intern at the Shepherd's House.

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## IN THE NEWS

#### **Wisconsin Ministry Leader Shares Service Experiences**

"I'm good at getting things done and helping people. I'm much more comfortable doing that than, say, sitting through a Bible study. I think getting involved in that way, in doing mission . . . it's a way to get people to stay at church to be part of building relationships. Helping others keeps us grounded in the church. We are feeding people every single week, and it's definitely at the core of our mission." - Dana Bohm, Milwaukee Central member and ministry leader

## **EVENTS AND OTHER LISTINGS**



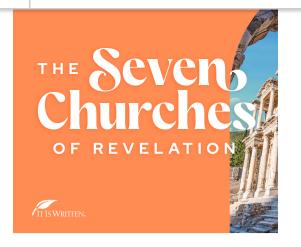


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The Battle Creek Tabernacle in Battle Creek, Michigan, invites you to the dedication of the newly remodeled sanctuary and main floor on Sept. 23, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

Special speaker for the morning service will be Dwight Nelson, recently retired pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University.

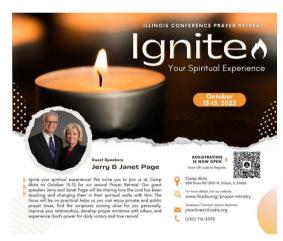


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#### Mini-series

Join John Bradshaw on location in Turkey and Greece as he visits the sites of the seven churches of Revelation. The book of Revelation comes alive as ancient messages from Jesus speak to a world awaiting His return. A new episode is released each Friday through September 22. Watch online.

Join Michigan Women's Ministry for an annual one day getaway on Sabbath, October 1, with guest speaker, Donna Willey at the Lake Michigan College Grand Upton Hall. Donna will be sharing about the two women of Revelation: "Plain Jane & the Glamour Queen." You will also enjoy watching two Bible Queens re-enacting Biblical roles throughout the day.

Don't wait to register!

Join guest speakers, Jerry and Janet Page, for the Illinois Conference Prayer Retreat, "Ignite you Spiritual Experience."

When: Oct. 13-15, 2023

Where: Camp Akita in Gilson, Illinois

For more details, visit www.ilcsda.org/prayer-ministry.

Save the date for the annual Conscience & Justice Council Convention, Sept. 28-Oct. 1, 2023, in Columbia, Maryland, at the North American Division.

To register, click on: 2023
Conscience & Justice Council
Convention Registration, Thu, Sep
28, 2023 at 5:00 PM | Eventbrite.

Join the Society of Adventist Communicators Convention in Springfield, Massachusetts, on October 19-21, as professional communicators attend workshops, meet for worship, and network. They also welcome Adventist college and university students.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for more info and/or to register.



you to <u>"Reconstructing Religious Liberty in a Time of Religious and Secular Extremes."</u> This two-day event will explore new ways to talk about religious freedom within a culturally and politically polarized America.

When: October 20-21, 2023 Where: Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church

For more information and to register, visit <u>religiousliberty.info/events</u>.



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## September 2023

This month's issue features stories from Andrews University.

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Picture of the Week



Indiana Conference kicked off its first year of a virtual school. Students from all over the state met at Timber Ridge Camp to receive their laptops, textbooks, and classroom materials. Currently, the school offers grades 1-8, but plans are ongoing to add high school classes in the 2024-2025 school year. "We hope to cover the entire state of Indiana with options for children to experience the evangelizing work of Adventist education," said Peter Cousins, Indiana's superintendent.



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