



Evangelical Congregational Church E.C. National News

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“ALL IN” is Conference theme

“All In” is the theme for the Sixteenth National Conference of the E.C. Church, to be held Wednesday through Friday, May 30 to June 1 at Messiah College, Grantham, PA. The theme is based on 2 Corinthians 5:15—He died for everyone so that those who receive His new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.”

The Conference will be preceded at 10:00 am by the 5K Rev Run, Walk which benefits Kingdom Extension (church planting). Attendees will gather at 1:00 pm for the communion service in Hostetter Chapel. Or-

ganization of Conference and Bishop Bruce Hill’s Episcopal Address will follow at 2:30 pm.

Women’s Programming will feature Bethanie Stevenson, who works with her husband, Rev. Gene Stevenson, in Pastoral Support and Services. Also speaking is Rev. Robert Schaeffer of LIFE (Living in Freedom Eternally) Ministries in New York City.

Wednesday evening worship will include appreciation for Global Ministries Associate, Rev. Randy Sizemore and wife, Carla, who is completing his term.



A “Kingdom and Community Experience” will be the focus of Thursday afternoon, with a goal of better understanding what it means to be “all in.”

Conference will conclude on Friday morning with worship, credentialing, and recognition.

Campmeetings announced

Herndon Campmeeting

Herndon, PA will have its annual gathering Friday, July 20—Sunday, July 29. Daytime activities, Bible studies, and evening services are offered.

Programming for children and teens is included. A variety of accommodations and meal packages are available.

Herndon was established in

1901 “out of a desire to bring people together to learn, experience, and connect with God. For more information, call 570-758-8356, or go to www.herndoncampmeeting.org

Similar programming will take place at *Rawlinsville Campmeeting*, Holtwood, PA Monday, July 30-Sunday, August 12.

Rawlinsville is a United Methodist ministry, established in 1885 by the Methodist Episcopal

Churches of southern Lancaster County. A number of EC pastors, especially Rev. Michael Sigman, have served in the leadership.

Questions may be directed to 717-284-2746 or www.rawlinsvillecamp.com.



Summer Camps announce events

Rock River Bible Camp, Dixon, IL will have a “good ole-fashioned picnic” at noon on Monday, May 29. Meat will be provided, and families are asked to bring dishes to share, table service, and games.

The camping season begins on July 1 with the primary age group. For more information, go to www.rockriverbiblecamp.org, e-mail camp_board@rockrivercamp.org or call 815-652-4410 or 3458.



Twin Pines Camp, Stroudsburg, PA is announcing a Summer Celebration from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, June 9. Activities, games, food, a flea market, and craft show will be included. In addition, a Summer Staff Reunion will take place Saturday night and Sunday morning.

This summer, Twin Pines is partnering with Angel Tree Camping, a ministry of Prison Fellowship, to provide camping opportunities for children of the incarcerated. Prison Fellowship helps cover expenses, and additional donations are welcome.

Twin Pines' season begins with Adult Camp on June 17. For more about the camp, go to www.twinpines.org, e-mail shawn@twinpines.org, or call 570-629-2411.

Camp ECCO, Carrollton, OH will offer camps for five age groups, beginning with Super Senior Week June 7 to 10. For more information, go to www.campecco.org, e-mail

campeccocontact@gmail.com, or call 330-739-4200.

Pastoral Assessment Center Slated

Individuals and couples who sense a calling to pastoral ministry are informed that the next Pastoral Assessment Center will take place January 15 to 19, 2019 at Evangelical Seminary in Myerstown. Registration deadline is June 1. The entrance application is available from Pastor Jeffrey Byerly. E-mail jgbyerly@eccenter.com or call 570-294-3467.

FAMILY NEWS

Promotion

Rev. Terry Jacobs, pastor at Riverhill EC Church, Shippenville, PA is a chaplain in the Civil Air Patrol. On April 26, he was promoted from Senior Member to the rank of Captain. The ceremony took place at the Clarion Airport, with young Patrol members participating.

Birthday

Lois Jean Brothers, the person with the longest membership at Grace EC Church, Knox, celebrated her 90th birthday on April 26. The daughter of Rev. Eugene & Martha Courtney, Jean was born in the Grace parsonage, while her father served the Venango Charge.



Award

On April 6, **Charles Cotherman**, church-planting pastor of the Oil City, PA Vineyard, received the Young Professional of the Year Award from the Future Leaders and Entrepreneurs Exchange (FLEX). Charlie's home church is Knox, Grace EC. He is assisted in ministry by wife, Aimee.

Remembering loved ones...

Rev. Barry Zimmerman, 73, of Ephrata, PA passed away on February 9. He was employed by New Holland Machine for 28 years. For the past 14 years, Barry served the congregations of Brownstown Ebenezer, Martindale Bethany, and Shillington St. Luke's. He is survived by wife, Linda and son, Todd.

Mary Good, 90, of Wernersville, PA passed away on February 9. She served for many years as Lay Delegate for Reading First Church. She was recently a member of Mohnton Zion. She was a president of the Eastern Branch of the Missionary Fellowship. Mary had a career as an elementary school teacher and was Alumni Director at Albright College. Her community work included Girl Scouts and the Myerstown Women's Club. She was preceded in death by husband, Kenneth. She is survived by daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Martha.

Retired missionary, **John (Jack) Murray**, 89, of Rough and Ready, CA passed away on March 10. He was born on May 31, 1928 in Maybole, Scotland. Jack and late wife, Martha, served for many years in Europe and the former USSR. He was also preceded in death by stepson, Harvey Copperwheat, an EC missionary and pastor. He is survived by son John, a missionary with Central Peninsula Church of Foster City, CA; and stepson, Wesley Copperwheat, a missionary in Italy.

Phyllis Kern, 76, of Elizabethtown, PA passed away on April 11. She was the wife of the late Rev. Richard Kern. She formerly lived in York and Dallastown. Phyllis worked as a school nurse. She was a member of the Arlington Red Lion Church. She is survived by daughter, Sharon, and sons, Mark and David.

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