

Evangelical Congregational Church

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"For there is **one** body and **one** Spirit, just as you have all been called to **one** glorious hope for the future.

There is **one** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism, and **one** God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all."

EPHESIANS 4: 4-6

Evangelical Congregational Church will be held at Messiah College, Grantham, PA Wednesday through Friday, May 25 to 27. "One," based on Ephesians 4:4-6, "...one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father..." has been selected as the theme.

Conference will open with a 1:00 p.m. communion service, followed by Bishop Bruce Hill's Episcopal Address. Business will include amendments to the *DISCIPLINE* and Rules of Conference. Outgoing Conference Ministers, Gary Kuehner, Gordon Lewis and Charles Campbell will be honored, and a number of retiring pastors will be recognized.

A preliminary event is the Bishop Kevin Memorial 5K Rev Run/Walk and 10K Bike Ride. Bikers will start at 9:00 a.m. and walkers and runners at 10:00 a.m. in front of the Hostetler Chapel. The event is sponsored by the Healthy Pastors Team and the Church Planting Commission. Registration is \$30. Participants can sign up on the Conference registration form.

Carol Cool, speaker, writer, and pastor's wife at Grace E.C., Akron, PA, will be speaker for the women's programming Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Michelle Kime, pastor's wife at Faith E.C., Lancaster, PA, will present the work of Imagine Goods. Jackie Iatesta, Parish Nurse at Trinity E.C., Boyertown, PA, will bring a health, fitness, and prayer session on Friday morning.

To register for Conference, go to the denominational website (www.eccenter.com) or contact blong@eccenter.com. Deadline is April 18th.

National Conference Nears

The Fourteenth National Conference of the

ECCO's Got Mystery

This spring's Camp ECCO fundraiser will be an evening of mystery, featuring "an original and interactive story, performed by the ECCO Players." The event will take place at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, April 16 at Wedgewood Park E.C., Youngstown, OH.

Cost, which includes dinner, is \$10 for adults. Children ten and under are free. Sign up at your church, or call Nettie Campbell at 330-727-8171 by April 9. Camp ECCO is located near Carrollton, OH.

Prayer is retreat focus



"Teach us how to Pray" is the focus of the Allegheny-Buckeye women's retreat to be held at Life Ministries (The Castle) of Franklin, PA, Friday through Sunday, April 8 to 10. Speaker is Sandy Phillips, Lead Pastor of Oak River Church in Solon, OH.

Cost is \$110. Registrations should be sent to Karen Howell, 4143B Greenville-Sandy Lake Road, Clarks Mills, PA 16114 as soon as possible. Questions may be directed to Karen at 724-253-2483.

Small-town pastors' conference announced

"Anomaly - Decidedly Different" is the theme for the Rural Home Missionary Association's pastors' and wives' conference Monday through Wednesday, April 18 to 20. Location is Grace Evangelical Church in Morton, IL.

"Providing Relevance with Weddings and Funerals, Reversing Decline in the Rural

Church, and Would Jesus Go to Mayberry?" are a sample of the workshops offered.

To register go to www.rhma.org or call -866-263-2350 by April 4. Cost is \$130 per couple or \$100 per individual plus lodging.

Rocky is on the run

Rock River Bible Camp, Dixon, IL will have their annual Rocky Run on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30. The race is named for camp mascot, Rocky Squirrel. For more information check the website, www.rockyrun@rockriverbiblecamp.org or call Mira Cavanaugh at 1-815-440-3635.



Twin Pines announces retreats for men and women

"Mountain Men" are invited to a twenty-four hour retreat at Twin Pines Camp, Stroudsburg, PA, Friday and Saturday, April 22 to 23. Starting and ending time is 6:00 p.m. Speakers include Pastor Art Remington, Pastor Dale Miller, and Delaware Regional Conference Minister, Gary Kuehner. To register go to

<https://mountainmen2016eventbrite.com>.



The "For Ladies Only" retreat has been set for Tuesday through Thursday, May 10 to 12.

Speaker is singer, songwriter, and former radio personality, Sue Duffield.

Information for both retreats is available by e-mailing retreats@twinpines.org. To download brochures go to www.twinpines.org. Phone is 1-570-629-2411.

The camp's annual Summer Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wesley Forum scheduled

Evangelical Seminary, Myerstown, PA has scheduled a Wesley Forum for Tuesday, April 12. Presenter will be Dr. Justo Gonzalez, author of *The Story of Christianity*, which has been used as Evangelical's church history textbook. Dr. Gonzalez will discuss "Can Christianity's past be a road map for a hopeful future?"

To register go to www.evangelical.edu/wesley. Questions may be directed to Ken Nafziger at knafziger@evangelical.edu.

Learn about church multiplication

Exponential 2016, a live-stream seminar on church multiplication, will take place at Community E.C., Sinking Spring, PA on Wednesday, April 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Cost of \$15 includes lunch and snacks.

To register contact Church Planting Associate, Les Cool at revcool@ptd.net or 1-717-951-8433 by April 20. Early registration is appreciated.

Workshop will focus on preaching

The annual Workshop on Biblical Exposition will be held at College Church in Wheaton, IL, Wednesday through Friday, April 27 to 29. The workshop will include principles of exposition, small group practice, and preaching by guest pastors. Emphasis is on 2 Timothy.

Cost is \$124 before April 13. Register at www.simeontrust.org.

"Illuminate" at OMS conference

One Mission Society (OMS) will present their international conference, "Illuminate," at Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN, Thursday through Sunday, June 23-27. The event will include guest speakers, programs for children and teens, breakout sessions, and opportunities to meet missionaries, and international guests.

For more information go to www.onemissionsociety.org or call 1-317-888-3333.

Family News

Retirement Note

Retired pastor and former District Superintendent, **Rev. Robert Daneker, Sr.**, and wife, Barbara, moved from Fogelsville, PA to Allentown on December 27. The Danekers left the Fogelsville home they bought while leading the Hope church plant to take up residence in "Noah's Ark," their cottage at Waldheim Park Campmeeting. Waldheim is the site of Bob's call to ministry and where he and Barb met. Their new address is: 5 Waldheim Park, Allentown, PA 18103.



Wedding

Nathan Schmoyer, son of Hospice pastor, Kenneth Schmoyer, and wife, Sandy of Winnebago, IL, married **Julia Ciupek-Reed** on March 19. The wedding took place in

Chesterton, IN. Ken assisted in the communion service.

CORRECTION: In the winter edition of the National News it was mistakenly stated that the father of the groom officiated at the wedding of **Karen Friedlund** and **Tyler Kapp** on September 12. Rev. John Friedlund of Trinity E.C., Boyertown, PA, father of the bride officiated.

Welcome Baby

Pastor Nathan and Silmara Fry of

Trinity E.C., Lititz, PA have a new daughter **Sarah Nicole Fry**, born on December 27. She has a big brother Ian.



Promotion

K. Noel Blancaflor, Chaplain at Barksdale Air Force Base, Boosier City, LA, was promoted to the rank of Major on December 28. Wife is Julie Ann.

Graduation

Rev. Terry Jacobs, pastor at Riverhill E.C., Shipperville, PA, will receive a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Liberty University

during the May 14 graduation ceremony. Wife is Karen.

Remembering loved ones...

Retired pastor, **Rev. Gregory Dimick** of Gap, PA passed away on February 23. He came from Lyme, NH and is a graduate of Evangelical Seminary. He served the Hatfield and Pequea churches in PA. He was a Conference Secretary, organist, and Memorial Secretary for National Conference. Rev. Dimick was also chaplain of the Hatfield fire and police departments. He is survived by wife, Roberta; son, Mark.



Retired missionary, **Dorothy Stermer**, 94, of Allentown, PA passed away on March 8. She served with The Evangelical Alliance Mission in Japan, Australia, and Zimbabwe. Her home church was the former Trinity E.C., Allentown, PA which merged with St. Matthew's E.C., Emmaus. During retirement, she was active in both churches.

Esther Carmichael, 90, wife of the late Rev. Harry Carmichael, passed away on March 14. She lived in New Franklin, OH. One of eight girls, she spent her entire life in the Akron area. Esther used her talent as a pianist to serve the Akron churches. She is survived by daughters, Rebecca and Barbara, and a son, Harry, III.

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