

# Evangelical Congregational Church

## E.C. National News

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### It's Conference Time



The Thirteenth National Conference of the EC Church will take place Wednesday through Friday, May 27 to 29 at Messiah College, Grantham, PA. “Community” has been selected as the theme. Important items on the agenda include election of Bishop, recommendations of the Covenant Implementation Team, and amendments.

Wednesday morning will feature the third annual 10K Bike Ride and the 5K Rev Run/Walk. Registration is \$25 in advance and \$30 on race day. The event is sponsored by The Healthy Pastors Team and the Church Planting Commission, with proceeds benefitting church planting. For the first time, the race is called the Bishop Kevin Memorial in honor of our late Bishop Kevin Leibensperger and his passion for church planting.

Conference will open with a 1:00 p.m. communion service, followed by Bishop Bruce Hill’s Episcopal Address.

Women’s programming will feature Marcia Hopley of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in Philadelphia, Patty Lusky of Hope for the Children, and Jackie Iatesta, Parish Nurse at Boyertown Trinity. All women present, who don’t have obligations, are welcome.

For more information about Conference, check the website or contact [blong@eccenter.com](mailto:blong@eccenter.com)

### RRBC announces Rocky Run

Rock River Bible Camp, Dixon, IL is gearing up for their Rocky Run, to be held Monday, May 25. Registration for the two-mile run begins at 6:45 a.m., with the race following at 8:00. Starting point and finish line will be at the camp pavilion.



A brunch of pancakes and sausage will follow around 9:30. A bags tournament and bounce house will be included in the activities.

Pre-registration materials will be available at the Dixon Culver’s restaurant on May 25. Entrance fee is \$20. For more information, contact Mara Cavanaugh at 815-440-3635 or

[rockyrun@rockriverbiblecamp.org](mailto:rockyrun@rockriverbiblecamp.org).

### Twin Pines plans Summer Celebration

Twin Pines Camp, Stroudsburg, PA is planning their annual Summer Celebration for Saturday, June 6, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Traditional activities will include dunk tank,



dinner, hayrides, hiking, tours, and boating. New this year is a family yard and craft sale.

For more information, go to

[www.twinpines.org](http://www.twinpines.org), or email [info@twinpines.or](mailto:info@twinpines.or), or call 570-629-2411.

## Dixon team aids tornado area

A team of volunteers from Bethel EC Church, Dixon, IL helped with clean-up when an April 9 tornado did extensive damage around nearby Rochelle. Working with Operation Blessing, they arrived on the scene one week later.

At their work site, just north of the city, they found huge piles of debris that had been gathered by a previous group. The Bethel team transferred the collection of household goods, personal items, bricks, cement blocks, and tree branches in dumpsters.

Volunteers included Ruth and Peter Bierdeman, Matt and Amanda Fassler, Monica Rasmussen, brothers Carl and Greg Arellano, and Nancy Kerr.



Retired pastor, **Rev. Donald McClintock**, 91, of Cherry, IL passed away on March 15. He was a U.S. Army assistant chaplain during World War II. He served three Illinois churches and did interim ministries during retirement. He was an accomplished musician as an organist and songwriter. He is survived by wife, Jane; daughter, Sonnie; and son, David.

**Dorothy Bucher**, 91, a former lay delegate from Adamstown, PA Immanuel, passed away on April 8. She taught Sunday School for 50 years. She was employed by the Lancaster Public Assistance Office and was a volunteer with Ephrata Hospital.

Retired missionary, **Gladys Becker**, 88, passed away on April 26. She and late husband, Carl, served in the Belgian Congo. She was a resident of Africa Inland Mission's retirement community in Clermont, FL. She is survived by children, Carl, Peggy, and John.

**Rev. Charles Samuels**, 87, of Spokane, WA passed away on April 27. He was born in the Kinderhook, PA parsonage. He was licensed by the Eastern Conference in 1946 and served the Reading Greenmont church. He was preceded in death by wife, Ruth. He is survived by son, Carl, and daughter, Marjorie. Rev. H. Robert Samuels of Williamstown, PA is a brother.

We apologize for omitting the name of **Rebecca Dixon**, a surviving daughter of Twila Davison Dixon, who passed away on November 8.

## Family News

### Anniversary

**Pastor Dennis and Cindy Buss** of Winnebago Evangelical Fellowship in Illinois observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary on February 15. A celebration was held at their home church, Afolkey Grace on the twenty-first.



### Remembering loved ones...



**Daniel Ludwig**, 91, a former lay delegate from Clark's Valley, PA Zion, passed away on February 8. He was a member of the first graduating class of the Milton Hershey School and a U.S. Army veteran. He specialized in wheel and brake systems in industrial vehicles. He was preceded in death by first wife, Geraldine. He is survived by wife, Mary Jane; son, Rick; daughters, Sandy, Pat, and Merrie; and step-children, John, Dennis, Donald, Scott and Sandy.



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