

# Evangelical Congregational Church

## E.C. National News

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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

### "One" is the Conference Theme

"One" has been selected as the theme for the

Fourteenth National Conference of the E.C. Church. The theme focuses on unity in the church and is based on Ephesians 4:4-6, which speaks of "one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father."

The Conference will take place Wednesday through Friday, May 25-27 at Messiah College, Grantham, PA. Details and registration forms will be available soon.

### Riverhill begins café ministry

Riverhill E.C. Church, Clarion, PA began a café ministry on October 1, with the name, "The Café at the River." A former Sunday school classroom has been furnished with a coffee and snack bar, repurposed tables and chairs from a motel, and video projection equipment. Food is donated by members and friends.

A video and discussion format is followed on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:15. Friday evening hours will soon be added.

A main resource is [truelife.org](http://truelife.org) which provides videos, training, and outreach cards. Church members are encouraged to give out five cards per week. These list information about the church, as well as the [truelife.org](http://truelife.org) website, where videos are available on many



topics. The café also relies on [rightnowmedia.org](http://rightnowmedia.org) which offers Bible based videos and training resources.

Kirk Krizovich, Administrative Assistant at Riverhill, comments, "We would best describe the effectiveness of our efforts to date as having seen seven salvations and 20 regular visitors, with new souls showing up weekly."

Rev. Terry Jacobs is pastor at Riverhill.

### Winter Thaw Retreat announced



The Winter Thaw Youth Retreat will take place at Twin Pines Camp, Stroudsburg, PA Friday through Sunday, February 19-21. Rev. Jeff Berger, former youth

pastor and current Operation Christmas Child worker, will be the speaker. Youth leaders are encouraged, "All you need to do is bring your youth group. Twin Pines will take care of the rest!"

Register at [www.twinpines.org](http://www.twinpines.org). Questions may be directed to Andy Kuhns at 570-629-2411 or [andy@twinpines.org](mailto:andy@twinpines.org)

### Summit to address human trafficking

The annual Church Changing Culture Summit will be held at Twin Pines Camp and Conference Center, Stroudsburg, PA Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5. This year's focus will be human trafficking. The summit will inform about the problem and offer ways to be part of the solution.

To register, go to <https://tpc3.eventbrite.com> or

[www.twinpines.org](http://www.twinpines.org). For more information, call 570-629-2411 or e-mail [retreats@twinpines.org](mailto:retreats@twinpines.org).

## Learning community offered

The "Growing a Discipling Culture" learning community will gather in Ellicott City, Maryland Thursday through Friday, March 3 through 4. Emphases will be "reproducing instead of recruiting, multiplying instead of adding, and leading a movement instead of having a ministry." Contact is Pastor Al Giles at [pastoral@ptd.net](mailto:pastoral@ptd.net) or 610-389-5857.

## Invitation to "come apart"

The Center for Lifelong Learning of Evangelical Seminary is offering a one-day retreat on Monday, February 29 at The Jesuit Center, Wernersville, PA. Those in vocational ministry, seminary students, and spouses are invited to "Come apart, before you become unraveled." Presenters are Dr. Laurie Mellinger of the seminary and Rev. Leslie Cool Grace E.C., Akron, PA.

Cost is \$75 per couple, \$50 per individual and \$25 for students. For more information, contact [knafziger@evangelical.edu](mailto:knafziger@evangelical.edu).

## Family News

### Ordinations

**Rev. Kyle Roth**, pastor at Faith E.C. Church, Williams Valley and Good Shepherd E.C. Church, Gratz, PA was ordained in the Williams Valley church on August 30. Special speaker was retired pastor, Rev. Frederick Moury. Kyle's mother-in-law, Dr. Pat Horst of Good Samaritan Hospital read Scripture and led in prayer. His brother and two sisters led praise and worship. Bishop Bruce Hill and Susquehanna



Conference Minister, Rev. Gordon Lewis presided. Kyle's wife is Lori.

**Rev. Bradley Hatter**, pastor of the Mandata Peifer's and Herndon Seibert charge in PA, was ordained at Peifer's on September 27. Special Speaker was Rev. Richard Kuhn of Cedar Run Baptist Church. Scripture reading was by Rev. Floyd Sollenberger, retired in Mechanicsburg. Bishop Bruce Hill and Conference Ministers, Gordon Lewis, Gary Kuehner and Charles Campbell presided. Bradley's wife is Tonya.

**Rev. Kenneth Kalisz**, pastor at Hope Community Church, Fogelsville, PA, was ordained in his church on October 11. Special speaker was Rev. Jeffrey Martin of Mohn's Hill E.C. Church. Rev. Nathan Fry of Trinity E.C. Church, Lititz read Scripture, and Mrs. Kandis Jones led the worship team. Bishop Bruce Hill and Delaware Conference Minister, Rev. Gary Kuehner, presided. Ken's wife is Denise.

**Rev. Keith Blank**, pastor at Trinity E.C. Church, Harrisburg, PA, was ordained in his church on October 18. Special speaker was Dr. Kirby Keller, former President of Evangelical Seminary. Rev. Michael Sigman of Grace Community, Willow Street participated. Rev. Mark Meister of Bethany E.C., Sunbury read Scripture, and his wife, Nancy, brought vocal music. Bishop Bruce Hill and Conference Ministers Gordon Lewis and Gary Kuehner presided. Keith's wife is Danette.

## Weddings



**Josiah Evans**, son of Pastor Douglas Evans, Kinderhook E.C. Church, Columbia, PA,

married **Bethany Hillegas** on June 26. The wedding took place at Waldheim Park, Allentown. Rev. Nathan Zehr of Waterton, New York officiated. The bride and groom are recent graduates of Houghton College.

**Matthew Logan**, son of Rev. Dana Logan, chaplain at StoneRidge Retirement Living, and wife, Maureen, married **Kaitlyn Price** on August 15. The wedding took place at Sinking Spring Community, with Rev. Matthew Hill officiating. The couple met at Twin Pines Camp and are attending Messiah College. Kaitlyn is the granddaughter of retired pastor Rev. Robert Kramer.

**Karen Friedlund**, daughter of Pastor John and Kathy Friedlund, Trinity E.C. Church, Boyertown, PA married **Tyler Kapp** on September 12. The two met at Camp ECCO. The wedding took place at Seneca, PA E.C. Church, with the father of the groom officiating.

### Remembering loved ones...

**James Ward**, 45, son of Rev. John and Carolyn Ward of Knox, PA, passed away unexpectedly on November 23. Jim lived in Charlotte, North Carolina and worked for Bank of America, Wells Fargo, and AOL/Time Warner. In addition to his parents, he is survived by brother, Steven, and sister Christy.

**Joan Luckenbill**, 83, wife of retired pastor, Rev. Roy Luckenbill, passed away on December 19. Her home was in North Catasauqua, PA. She is remembered for her talents in art and music. She is also survived by daughters, Joy and Barbara, and daughter-in-law, Judith. She was preceded in death by son, Roy, Jr.

**Emma Breidigam**, 84, mother of Brenda Long, Administrative Assistant at Church Center, passed away on December 29. Emma was a resident of Newmanstown, where she was a member and youth leader at Millcreek Lutheran Church. She was employed by Sterling Drug of Myerstown. She is also survived by a son, Bryan. She was preceded in death by husband, Lee.



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