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From the Bishop

It's the month of Thanksgiving. People want to know what you're thankful for. I am thankful for the church. The church, it seems, has always been a part of my life. If you know a little about my story, you may know that I was born into a parsonage, but that didn't last too long. My father died suddenly and we had to move; find a new home, new school, new church. That's when my mom arrived back home in the E.C. Church, which brought joy to her father since he was a retired E.C. pastor. My mom got a part-time job as the organist and where she went I went, so it seemed to me that I was always at church. She had a key—they couldn't even lock us out! It was at church that I met Gloria. And the rest, as they say, is history.

But all of that time in church and with church people has caused me to ask a question: What is the purpose of the church? Yes, it's a great place to meet other believers; sing great songs

and be challenged by God's Word; even grow in the faith. Lots of really good things happen in church. But the problem is that most of life happens outside of church. I hope we all know that the church is the people, not the building. So what is the church doing outside the building?

As a denomination, we say that the church; we are to "bless the world around us in the name of Jesus and in the power of his Holy Spirit." So how do we (since we're the church) bless the world? The hard truth is that as much as I enjoy and appreciate great worship services, and I do think our services should be great, the world doesn't really come or care. Yes, we need buildings, we need to raise funds for ministry, and we need to worship and grow. But the blessing ministries take place when we are out of the building interacting with the people who live all around us.



I am thankful for the growing number of E.C. churches who are intentionally leaving their buildings and touching lives of people living in their neighborhoods and communities. Being present; being incarnational is a good thing—it's a Jesus thing. After all, if he loved us so much that he left the glories of heaven to be present on this earth and reveal God's love to us, I suppose we all can leave our nice pew, get out of the building, and bless the world as we live out God's love and grace in real and practical ways.

In Christ's service,



Bishop's Top Ten Prayer & Praise

1. Join me in praying for our nation in the days prior to and following the election of a new president and many other national, state, and local leaders.
2. Pray for our missionaries and their families who will be far away from each other as we enter into what most of us know as family holiday seasons.
3. Ask the Lord to lead the staff at Evangelical Seminary as they continue to develop a relationship with Huntington University.
4. Please continue to pray for our denomination's Benefit Corporation as they continue to deal with ever increasing government rules and regulations.
5. Pray for me as I begin to work on plans for the 2017 National Conference. It's only November—but May is on the way!
6. Praise the Lord for the local congregations who are getting out of their buildings and blessing the people around them.
7. Praise God for the wonderful spirit in each of the ordination services held this fall. God is at work calling people into his service and they are responding. PTL!
8. Praise the Lord for the good reports and testimonies I have been hearing of churches who have shown their appreciation for their pastor(s) during the month of October. And it's still not too late if you forgot!
9. Thank the Lord the ministry of our District Field Directors as they settle in to serving the pastors, lay delegates and congregations of their district.
10. Many (like Gloria) already miss the warm weather; but there are others (like me) who praise the Lord for the cool, crisp days and opportunities to be out in God's great outdoors!

News from NATIONAL MINISTRY TEAM

In mid-November the National Ministry Team (NMT) held their first meeting since our restructuring. As you may recall, the NMT has given authority to act on behalf of the members of the National Conference between the sessions of the National Conference. In addition the NMT is responsible for the coordination and implementation of the total denominational program as adopted by the National Conference. The NMT,

chaired by the Bishop, is made up of the Executive Committee of the National Conference, the Associates (4), three (3) District Field Directors selected by the Conference Network Team and one active pastor and one lay delegate from each district. A Digest of the meeting will be emailed to all of our pastors and lay delegates in early November. Please watch your inbox to find out the highlights of our business and discussions.

News from STONERIDGE POPLAR RUN

Garden Club Cleans Up at Reading Fair

The Garden Club of StoneRidge Poplar Run* in Myerstown is still celebrating. The group entered several flowering plants, herbs, vegetables and houseplants at the 162nd Reading Fair in August. And, they won 10 ribbons including one best in show! Doris Yocum, Garden Club chairperson, is proud of the accomplishments of her fellow club members. Of their seven first place showings, they won for a cleome spinose, nasturtium, white globe onions, dill, basil and for a crown of thorns house plant that also received best of show. Doris has a fascinating background which includes working as a



Poplar Run Garden Club members (L to R) along with their ribbons, Barbara Gingrich, Neil Gingrich, Becky Williams (a certified master gardener) who works in Poplar Run's Vistas Restaurant, Doris Yochum (club chairperson) and Karl Yochum.

guide interpreter in the Jefferson Gardens at Monticello, home of our third U.S. president. The garden club grows all of their flowers, herbs and vegetables from seeds germinated in the Poplar Run greenhouse.

*StoneRidge Poplar Run is one of four retirement communities comprising StoneRidge Retirement Living. Locations include StoneRidge Towne Centre and StoneRidge Poplar Run both in Myerstown, Church of God Home in Carlisle and Schoolyard Square in Pine Grove. For more information about options available for you or a loved one, please call 717-866-3553.

What About Local Conference?

The 2016 National Conference, as part of our denominational restructuring, removed all references to the Local Conference from the Rules of Conference. The business traditionally handled during the Local Conference can now be done during an Annual Meeting of the Official Board/Ministry Council.

According to the new Rules, one of the congregation's Official Board/Ministry Council meetings shall be designated its Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Board/Council shall be the highest judicial or legislative meeting of the Board/Council with respect to the duties set forth in the Discipline. The membership of the Annual Meeting shall be composed of the membership of the governing Board/Council (in the case of a multiple-church charge, the membership of the combined boards/councils) plus all the itinerant and licensed minister who are assigned as members of the congregation(s) of the charge. All members of the Annual Meeting shall be members in good standing of a congregation on the charge and entitled to one vote. During the Annual Meeting the lay delegate shall be elected, and if desired, an alternate lay delegate. Other business, such as adopting the pastor's compensation package may also be conducted at the Annual Meeting.

The EC Discipline still contains references to the Local Conference. A congregation may choose to hold a Local Conference, but no denominational representation, including the District Field Director, are required to attend.

News from BENEFITS CORPORATION

The EC Benefits Trustees have renewed the active pastor’s health insurance with Capital Blue Cross (CBC) effective October 1, 2016. The rates to the local church have increased 5%, the new rates are listed on the EC Church website (www.eccenter.com). There were no changes in benefit with the plan renewal. The annual maximum out of pocket for covered medical expenses, excluding co-pays, remains at \$500 with the HRA paying costs above \$500. The maximum out of pocket for prescriptions and outpatient therapy services (physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, respiratory therapy and manipulative therapy) also remains at \$1,800 annually.

The limited dental plan, Value Plan 75, was also renewed. The plan will pay 75% of the cost of most dental services. The limitation of the plan is the number of participating providers. Please see <https://www.capbluecross.com> to confirm your dentist’s participation.

If you have incurred medical expenses above \$500 or prescription or outpatient therapy costs above \$1,800 you may be eligible for reimbursement of your out of pocket costs from the HRA. The HRA plan year ends on September 30, 2016 and all requests for reimbursement for the October 2015-September 2016 plan year must be received by PrimePay, our HRA administrator, by December 29, 2016, ninety days after the end of the plan year. If you need assistance with PrimePay please contact Dave King or Kevin Henry at the EC Church Center and we will walk you through the process.

The EC Benefits Trustees are very aware of the tension caused by the cost of health insurance and they are committed to serving the pastors and the local EC Church. The US health insurance market is constantly in flux. The circumstances surrounding the annual plan renewal are different every year. However, the trend to push responsibility for healthcare and lifestyle decision onto the individual is continuing with your pocketbook feeling the most pain. Planning for your long term health is just as important as planning for your retirement. Accidents and illnesses are going to happen but many healthcare conditions are preventable and manageable with healthy lifestyle choices.

Highmark Freedom Blue

The retiree Medicare supplemental plan, Highmark Freedom Blue, is increasing by \$19/mo to \$216 per person per month, effective January 1, 2017, with no changes in coverage levels.

As approved by the members of the EC Benefits Corporation at the May 2015 EC Benefits Annual Corporation Meeting, beginning in 2016 and annually through 2019, the EC Church contribution to the cost of the Medicare Supplemental premium will be reduced by 20% until, in 2020, the entire contribution by the EC Church has been eliminated. The retiree is responsible for the remaining portion of the premium not paid by the EC Church.

Cost Sharing Amounts for 2017 (single policy)

Year of Medicare Eligibility	Current	January 1, 2017
2005 or before	\$ 39.40	\$ 86.40
2006	\$ 78.80	\$118.80
2007	\$118.20	\$151.20
2008	\$157.60	\$183.60
2009 and after	\$197.00	\$216.00

For a husband and wife on Freedom Blue double the amounts above.

It is very important that the retiree does not fall behind on payments to Highmark Freedom Blue. If a retiree is having difficulty paying the monthly premium the Manna Fund is available for financial assistance. Please contact David King in the EC Benefits office for a Manna Fund application.

There are many Medicare Advantage plans available even some at no cost to the participant. However each plan will have positives and negatives in terms of participating providers and benefits provided. Please thoroughly investigate any Medicare Advantage plan before switching plans. If a retiree does not have the financial means to assume a larger portion of the Freedom Blue plan the Manna Fund is available to financially assist the retiree.

Manna Fund

The Manna Fund was established to assist our retired clergy and surviving spouses with financial needs. The income limits to qualify for a Manna Fund distribution were recently changed to 200% of the federal poverty level as defined by the US Department of Health and Human Services, the current Manna Fund income limits are \$23,760 for a single and \$32,040 for a couple. If you are aware of any of our retired clergy or surviving spouses that could benefit from a Manna Fund distribution please encourage them to complete an application for assistance. Manna Fund applications are mailed to retired clergy and surviving spouses in April and an application can also be received from the Benefits Administrator at the EC Church Center.

We are quickly approaching the end of the calendar year and we are encouraging all the local church pastors, treasurers or administrators to begin planning for the required year end reporting. Required reporting includes year-end tax forms, giving statements, denominational annual reports and pastor compensation forms. A small amount of preparation and planning early in the process will save time and frustration later. Due dates for year-end reporting:

Due to EC Church Center—Compensation and Benefit Administrator

Pastor Salary Forms	January 16, 2017 (copy to Benefits Administrator, Dave King)
Annual Reports	January 25, 2017

Please note the earlier filing deadlines of W-2s and 1099-MISC forms:

Form W-2 (pastors & church employees) January 31, 2017
 Filed with Social Security—January 31, 2017 (paper & electronic forms)
*****NEW EARLIER FILING DATE*****

Form 1099-MISC (independent contractors)
 Filed with IRS—January 31, 2017 (paper & electronic forms)
*****NEW EARLIER FILING DATE*****

Pastors are employees of the local church and should receive a W-2 with federal, state and local taxes withheld from every paycheck.

Please contact Kevin Henry (khenry@eccenter.com) or Dave King (dking@eccenter.com) at the EC Church Center (717-866-7581) with any questions.

News from TWIN PINES

BECOME A MINISTRY PARTNER

The Twin Pines Ministry Partners program is meant to support and help the ministry of Twin Pines provide a place where people experience God through prayer and financial means. Twin Pines benefits from the support of our partners and our partners benefit from the shared mission of presenting the Gospel as well as special discounts to use the facilities of Twin Pines. Any organizations can choose to be a ministry partner (such as churches, Sunday school classes, Bible studies, youth groups, and more). For more information about becoming a Ministry Partner, please contact Shawn Fetterhoff at shawn@twinpines.org or call (570)629-2411.

HUNTER'S RETREAT

November 27-30, 2016

Twin Pines offers this special retreat each year. Hunters are welcome to come and hunt on the camp property for 3 days. Please contact Shawn at the camp for more information. He can be reached at (570)629-2411 or email shawn@twinpines.org. Space is limited, so register soon.

SHOPPE THE POCONOS RETREAT

December 2-4, 2016

Our second annual Shoppe the Poconos Retreat is coming! A popular shopping destination, join us and discover all that the Poconos have in shopping. Participants will have the opportunity to shop by day and fellowship in

the evenings. Crafts, a wrapping party, and door prizes are just a few things that you have to look forward to! Download the brochure and registration form from our website at www.twinpines.org. Contact Andy at (570) 629-2411 or email retreats@twinpines.org for more information.



WINTER THAW: YOUTH WEEKENDS

February 10-12, 2017 or February 17-19, 2017

A retreat for youth groups which features a speaker and worship band to help make this weekend awesome! Youth leaders, you just need to focus on building relationships with your group. Participating youth groups must provide chaperones for this retreat. Register by December 31, 2016 to receive a free t-shirt for each participant! Contact the camp office for more information at (570)629-2411 or email retreats@twinpines.org.

News from PASTORAL COMPENSATION

Per the approved Pastoral Compensation report the annual Social Security Administration Cost of Living Adjustment (SSA COLA) will be used as the 2017 annual recommended pastoral salary increase. The Social Security Administration released their 2017 COLA increase at .2% (.002).

The 2017 minimum salaries:

Licensed Pastor:	\$33,054
Licensed Pastor II:	\$35,265
Elder:	\$35,713

(see Rules of Conference section 805 for definitions of Ministerial Credentials)

Churches unable to give at least a .2% salary increase must notify their District Field Director prior to any official action taken to set the pastor's salary for 2017.

Churches that are financially able are encouraged to give either a larger percentage increase or to consider an additional increase as a merit raise in salary for each pastor. This merit raise would be in addition to the approved percentage salary increase.

The Pastoral Compensation Committee has recommended the following annual salary increases:

2008	3.3%
2009	2.3%
2010	1.0% (or 5.8%)
2011	1.0%
2012	1.0%
2013	3.5%
2014	1.7%
2015	0.0%
2016	0.0%
2017	<u>0.2%</u>
Average	1.40%

During the same period the Social Security Administration average COLA increase was 1.45%. A pastor that has received the pastoral compensation committee recommended increase over the

last ten years would have experienced around a 12.6% increase in salary. During the same ten year period the salaries of National Conference leadership positions have increased 10.6%. From January 2008 to August 2016 (the last month information is available) the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 14.1%. A 14.1% increase in the CPI means that an item that cost \$1.00 in January 2008 costs \$1.14 in August 2016.

There is criticism that the CPI is not a true or reliable representation of the actual cost of goods and services and based upon my purchase history over the past few years I do not disagree with that criticism, prices have seemed to increase more than 14.1%. However, the CPI is the most widely used indication of inflation and many years of CPI trending information is readily available. Comparing the average pastor salary increase and increases in the CPI, EC pastor salaries have not kept up with the increase in the cost of goods and services. Most, if not all, denominations are struggling with pastor salaries.

There are many reasons (controllable and uncontrollable) why this has occurred and pointing fingers and affixing blame is not the solution. The credentialed men and women of the EC Church are good people and the lay leadership in the local EC Church are men and women of integrity. Both groups are encouraged to prayerfully work together with open honest dialogue on pastoral compensation. The answer may not be financial. Maybe the church can offer an extra week of vacation (also encourage the pastor to take the extra week of vacation) or ease the pastor's workload by the congregation assuming a time consuming duty. Be careful with cash gifts or bonuses, any cash payments to a pastor is taxable income. Please treat your pastoral staff with the appreciation and admiration they deserve.

News from GLOBAL MINISTRIES COMMUNITY

David and Conce Roof are in the USA for November through December, to visit friends, family and do deputation. Their Sunday mornings are filled, but there are some openings for weekdays and evenings. Contact the GMC office at 1-800-866-7584 or ecglobal@eccenter.com



We are excited to announce that at the recent GMC board meeting, the following **two new missionary** candidates were approved.

Cassie (Cassandra) Wells comes out of our Trinity Lighthouse Church in Royersford, PA. She is a recent graduate of Gettysburg College. While a student, she became involved with Disciple Makers and after graduation has felt called to become a part of the ministry full time. Cassie is currently raising support and is available to come and speak at your church. Contact the GMC office to make arrangements.

Ivy Limbert is a member of our Trinity EC Church in Lititz, PA. Ivy was home schooled and attended Lancaster Bible College for her higher education. She became interested in working cross culturally and will be teaching missionary children at Black Forest Academy, a boarding school for MK's in Germany. Her plans are to raise her support and be on the field by next August, in time for the new school year. Ivy will be serving under Go Beyond, an organization that places teachers and support staff in missionary schools. Ivy is also available for deputation; again, contact the GMC office to make arrangements.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR MISSIONARIES:

This is the annual reminder for individuals or churches who wish to give monetary Christmas gifts to our EC missionaries. If the missionary serves overseas, it is better to give the monetary gift through either the GMC office or the mission agency with which the missionary serves. Cashing checks overseas always costs the recipient a lot in fees, plus it may open your check to being altered and cashed for a much higher amount than you intended.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CHRISTMAS CARDS TO

THE GMC OFFICE TO FORWARD TO MISSIONARIES. Mail the card directly to the missionary, but send the check through us or their mission agency, as noted above.

If the missionary is in the USA, either permanently or on furlough, then feel free to mail the card, check or gift directly to them. If you need current mailing addresses, contact Pat at the GMC office for that information. Thank you!



Joe Toy is looking for folks to help provide and fill Christmas stockings for his outreach to needy neighborhoods in Philadelphia. If you are willing to participate, please let Joe know (oamphilly@aol.com). All instructions and a pattern for making the stockings are on Joe's website (www.oamphilly.org).



Beth Grimm was re-commissioned as an EC missionary at her home church of Grace Community in Willow Street, PA. Beth is an education specialist, and for now she will remain headquartered in the USA but traveling overseas throughout the year to missionary schools to assess MK's with possible learning needs, draw up a teaching plan for them and work with parents/educators to initiate that plan.

Motorcycles For Liberia update:

You have probably read about the GMC's project to raise funds to purchase two heavy duty motorcycles for pastors in the most remote districts of the EC Church of Liberia. Currently we are only \$2,000 short of reaching our goal! If your church would like to help us finish up this project please send your donation to the GMC office clearly marked, "Liberia motorcycles". Thank you!



Fresh Expressions Vision Day

January 6, 2017 @
9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Camp Hill United
Methodist Church
Camp Hill, PA

For more information and to register:

<http://freshexpressionsus.org/event/vision-day-harrisburg-va/>

Be sure to click "co-sponsor" for a \$15/person discount.

Questions? Contact Les Cool (717-951-8433 or revcool@ptd.net).

News from EVANGELICAL SEMINARY

Scot McKnight— December 1, 2016

Well known author, Scot McKnight will be speaking at Evangelical Seminary in Christ Hall on Thursday, December 1, 2016. The event will be co-sponsored by Evangelical Seminary and Society of Religious and Theological Abstracts. Watch for details to follow.



3DM STAND

@ St. Matthews EC, Emmaus PA

November 11-12, 2016

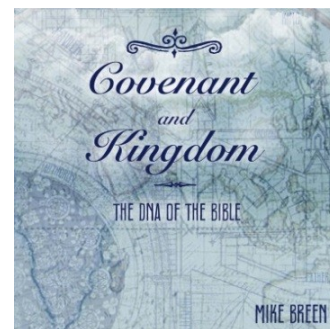


I have some exciting news to share! A **3DM STAND Women's Equipping Weekend** will be hosted by St. Matthews Church in **Emmaus PA** on **November 11-12**. I'd love for you to put this weekend on your church calendars and get it out to the women of your church family and encourage them to come!

STAND is a training and equipping weekend geared specifically for women around 3DM content like: Covenant and Kingdom, discipleship, having a life worth imitating, investing in others, having a naturally missional life, etc. It's structured like a Learning Community in that we do teaching, social space and huddle. The difference is that it's **not just for leaders** and it's geared toward individuals, not teams. Women do not have to be familiar with 3dm content and language - we'll be sure to explain everything carefully as we go. That means you can invite women from all across your congregation, your district, and anyone you know that would benefit from investment and training like you have received.

"This year we're taking a deep dive into IDENTITY, looking at Covenant and Kingdom especially. It will be a powerful weekend! We'd love for your churches to join us!"

-- Gina Mueller, MN 3dm Hub



Why should you send women from your congregation? We will equip women to step into the fullness of all God has for them! We've seen great fruit for congregations who are moving towards a discipling culture that send women to a **STAND** equipping weekend. It's so helpful for them to get first hand training - things seem to click and make sense, and they go home energized and fired up! **STAND** equipping weekends tend to accelerate something for the women who attend.



Gina Mueller is the director of **3DM STAND**, equipping for women. She is passionate about women stepping into the fullness of their God-given identity & purpose, growing their capacity for leadership, confidence & courage to step into their calling & releasing them to join God in what He's doing in their everyday lives! Gina also leads the 3DM teams pioneering in the Upper Midwest & New England. She lives with her husband & 2 kids in Minnesota & helped plant Mission Point Church. Her greatest thrill is equipping everyday people to bring the power & presence of God to their everyday spaces!

For more info – Contact Al Giles – 610-389-5857 or pastoral@ptd.net

News from the CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE



CHAPLAIN DANA LOGAN

Chaplain Dana Logan serves as the Director of Pastoral Care at StoneRidge Retirement Living in Myerstown, PA. He

has served as the chaplain there for 17 years.

Chaplain Logan is responsible for overseeing all the ministry at StoneRidge Poplar Run and StoneRidge Towne Center. StoneRidge contracts Dana's service through the

office of the Bishop at EC Church Center. He conducts three worship services each week: one at Poplar Run and two at the Towne Center. He spends time walking around the facility, visiting the residents in their rooms, at meals, and in the halls. He knows many of them by name; and they know him and appreciate his caring ministry. He also ministers to the staff and volunteers at Poplar Run. He is a professional staff member, respected by all.

Dana works about

50 hours a week at Poplar Run where there are about 160 residents in Independent Living, including those who live in the cottages and in the apartments. The Personal Care division has about 30 rooms and the Healthcare/Nursing division has about 60 rooms.

Chaplain Logan and his wife, Maureen, have three boys: Ian, 29; and Joseph and Matthew, both 24. Chaplain Logan attends Zion EC Church in Myerstown.



StoneRidge Poplar Run is one of the facilities under the management of New Dawn Christian Community Services. StoneRidge Retirement living includes two facilities: Poplar Run and Towne Center in Myerstown. Two part-time chaplains provide most of the pastoral care at Towne Center. The chap-

lains are Pastor Doug O'Brien of our Rexmont EC Church and Pastor Gabriel Koil, who serves the Lord's Family Church in Harrisburg. Pastor Doug works in the mornings and provides the worship service on Sundays and Bible study in morning devotions during the week. Pastor Gabriel works from noon

to four and in addition to visiting provides Bible studies on all four floors. Dana provides supervision and support for and has a wonderful working relationship with these godly chaplains. Remember these men in your prayers.



HONORING OUR VETERAN CHAPLAINS

★ Bast, Robert	Army (1978-1989)	Ft. Riley, KS; Germany; Ft. Monmouth, NJ; Ft. Knox, KY
★ Bergman, John	Army (1943-1946)	unknown
★ Blancaflor, K. Noel	Air Force (2004-present)	Lackland AFB, TX; Kadena AFB, Okinawa; Ft. Hood, TX; Barksdale AFB, LA
★ Brown, Robert	Navy (1978-1996)	USS Detroit, VA; 2d Mar. Div, NC; NAS Willow Grove, PA; PG School; NAS Barbers Point, HI; NCTAMS, HI
★ Christian, William	Air Force (1976-?)	unknown
★ Gresh, Robert	Army (1976-1993)	unknown
★ Guistwite, Philip	Army (1982-2002)	Ft. Carson, CO; Schofield Barracks, HI; Advanced Course; Faculty, Chaplain School, Ft. Monmouth; Ft. McPherson, GA; Stuttgart, Germany; Ft. Lee, VA
★ Hepner, Thomas	Army (1943-1946)	Utah
★ Kohl, Richard	Army (1961-1981)	Erlangen, Germany, Ft. Hood, TX; Vietnam; Ft. Gordon, GA; Ft. Hamilton, NY; Ft. Riley, KS; Pentagon; Korea; Heidelberg, Germany; New Cumberland, PA
★ Kosylo, Steven	Army (2001-2010)	Ft. Belvoir, VA; Iraq; Germany; Iraq; Texas
★ McEllroy, William	USNR (1980-1984) USN (1984-1986) USNR (1986-2006)	Reserve unit Camp Lejeune reserve units
★ Metz, Joshua	Army (2006-present)	Ft. Bragg, NC; Wiesbaden, Germany; Ft. Drum, NY; Ft. Meade, MD
★ Miller, Ronald	USAR (1965-1966) Active Duty (1966-1969) USAR (1976-1993)	Reserve unit Ft. Knox, KY; Vietnam; Ft. Ord USAR Lancaster; USA Chaplain School Career Course, NY; USAR Folsom; USAR Willow Grove
★ Myers, David	Army (1973-1990)	Ft. Knox, KY; Korea; Ft. Benning, GA; Germany; Arlington Cemetery; Germany; Picatinny, NJ
★ Robeson, C.R.	Army (1943-1946)	Camp Shelby, MS
★ Steel, Paul	Navy (1981-1984)	Weapons Sta. Earl, NJ; Colts Neck, NJ



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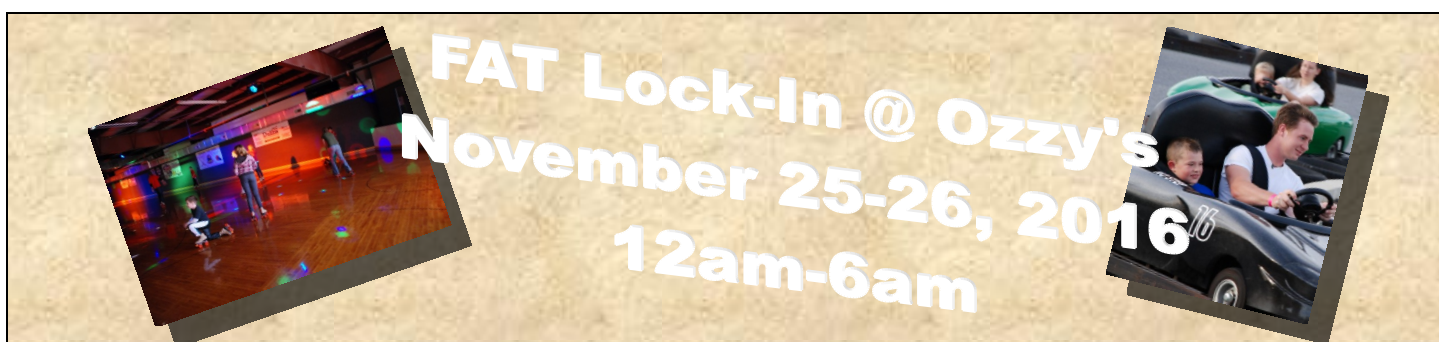
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"For there is **one** body and **one** Spirit, just as you have all been called to **one** glorious hope for the future.

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



Cost: \$25 per person for preregistered groups (by noon on Monday Nov 21), \$30 at the door.

Payment: Checks for preregistered groups must be handed in by November 21st payable to "Ozzy's Family Fun Center." - *Cash only at the door.*

Registration: To register email your total numbers to Rebecca at Akron Grace E. C. Church.

akgec@dejazzd.com or call at 717-859-2700.

All preregistrations are due by November 21st.

(When registering please include your Church Name, Leader Name, Email, & Phone Number, & Total # Attending.)

Adult Leaders: All adult leaders participating in the Ozzy's Lock-In, youth pastors or otherwise, must have a current (2012 or newer) PA background check and child abuse clearance. In addition, the overseeing pastor or lead pastor must sign the Adult Screening Verification Form and must bring it the night of the event.

Leaders who are not listed on the verification form will not be allowed to attend the lock-in. (Adult Screening Verification Form will be sent to groups when they register.)

Arrival: Groups can arrive at Ozzy's beginning at 11:45pm on Friday night November 25th.

Food: The snack shop will be opened for you to purchase food throughout the night. Groups can also bring in unopened Coke products and unopened bags of chips and other snacks. No homemade or non-purchased food items are allowed.

NOVEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Friends of Evangelical Banquet	4 Day of Prayer for the EC Church Twin Pines Bd. Mtg.	5
6 Day of Prayer for Church Planting	7	8. Election Day	9	10 Finance Committee Mtg.	11	12
13	14 Prayer Mobilization Mtg.	15 StoneRidge Bd. Mtg.	16	17	18	19 GMC-Illinois Mission Brunch
		Church Pension Contribution due				
		Health Insurance				
20 Thanksgiving Sunday Thank Offering (optional)	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25 Church Center closed	26
27 First Sunday in Advent	28	29	30	Church Center closed	FAT Lock-In	

Ministry Funds to:
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 100 West Park Avenue
 Myerstown, PA 17067

Medical/Insurance/Pension Payments to:
 Benefits Corporation
 100 West Park Avenue
 Myerstown, PA 17067

Thank Offering to:
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 Myerstown, PA 17067

DECEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Day of Prayer for the EC Church	3
4 <i>Second Sunday in Advent</i> Day of Prayer for Church Planting	5	6 Kingdom Ex- tension Comm. Mtg.	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Third Sunday in Advent</i>	12	13	14	15 Church Pen- sion Contribution Due Health Ins. Premium Due	16	17
18 <i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i> Christmas Mis- sionary Offering	19 Info for January 2017 EC Leader due	20	21	22 Church Center Christmas Party	23 Church Center Closed	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>
25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 Church Center Closed	27 Church Center Closed	28	29	30 Church Center Closed	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>

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