

Evangelical Congregational Church

E.C. National News

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FALL, 2013

Conference Minister Election Slated

Saturday, January 11, 2014 will be election day for the next Conference Minister of the Great Lakes Region.



Delegates will gather at Lakeside EC in Hermitage, PA at 10:00 a.m. eastern time and Bethel EC in Dixon, IL at 9:00 a.m. central time. A simulcast will connect the two areas. Conference members must be present at one of the locations to cast their ballot.

A nominating committee, chaired by Rev. Robert Shuey of Cottage Grove EC, Akron, OH, will interview candidates and prepare the ballot. The new Conference Minister will take office on July 1, 2014.

Share the Gospel through “My Hope”

Thursday, November 7 has been designated a day for major evangelistic effort through “My Hope for America with Billy Graham.” We are encouraged to invite friends and family into our homes for a social time, the viewing of a special television program, and the sharing of our own faith stories. To register, call 1-877-769-4673 or go to www.myhopewithbillygraham.org.



Teens Are Invited to Lock-in

All teens are invited to the FAT (Friday After Thanksgiving) Lock-In at Ozzy’s Fun Center from midnight to 6:00 a.m. on November 30. The event is coordinated by Rev. Matt Hill, youth pastor at Community EC, Sinking Spring, PA. To register your group, contact matt@communityec.org

Men’s Retreat Planned

“Fearless” is the theme for a men’s retreat to be held at Twin Pines Camp, Stroudsburg, PA Friday through Sunday, November 15-17. Speaker, Sandy Good of Live 10:27 Ministries will address “Living fearlessly in a Dangerous World.” To register, contact Pastor Joel Kime at 717-933-5345 or joel.kime@findfaithhere.org.



Gettys to Visit Allentown

Modern hymn writers, Keith and Kristyn Getty, will bring their fall tour, “Hymns for the Christian Life,” to Allentown, PA area on Saturday, November 9. Their concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church, 1151 South Cedar Crest Boulevard in Salisbury Township. Tickets are available only at www.iTickets.com.



In addition, pastors and worship leaders are invited to interact with Keith Getty at 11:00 a.m., November 9 at Bethel Bible Fellowship in Emmaus. The only cost is \$7.00 for lunch. To make a reservation, contact CLStout@PTD.net.

For more information, contact Pastor Rick Paashaus at 610-282-3161.

Breakfast Invitation

Evangelical Seminary’s Faith in the Marketplace breakfast will take place at 7:00 a.m. on



Tuesday, November 12. Dr. Janet Stauffer, professor of Marriage and Family Therapy, will speak on “Navigating Conflict in the Workplace.” To register, go to

www.evangelical.edu/lifelonglearning or call Marsha Conley at 717-866-5775 by November 5.

Outreach Idea

On September 8, Delightful EC, Southington, OH hosted a special Sunday to recognize their township firefighters. The crew was invited to the morning service and a dinner. Pastor Mike Garrison brought a message about "fires" that start in our lives and how they need to be brought under God's control.



Missions brunch planned

A Susquehanna Region mission leaders' brunch will take place at 10:00 a.m., Monday, November 4 at Dutchway Restaurant in Myerstown. Pastors and leaders from all regions are welcome. Contact the Global Ministries Office (1-800-866-7584) for more information.



Family News

Ordinations



Rev. Matthew Hill, Associate Pastor at Community EC, Sinking Spring, PA, was ordained at that church on September 15. Wife is Emily. Messages were brought by Matthew's father, Bishop Bruce

Hill, and Rev. Michael Snedeker, Senior Pastor at Community.



Patricia Strain, who has served for more than twenty years in our Global Ministries office, was ordained at Zion EC, Myerstown, PA on September 29. She is now Deaconess for Missionary Care in

the Alternative Track to Ministry. Rev. Randy Sizemore, Global Ministries Director, and Rev. Nobuo Abe, Japan Field Director, participated in the service.

Retirement

Rev. Kenneth Schmoyer, Winnebago, IL, retired from pastoral ministry on October 1. He also served churches in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

He will continue his work with hospice. Wife is Sandy.

Welcome, Baby



Pastor Nathan and Silmara Fry, Living Hope Fellowship, Palmerton, PA, have a new son, **Ian Arthur Fry**, born September 1.

Weddings

Richard Krcal, III, son of Pastor Don and Karen Howell, Countryside EC, Clarks Mills, PA, married **Kayla Whetzel** on May 18 in Grove City. Rev. Richard Krcal, I, grandfather of the groom, officiated.

Katie Sigman, daughter of Pastor Mike and Jennifer Sigman, Grace Community, Willow Street, married **Brent Hostetter** on August 18 in Wrightsville. Pastor Jonathan Jacobs of Community Church, Ephrata officiated.



Cassandra Carr, daughter of Pastor Dave and Caren Carr, Grace EC, Afolkey, IL, married **Samuel Mawanda** in Afolkey on September 15. Samuel's African name, *Mwesigwa*, means "God the Comforter."

Pastor Andrew Carr, Wedgewood Park EC, Youngstown, OH, married **Amber Fusselman** of Cottage Grove EC, Akron, OH, on September 29. Andrew is the son of Pastor Dave and Caren Carr. The wedding took place in Clinton, OH, with the father of the groom officiating.

Remembering loved ones...

Ann Hall, wife of the late Rev. Bruce Hall, passed away on August 6. A memorial service was held at Egypt Community Church in Whitehall, PA, and burial was in Frackville.

Retired pastor, **Rev. Harry Carmichael**, of Akron, OH, passed away on August 11. He was an Army chaplain and post office employee, as well as pastor and church planter in the Akron area. He is survived by wife, Esther, and children, Rebecca, Barbara, and Harry III.

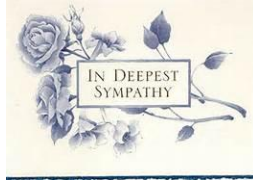


Retired pastor, **Rev. Maurice "Preach" Friedlund** of Shipperville, PA, passed away on August 19. He served churches in Illinois, Ohio,

and Pennsylvania and led the Riverhill church plant in Shippenville. He is survived by wife, Ruth, and children, Susan, Jim, Bob, and John (pastor at Trinity EC, Boyertown, PA). He was preceded in death by daughter, Karen, and son, David.

Retired pastor, **Rev. Lance Mills** of Olathe, Kansas, passed away on August 24. He served eight churches in Pennsylvania. He is survived by wife Carol, and daughters, Janey, Rita, and Becky.

Retired pastor, **Rev. Keith Mong** of Franklin, PA, passed away on August 27. He served churches in Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania. He was preceded in death by



wife, Cheryl. He is survived by daughters, Valerie (missionary in Honduras), Sharon, and Robin.

Forrest "Bush"

Paul, who served for many years as Lay Delegate from Ebenezer EC, Williamstown, PA, passed away on September 11. He is survived by wife, Gail.

Leo Gould, property manager at Twin Pines from 1969 to 1987, passed away on September 24. He is survived by wife, Dawn, and children, Leo, Jr. and Kelly. He lived in Bethlehem and attended Calvary Baptist Church in Easton.

Retired pastor, **Rev. Larry Seiger**, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on September 25. He served twelve churches in Pennsylvania. He is survived by wife, Betty and sons, Tim (pastor at Wyndamere Heights EC, Lewisberry) and Tom, as well as foster daughter, Kelly.

Alexander Evan Marks, son of Pastor Kirk and Deborah Marks, St. Paul's EC, Reamstown, PA, passed away unexpectedly on October 9. He is also survived by sisters, Emily and Margaret.

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