

E.C. National News

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Bishop Seybert remembered

On January 3, the 150th anniversary of the death of Bishop John Seybert was commemorated at Seybert United Methodist Church, Bellevue, Ohio. Seybert was born in Manheim, Pennsylvania on July 7, 1791 and died in Bellevue on January 4, 1860. He is buried at the nearby Flat Rock Church.

The circuit riding church planter expanded the Evangelical Association beyond Pennsylvania and into the Midwest. His observation that the terrain of northern Illinois was similar to that of eastern Pennsylvania motivated many to migrate there. He was chosen to serve as Bishop during the General Conference of 1839, filling a vacancy left by Jacob Albright who died 31 years earlier.

The Evangelical Congregational, former Evangelical United Brethren, United Methodist, and Evangelical Church of North America all have roots in the Evangelical Association. Our Allentown Seibert and Herndon Seibert churches are named for the Bishop.

Mission Society is 15



Last November, the Frontier Mission Society, based in Churachandpur, Manipur State, Northeast India, celebrated its 15th anniversary. The society is a sending agency of around 40 missionaries.

These carry the Gospel to unreached peoples in Manipur State, Myanmar, Bhutan, West Nepal, Assam/Arunachal Pradesh, and along the Tripura /Bangladesh border.

FMS also sponsors mercy ministries, including Bethel Children's Home, aid to widows, counsel for youth with addiction problems, and relief to others in need. Dr. Lamboi Vaiphei is founder and Executive Director. He is assisted by wife, Thuami.

Women plan retreats

"Weatherproofing your home against the storms of life" will be the topic of the **Allegheny/Buckeye** women's retreat at Life Ministries ("The Castle") near Franklin, PA. Dates are Friday through Sunday, March 26 through 28. Guest speaker will be Donna Best of Weatherproof Ministries. Registrations with \$75 are due March 5. Questions may be directed to Karen Howell at 724-372-3662.



Delaware/Susquehanna women will gather for "A Time Apart" at The Inn, Reading, PA Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17. The retreat will begin with

a 6:30 p.m. Friday dinner concert, featuring musician Frances Dorst. Cost is \$34.

Saturday's speaker will be Judy Burch, ventriloquist, author, and performing artist. Cost of the day is \$40. Total event packages start at \$85 with four per room. Contact Sue Yarnall at 717-866-6204 for more information.

All registrations should be sent to Mary Lou Reber, 35 Pleasant Road, Gordonville, PA 17529.

Leaders' workshops scheduled

Two workshops for leaders will be held in western PA in April. The first, "TransforMissional Coaching," will take place at Seneca Thursday and Friday, April 8 and 9. Presenter will be Dr. Tim Roehl. A fee of \$149 includes materials and lunch.

The second, "The Ways of the Alongsider," will be held at Knox Grace on Saturday, April 10. Presenters are Bill Mowry and Jim Lett of Navigators. Cost of \$20 includes lunch.

Registrations should be sent to Church Center by March 25.



Preaching workshop announced

Hebrew Poetry and Wisdom will be the focus of the annual Workshop on Biblical Exposition to be held at College Church, Wheaton, Illinois May 5 through 7. All pastors are invited. To register, visit www.simeonworkshops.org. Cost is \$99 before April 21 and \$124 after.

Day of Prayer slated



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"Prayer! For Such a Time as This" is the theme for National Day of Prayer to be observed on Thursday, May 6. Franklin Graham of Samaritan's Purse is

honorary chairman. Promotional materials and a children's curriculum, "Pray for Everyday Heroes," are available at 1-800-444-8828 or www.NationalDayofPrayer.org.

Help for Haiti

World Relief, approved relief agency of the E.C. Church, is coming to the aid of earthquake-stricken Haiti. Their strategy is to work through national churches. Donations may be sent to World Relief, Attn: Donor Services, 7 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21202. Write "Haiti Earthquake" and our account number, 52095 on all checks.

Family News

Birthday

Rev. Harry Carmichael of Clinton, Ohio celebrated his 90th birthday on December 1. He served the Turkeyfoot and Cottage Grove churches. He and wife, Esther, are members at Cottage Grove.



Degree



Rev. Michael Sigman, Bishop Emeritus and President of Evangelical Theological Seminary, was recently awarded an honorary doctorate from Lancaster Bible College. The degree recognizes Rev.

Sigman's leadership in the E.C. Church, the Lancaster National Day of Prayer Committee, and the Rawlinsville Camp Meeting.

Remembering loved ones...

Retired missionary, *Martha Murray*, of Foster City, California passed away on October 17, 2009. She and husband, Jack, served for many years in Europe. He survives, along with sons, Wesley Copperwheat and John Murray. She was preceded in death by son, Harvey.



Retired pastor, *Rev. Charles Ludington of* Washingtonville, Ohio, passed away on November 19, 2009. He served nine of our churches. He is survived by wife, Ruth, and daughters, Rebecca, Lucinda, and Robin.

Retired Western Conference Superintendent, *Dr. Paul Dunn*, 94, passed away on December 13, 2009. He lived in Canal Fulton, Ohio and was a member of Akron First. He served five churches and was instrumental in the beginnings of Camp ECCO. He is survived by wife, Helen; son, Joe; and daughter, Julie.

Rev. James Shields, who recently retired as Director of Twin Pines Camp, Stroudsburg, PA, passed away on December 20, 2009. Before holding that office, he pastored three churches. He is survived by wife, Naomi, and sons, Philip and Mark. He was preceded in death by son, Timothy.

New Babies



Nathanael Kennedy, Associate Pastor at Emmaus, PA St. Matthews, and wife, Katie, have a new son, *Paul Samuel*, born September 28, 2009.

Pastor Kyle and Lori Roth of Williams Valley Faith (Wiconisco, PA) have a new son, *Nehemiah James*, born December 31, 2009. Sisters are Jennifer and Miriam, and brothers are Juan, Elijah, and Joshua.

Pastor Gene and Beth Stevenson of Palmyra, PA First are adopting a son, *Noah Larue*, who was born on January 27. Big sister is Aria.

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