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Knox Bethany to celebrate 100th year

Bethany EC Church, “the Crossroads Church,” of Knox, Pennsylvania will celebrate 100 years of ministry on Sunday, October 20. During an extended 9:30 am, service, Bishop Michael Sigman will preach, and Historian Gary Brown will trace the church’s roots.

There will be a noon dinner, followed by a program of music and sharing,

Pastor is Rev. Christopher Lewis, and Lay Delegate is Robert McElhatten.

New at Twin Pines

Shawn Fetterhoff recently joined the staff of Twin Pines Camp, Conference and Retreat Center, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania as Assistant Director. Over the next two years, Shawn will work closely with Director, Jim Shields. When Jim retires in 2009, Shawn will become Executive Director.

He has been a school teacher for the past nine years. He met wife, Julie at Twin Pines. The two have a son, Cole.

The camp’s annual Celebration Banquet will take place at the Smoketown Good’N’Plenty Restaurant at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, October 23. To make reservations, call 570-629-2411 by October 14.

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Worldfest announced

“Going Global” is the theme for the Delaware/Susquehanna Worldfest to be held at St. Paul’s EC Church in Reamstown, Pennsylvania October 12 and 13. The event will begin with a Friday noon luncheon for pastors, leaders, and others who are interested. Ending time is 2:30.

Saturday will begin with an 8:00 am breakfast. The morning program will feature Director of Global Ministries Jim Ehrman and the Lancaster Faith Worship Team.

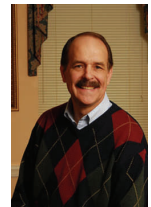
Afternoon speakers are missionaries: Gloria Smethers, Kenya, and David Hershey, campus ministry in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Also sharing are missionary candidates B.J. and Rachel Whitaker and Jeremy Kunkel.

The day will conclude at 2:45. Contact your missions chairperson if planning to attend. There is no charge.

Thank you to Knox, Pennsylvania Grace for hosting the Allegheny/Buckeye Worldfest on September 29.

Dr. Hollinger to address ELA

All pastors are invited to the Evangelical Leadership Academy at Wedgewood Park (Youngstown, Ohio) on Monday, November 5. Dr. Dennis Hollinger, President of Evangelical Theological Seminary will present the topic, “Death and its Ethical Challenges.” To register, contact Church Center by October 22.



October is Clergy Appreciation Month

In October's Focus on the Family magazine, Jane Rubietta writes:

According to the Barna Group, the average pastor lasts only five years at a church, and churchgoers expect their pastor to juggle an average of 16 major tasks. Pastors are among the nation's most overworked and underappreciated group of professionals.

If you would like to encourage your pastor this month, check the website www.clergyappreciation.org, for resources and ideas.



OMS announces event

OMS International will present "Missions in the Northeast" Friday and Saturday, October 5 and 6 at the Harrisburg/Hershey Holiday Inn, Grantville, Pennsylvania. The conference will conclude with "In the Beginning" at the Sight and Sound Millennium Theater. To register, call 1-800-588-5414.



Pastors' wives plan retreat

A retreat for pastors' wives will be held at Twin Pines Camp, Friday through Sunday, October 26 to 28. Speaker will be Shirley Brosius, author, women's speaker, and former professor at Evangelical Theological Seminar.

Cost range is \$137 to \$157. Registrations should be sent to Rite Wert, 325 North Sixth Street, Emmaus, PA 18049, 717-396-9985 by October 15.

FAMILY NEWS

Remembering loved ones

Rev. William Weiser, pastor of Pleasantville, PA, Bethany, passed away on August 22. He is survived by wife Joyce, and daughters Kristi and Julie. Rev. Weiser also pastured Pine Beach, New Jersey, Allentown Zion, Lancaster Grace (Associate) and Reading St. Paul's.



Bruce Webb, who served a number of years as Lay Delegate for Riverhill, Clarion, PA passed away on September 6. He was also a member of the Historical Society. Bruce was employed by the Clarion University Library. He is survived by wife Diane, and son Christopher.

Our prayers and sympathy are with these families and congregations.

Weddings

John Kramer, son of Pastor Dale and Beverly Kramer of Union Salem, PA, married **Hannah Walter** on July 21. Rev. Robert Kramer, grandfather of the groom, officiated.

Jennifer Osberg, daughter of Pastor Rick and Debbie Osberg of Knox, PA, Grace, married **Matthew Williams** on September 15. The father of the bride officiated, and Dr. Richard Osberg, Sr., grandfather of the bride, assisted.



Adoption



On February 7, two-year-old **Lydia Grace** from China joined the family of Pastor Donald and Susan Knier who was pastor of Clayton, PA, Bethany. Siblings are Jonathan, Lauren, Megan, and Grant.