

# E.C. NATIONAL NEWS

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## It's Conference time!

"Missional People, Missional Purpose" is the theme for the sixth National Conference to be held at Messiah College, Grantham, Pennsylvania, May 27 to 30. With gratitude for his years of service, we will bid farewell to Bishop Michael Sigman. Incoming Bishop, Rev. Kevin Leibensperger, will take the chair for the first time.



Rev. Kevin Leibensperger

We will express thanks to Director of Global Ministries, James Ehrman, as he moves on to a position with Yale University. We will welcome new Director, Rev. Randall Sizemore.

Guest devotional speaker will be Dr. Jerry White of Colorado Springs. Dr. White is President Emeritus and chairman of the U.S. Board of Directors of the Navigators. He is also a retired Major General of the United States Air Force.

## Bike teams to aid Liberia

The Western Launch Liberia Bike Team will leave Amboy, Illinois on Saturday, May 17. The Eastern Team will depart from Rosedale Community Church in Baltimore on Friday, May 23. Both teams are to arrive at National Conference on Thursday, May 29.



Some cyclists will ride one or more legs of the journey, while others go the entire distance. Riders are seeking sponsors, with funds going to the rebuilding of Liberia. For more information, email [ralphowens@msn.com](mailto:ralphowens@msn.com).

## Twin Pines plans celebration

Twin Pines Camp, Stroudsburg, PA will kick off the season with their annual Summer Celebration at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 7. A variety of activities, including a chariot race, are being planned. Teams are required to build their own chariots! Camps begin on June 15. Website is [www.twinpines.org](http://www.twinpines.org).

## Camp Meetings minister to families

For many years, our three camp meetings have offered family programming during the summer months. Each camp has an annual session of a week or longer, which includes speakers, musicians, and activities for children and teens. Additional events are scheduled throughout the summer. Several choices in meals and lodging are available.



### Camp Meetings

To learn more, contact one of the camp meetings:

**Herndon**, Herndon, PA (107th session), Sandra Morrison, 1-717-732-4570 or [www.herndoncampmeeting.org](http://www.herndoncampmeeting.org)

**Rosedale**, Laureldale, PA (85th anniversary), 1-610-639-1455

**Waldheim**, Allentown, PA, 1-610-798-9767 or [www.waldheimpark.org](http://www.waldheimpark.org)

## TEACH International to convene

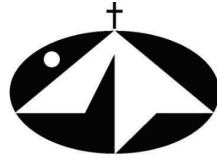
During the week following National Conference, over 30 church leaders from around the world will gather at Evangelical Theological Seminary for the TEACH (The Evangelical Alliance of Churches) International conference.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., interested persons are invited to an open session to hear our international partners. A dinner will follow. From 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., there will be special music and a message from Bishop Kevin Leibensperger. To register, e-mail [jabe@eccrv.com](mailto:jabe@eccrv.com)

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## Great Lakes Camp dates are set



The following camps will be held at CAMP ECCO, Carrollton, Ohio:

- Senior, July 6 to 12
- Intermediate, July 13 to 19
- Junior, July 20 to 26

Rock River Bible Camp, Dixon, Illinois will have the following camps:

- Primary, July 9 to 11
- Senior, July 13 to 19
- Intermediate, July 20 to 26
- Junior, July 27 to August 2

The annual picnic will take place at noon on Saturday, May 24.

For more information go to [www.campecco.org](http://www.campecco.org) or [www.rockriverbiblecamp.org](http://www.rockriverbiblecamp.org)

You Lead Camp teens from across the Region will go on a missions trip to Glenallen, Alaska, June 27 to July 9.



## How's your children's ministry?

Through the Christian Education Committee, individuals are available to conduct children's ministry workshops in our churches. The session will help children's leaders identify strengths and weaknesses and work toward greater effectiveness. To schedule a workshop, contact CE Committee Chair, Rev. Mark Brooks at 1-570-7390 or [mdbrooks@bethesdaec.org](mailto:mdbrooks@bethesdaec.org)

## New Gym in use

A new gymnasium/multi-purpose building at our Wedgewood Park Church, Youngstown, OH is nearing completion. The gym was used the first time for a youth overnight after an April 12 quiz rally. The building is the final phase of a construction program that spanned about 10 years.



## FAMILY NEWS

### Remembering loved ones,

**Shirley Christman**, wife of retired pastor, Rev. Richard Christman of East Berlin, PA, passed away on April 4. She was the mother of Rev. Rick Christman, Boyertown, PA; Barbara Newlin, pastor's wife at Countryside Fellowship, East Berlin, PA; and three other daughters, Sharon, Deb and Pam.



**Almira Moury**, mother of Rev. Fred Moury, Conference Minister of the Susquehanna Region, passed away on April 18. She had been living in Palmyra, PA. She is also survived by husband, Frederick; daughter, Caroline; and son, Andrew. She was preceded in death by daughter, Cindi Farr, an EC missionary. She was the grandmother of Rev. Daniel Moury of Mt. Joy, PA and Jamie Farr, EC missionary in Orlando, FL

### New Baby

Pastor Joshua and Rachel Reinders of Seneca, PA have a new daughter, **Daisy Jo**, born February 28. Big sister is Elinor.



### Weddings

**Jeffrey Gordon**, son of Pastor John and Judith Gordon of Dreherstown, PA Immanuel, married **Melinda Cornman** on October 6, 2007.

**Steven Wood**, son of Pastor David & Sandra Wood of Leesport, PA Bethany, married **Laurel Morse** on October 27, 2007.



**Michelle Weaver**, daughter of Jeffrey and Dawn Martin of Ephrata, PA Grace, married **Cesar Santiago** on September 29, 2007.

**Joseph Bruce**, Youth Pastor at Cedarville, IL Emmanuel, married **Katherine Kirkpatrick** on February 23. Joe is from Choudrant, LA and Katie is from Herscher, IL.

### Commissioning

**David Hershey**, who does campus ministry in Berks County, PA, was commissioned as an E.C. missionary on April 20 at Trinity E.C. Church, Manheim, PA. Wife is Emily.