

April 20, 2020

Hi ECOB Family,

You are loved and missed! This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. This past weekend we started our new series called One Another. In it, we started by talking about how Christ commands us to Love One Another. I had a few people say to me that yes, we are to love others and especially those who are in the world. I wanted to clarify something – Jesus was talking about how “WE” – you and me love each other – as believers, followers of Jesus. This, of course, isn’t to say that we shouldn’t be loving others; however, I wanted to be sure that as we walk through this series, we are focusing on how we, as a body are to be towards One Another. With that shared, here are some of those ways in which we have connected, grown, lived, and radiated the transformative power of Jesus.

1. Last week April 13-19

a. Connect

- i. Caring ProtoCALL – We will be headed into round two of this list over the next week. Please know this is an opportunity for you to connect with someone who you may not know. In addition, if you have any needs, please feel free to pass it on to them.

b. Grow

- i. Our Kidmin/Student Ministries are still connecting through weekly read and chat times as well as lunch together and SNL (Sunday Night Live – Students) through ZOOM.
- ii. Multiple life groups are using ZOOM for connecting to one another. This has been a blessing during this time of not being able to do face to face meetings.

c. Live

- i. Worship – What a wonderful weekend it was! We iron out some issues and will continue to get better each week. We pray that this time together will be one that encourages and supports your faith development and will, above all else, keep pointing you heavenward.

d. Radiate

- i. PowerPaks – We served almost 100 families in our community. We have been honoring social distancing the best we can. Trish Schlegel has been a point person and we are grateful for her leadership.
- ii. We continue serving and supporting Ephrata Schools with supplying drivers for those who cannot come to schools themselves and need help.
- iii. The Local Missions Team (LOVEPHRATA) will be meeting this week to continue providing opportunities for all of us to be involved in supporting our communities.

e. Operations

- i. Construction continues (with the waiver Ames has received). We are now mandated to be wearing masks when walking through the building – we have been complying with this order starting Monday April 20.
 1. Offices are 95% done
 2. Life Group Rooms are 95% done
 3. Heritage Room is 90% done
 4. Sanctuary is 80% done – basically trim work and media needs to be completed
 5. Student Space is 90% done
 6. Children’s Center is 40% done – this area, minus 2 classrooms will be done by May 15! Painting, ceiling, and flooring will occur in the next two weeks.
- ii. The office will be closed through April 30 – this includes all ministries and “in person” worship. A decision about May will occur in the next week.

2. This coming week April 20-26

a. CONGREGATION WIDE

i. What: Community Prayer Time

1. Date/Time: Apr 22, 2020 08:00 PM
2. Zoom Information: <https://zoom.us/j/163473464>
3. Call In: 1 646 558 8656 - Meeting ID: 163 473 464

ii. What ECOB LIVE WORSHIP

1. Date/Time: April 26, 2020

- a. Worship – 10AM
 - i. ECOB Website: www.ecob.church
 - ii. FB LIVE: <https://www.facebook.com/ephrtacob/>
 - iii. Vimeo - <https://vimeo.com/user65628481>
 - iv. YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNaNiDBGKmkQ4v9-W6ysqYA>
 - b. Student Ministry
 - i. What: StudentMin Lunch
 - 1. Date/Time: Apr 23, 2020 12:00 PM - <https://zoom.us/j/211138684>
 - 2. Call In - 1 646 558 8656 - Meeting ID: 211 138 684
 - ii. What: SNL (Sunday Night Live - Students)
 - 1. Date/Time: April 26, 2020 06:00 PM - <https://zoom.us/j/922133809>
 - 2. Call In: +1 646 558 8656 US - Meeting ID: 922 133 809
 - c. Young Adult Ministry
 - i. What: Young Adult Gathering
 - 1. Date/Time: Apr 22, 2020 06:00 PM - <https://zoom.us/j/819759898>
 - 2. Call In: 1 929 436 2866 - Meeting ID: 819 759 898
3. OTHER ITEMS
- a. Tithes and Offerings
 - i. Thank you so much for keeping the ministries and mission of Jesus alive and well at ECOB. Your missionaries (staff) are working hard to maintain the connections we have to one another each week and we will continue to do so. Remember, you can go to www.ecob.church and click on the “GIVE” link to use PushPay or you may mail in your tithe.
 - b. This Letter
 - i. I will be reducing the content of this letter more and more over the next few weeks. As we begin to roll out our new newsletter – ECOB NOW – you will be able to get all of the information above there, on FB, and on the website.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me directly at brian@ecob.church. In the meantime, keep safe, stay sane.

Blessings,
Pastor Brian