

April 27, 2020

Hi ECOB Family,

God is so very good – I pray that you are feeling that today. I am in awe and in wonder at the power, providence, and patience of God with us and through us in times like these. I do pray this finds you well and in good spirits. God continues to use ECOB to proclaim his hope and truth in this world. Your passion and excitement are evident in how you reach out to one another and those in our community. I know that as we continue this path, God will keep moving in our midst and spurring us on to love him more deeply, follow him more closely, and encourage us to be bolder than ever before!

As I mentioned in my previous email, I will be paring back on these letters, not giving every single bit of information, only those items that are need and the congregation should be aware of. Please take the time to read through and gather the information you need from this and the weekly email. Soon, that distribution will be changing and you will start receiving ECOB NOW, the new weekly newsletter – we believe this new format will give you opportunities to hear what is going on from the congregation themselves as well as those in our community. Stay tuned!!

1. Last week April 20-26

a. 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 95% done
 4. Sanctuary is 90% done – a lot of media has been installed over this past week. Also, our new pendant lights and sconces are in, so they will be installed this coming week.
 5. Student Space is 90% done
 6. Children’s Center is 50% done
- ii. The office will be closed through April 30. Please look at the item below in regards to Office schedule and ministries.

2. This coming week April 27 – May 3

a. CONGREGATION WIDE

- i. What: Community Prayer Time
 1. Date/Time: Apr 29, 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: FB LIVE – BUILDING UPDATE!! We will be giving a tour through where we are in the building process. This will be a longer tour since many in the congregation have not seen the building since early March! Please click the link and see where we are in the process.
 1. Date/Time: April 30, 2020 7:00PM
 2. FB Live Information: <https://www.facebook.com/ephatacob/>
- iii. What ECOB LIVE WORSHIP
 1. Date/Time: May 3, 2020
 - a. Worship – 10AM
 - i. ECOB Website: www.ecob.church
 - ii. FB LIVE: <https://www.facebook.com/ephatacob/>
 - iii. Vimeo - <https://vimeo.com/user65628481>
 - iv. YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNaNiDBGKmkQ4v9-W6ysqYA>

b. KIDMIN

- i. What:
 1. Date/Time: May 1, 2020 6:30PM
 2. Zoom Information:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497320659?pwd=Nkw4UnY4dIJQ3FqSmdSblAybS9TUT09>
 3. Call-In: Meeting ID: 864 9732 0659 - Password: 4wBirk

- c. Student Ministry
 - i. What: SNL (Sunday Night Live - Students)
 - 1. Date/Time: May 3, 2020 06:00 PM - <https://zoom.us/j/922133809>
 - 2. Call In: +1 646 558 8656 US - Meeting ID: 922 133 809
- d. Young Adult Ministry
 - i. What: Young Adult Gathering
 - 1. Date/Time: Apr 29, 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. Office Opening!
 - i. The Leadership Team has discerned, that as an essential business, we are going to open offices on a very limited basis. The office hours, starting next week, will be Tuesday and Thursday from 9AM-12PM. Please follow the guidelines below.
 - 1. Parking: Please park in the front lot – this is the new office entrance and will be the only entrance you will be able to use. The driveway to the office entrance is off Crescent Ave.
 - 2. You must be wearing a mask to enter the building, even if it is for a second.
 - 3. You will not be allowed to go anywhere else in the building but the office wing. Please do not come and "snoop" around.
 - 4. If you wish to see staff, you may do so, but only by APPOINTMENT.
 - 5. If you wish to come and drop off your tithes and offerings, you may do so during that time or you may mail them to 201 Crescent Ave Ephrata, PA 17522.
- c. Ministries
 - i. Until further notice all "in person" ministries are cancelled. If there are gatherings, all CDC and governmental guidelines need to be adhered to in the strictest manner (social distancing, masks, only going out when absolutely essential).

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