

April 6, 2020

Hi ECOB Family,

I continue to be in awe of our faith community. You are special people and God has been so good during the valley we find ourselves in. Please continue to pray and encourage one another, lifting one another up in prayer and finding opportunities to connect with one another. You are missed, you are loved! Here are a few things that have happened this past week and those items coming up this week. We look forward to gathering soon to celebrate our RISEN KING.

1. Last week March 30 – April 5

a. Connect

- i. Wednesday's prayer and praise time continues to be one that keeps us connected with God and one another. We used the breakout room function to pray more specifically for one another.
- ii. Last week, we fully implemented out Caring ProtoCALL list. You have received, or will receive, a phone call from other ECOB'ers. This is meant to keep us connected and also discover if there is anything that we, as a church, can do to serve you.

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).
- 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 – I do apologize about the worship feed this past weekend. I recognize that it was frustrating to many, including us who were there trying to get things better. We have been waiting for the hardware we ordered to come in the mail – hopefully that will be soon. Please remember, that if something isn't going right, it doesn't always mean we can fix it – you may need to fix something on your end.

d. Radiate

- i. PowerPaks – This past week, we took a break from this viable and needed ministry. We will start back up this week with the needed protocols directed from the government concerning care and social distancing. 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.

e. Operations

- i. We currently have a waiver to continue construction – that will restart today with electric, flooring, and perhaps painting. More details to come.
- ii. The Ephrata Church of the Brethren Children's Center is also applying for a waiver to continue serving those in our community that need childcare (specifically those in the health care industry)
- iii. The office will be closed through April 30 – this includes all ministries and "in person" worship.

2. This coming week April 6-13

a. CONGREGATION WIDE

i. What: FAMILY GAME NIGHT

1. Date/Time: Apr 7, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
2. Zoom Information:  
<https://zoom.us/j/443093178?pwd=S2l2dHBpM2xFMG91N3N3emkrQlpYQT09>
3. Call In: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) - Meeting ID: 443 093 178 - Password: 024325

ii. What: Community Prayer Time

1. Date/Time: Apr 8, 2020 08:00 PM - <https://zoom.us/j/163473464>
2. Call In: 1 646 558 8656 - Meeting ID: 163 473 464

iii. What: LOVE FEAST

1. Date/Time: Apr 9, 2020 06:00 PM
2. Zoom Information:  
<https://zoom.us/j/561978282?pwd=MHpQSytdYXA0KzZSU2tEVHp6RFNCZz09>

3. Call In: 1 646 558 8656 - Meeting ID: 561 978 282 - Password: 315234
  - iv. What ECOB LIVE WORSHIP - EASTER
    1. Date/Time: April 12, 2020
      - a. Sunrise Service – 6:00AM
        - i. FB LIVE - <https://www.facebook.com/ephrtacob/>
      - b. Easter Worship – 10AM
        - i. ECOB Website: [www.ecob.church](http://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. KIDMIN
    - i. What: KIDMIN Check-In w/ Michelle
      1. Date/Time: April 10, 2020 12:00PM
      2. Zoom Information: <https://zoom.us/j/908437513?pwd=MkpmNTJCdDRObmF2UFp3TkFJcm9PdZ09>
      3. Call In: 1 646 558 8656 - Meeting ID: 908 437 513 - Password: 059143
  - c. Student Ministry
    - i. What: StudentMin Lunch
      1. Date/Time: Apr 9, 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 12, 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 8, 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. LOVE FEAST
    - i. We will have LOVE FEAST! The Zoom information is above. Here is the schedule of what we are doing and what you need to do in order to prepare for this time. (times are approximate)
      1. 6:00 – 6:05 – A brief welcome to our time together
      2. 6:05 – 6:35 - We will have a meal together in breakout rooms (please have a meal ready for you and your family.) You will be put with a few other people to get to know one another as well as enjoy one another’s company.
      3. 6:35 – 6:50 – Reflection by Ryan Burkholder and Self Examination
      4. 6:50 – 7:15 – Break out rooms for a time of prayer for one another.
      5. 7:15 – 7:25 - Participating in the Bread and Cup together. Please have with you bread and something to drink. We will not worry about the “WHAT” here (in terms of the actual bread and cup); however, we will focus on the “WHY”. Bring to your table what you feel is appropriate for a time like this.
      6. 7:25 – 7:30 – Closing Thoughts/Covenant

Friends you are always in my thoughts and prayers. Keep focused and centered on God and he will continue to walk with you, encouraging you along the path of holiness and joy! Until we see each other again, be well, stay safe, and keep sane!

Blessings,  
Pastor Brian