

May 4, 2020

Hi ECOB Family,

What an exciting week this past week! We are living into what it means to be bold disciples for Jesus. As I had mentioned in our FB LIVE UPDATE of the building renovations, the Church of the Brethren is working on a vision that we pray will empower all congregations to bring Jesus into the neighborhood. The three words that have struck me during this time are INNOVATIVE, ADAPTABLE, FEARLESS. These three words have been lived out in the life and ministry of ECOB during this season. If you were to look over the last couple of months, reading these letters, you will notice how God's movement continues to boldly move forward.

I continue to be excited about what God is going to do next and what God is planning for each of us as we live fearlessly into that calling. For now, here are some items from last week and this coming week.

1. Last week April 27-May 3

a. Operations

- i. Construction continues. The waiver process is no longer needed. We are now mandated to be wearing masks when walking through the building – we have been complying with this order starting Monday April 20. In addition, no one is allowed into construction areas without a hard hat. We want to be sure that we honor what AMES has told us in this way. Please do not come to the building and walk around without a member of the building team.

1. Offices – final touchups
2. Life Group Rooms – final touchups
3. Heritage Room – waiting on cabinets, table, and sofa
4. Sanctuary – finalizing media needs and touchups
5. Student Space – final touchups
6. Children's Center is 65% finished

2. This coming week May 4-10

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 ECOB LIVE WORSHIP

1. Date/Time: May 10, 2020

a. Worship – 10AM

- i. ECOB Website: www.ecob.church
- ii. FB LIVE: <https://www.facebook.com/ephratacob/>
- iii. Vimeo - <https://vimeo.com/user65628481>
- iv. YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNaNiDBGKmkQ4v9-W6ysqYA>

b. KIDMIN – please connect with KidMin through their Facebook Page

c. Student Ministry – please connect with our Student Ministries through their Facebook Page

d. Young Adult Ministry – please connect with our young adult ministries through their Facebook Page

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. Starting tomorrow, the office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-noon. If you must come in, 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. Celebrating Mothers!
- i. We understand that moms come into our lives in different ways. Some are our biological moms, some are our spiritual moms, some mentor and equip us, some challenge and empower us. Some of these moms are married, single, have kids, and have no kids. Some are older, younger, and everyone in between. This Mother’s Day, you are invited to receive a special gift from ECOB. Partnering with Javateas, all women who have been both physical and spiritual moms, are invited to go to Javateas on Sunday morning (not during worship...lol) and receive a special gift “on us”. This is not limited to ECOB women only, so please invite your friends to head over and get a little pick-me-up for all the wonderful work you have done to encourage and lift us up. The details of when will be on our FB page soon – so please look out for it!
- d. Ministries
- i. Until further notice all “in person” ministries are cancelled. If there are gatherings (worship/missions), all CDC and governmental guidelines need to be adhered to in the strictest manner (social distancing, masks, only going out when essential).
 - ii. Once Lancaster County is given the chance to move to the yellow phase of quarantine, we will share additional details as to what we are planning for worship, ministries (student, young adult, life groups, etc.). For now, all “in person” meetings are cancelled unless they are considered essential (missions/worship).

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