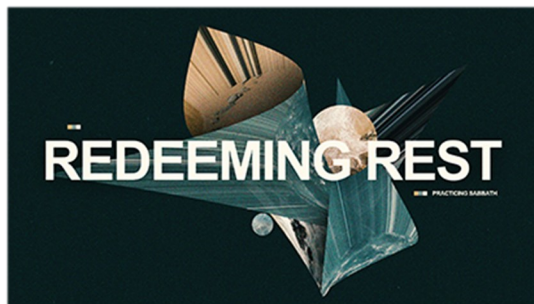


# ECOB News & Events

September 16 to 30, 2021

## Sermon Series: *Redeeming Rest: Practicing Sabbath*

This series explores the biblical ideas of rest and sabbath. By understanding the God who rests and the Savior who gives us rest, we can see the life God desires us to have beyond work, schedules and goals.



## September 19 Message: *Mary vs. Martha*

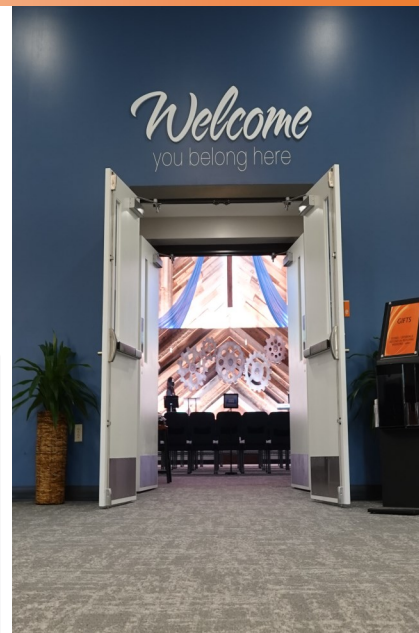
[Luke 10:38-42](#)

Our world is obsessed with being busy. It can be hard to slow down and take time to prioritize Jesus. -Pastor Brian Messler, speaking

## September 26 Message: *Just Relax*

[Psalm 23:1-4](#)

Just like a good shepherd who leads his sheep to rest, God will give us rest and provide for us. -Kim Ream, speaking



*Connect*

*Grow*

*Live*

*Radiate!*



## World Communion Sunday

## World Communion Sunday Sunday, October 3

### One Worship Service @10:45AM

Sermon Series: *Out of Darkness*

Message: *God's Got This!*

Exodus 1:1-22

God sees the evil of the world and creates a plan to rescue his people.

Pastor Brian Messler, speaking

ECOBKids and Students will have Life Groups—9:45am

Adult Life groups are optional.

## Love Feast & Communion

immediately following 10:45 worship

Everyone bring a side or dessert to share! We will enjoy a meal together, followed by a time of feet/hand washing and communion.



How have you made time to rest in Jesus this week?

## Dessert Palooza



**Sunday, October 24th**

**Come for the fellowship, stay for the dessert!**

Potluck meal following 10:45 worship

Bring your favorite fall dish to share!

**Dessert Judging! Enter your best dessert!**

5 Categories of desserts—judged—with prizes!

Cookies/brownies / Cupcakes / Pie / Cake /

Misc (Jell-O, pudding, keto, gluten free, etc)

Sign up link, to enter your dessert, coming soon.

[details here](#)



God is doing amazing things through the life and people of ECOB. Check out the [ECOB Blog](#) for devotions, stories, testimonies, God sightings and more.



### Family Barnstormers Game!

**Saturday, October 9 / 6:30pm**

Join the ECOB family for a night at the ballpark!

**Invite your friends!**

ticket cost: \$5/person

Don't delay—sign up today!

[Sign up here!](#)

The August Barnstormer's Game that was rained out is rescheduled for Saturday, October 9th! 6:30 game/gates open at 5:30pm. This fun evening includes fireworks! *Join us!*

## LIFE GROUPS



### LADIES GROUPS

**THE ECOB WOMEN'S MINISTRY** will be hosting a 6 week study to dig into the Gospel of John. Leaders will be using the Serendipity Bible to facilitate readings and questions. Participants will not need a study guide (just bring your Bible!) and there will be no homework. Can't make it one week?—no problem, join us when you can, at either study you are able to attend!

**Daytime option:** [Mondays at 1 pm](#), beginning Sept. 27th.

**Evening option:** [Wednesdays at 7 pm](#), beginning Sept. 29th.

Join the ECOB Women's Ministry Facebook group! [Click here!](#)

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** Thursdays, 9:30-11am at ECOB (enter through the Life Groups door). This group will be studying the letters of Paul. All ladies are welcome to attend! Contact: [Katy Roark](#).

### MEN'S GROUPS

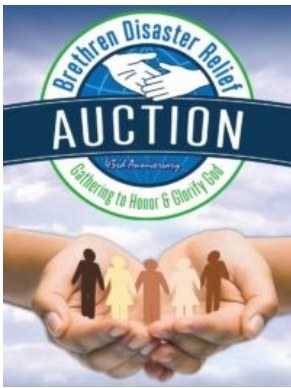
**Tuesdays, 7-9pm @ECOB.** Contact [Tom Strubel](#), for more information on this group.

**1st & 3rd Saturdays, 7am, meet at Gus's** for fellowship & prayer. Text Pastor Brian, [240-357-1603](#), if you plan to attend.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

**DivorceCare** meets Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm, online, through Nov. 16. Find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. Sessions are self contained, so you can join any week. [Details here!](#)

**Art of Marriage Fall Session**, Tuesdays, Oct. 5 to Nov. 9 at 6:45pm, at ECOB. Free childcare is offered. Sign up Sunday morning, Sept. 26th, in the Community Room or contact Nancy at 717-286-4715 for [more information](#). [Mike & Nancy Sensenig](#).



## Brethren Disaster Relief Auction Sept. 24-25, 2021

Lebanon Expo Center

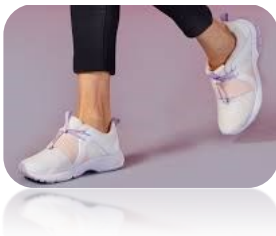
Baked Goods (baked items & volunteers are needed), Children's Auction, Store & Activities. Farmer's Market, Quilt Auction, Heifer Auction, Theme Baskets, Arts and Crafts, Artisan Alley, Coin Auction, Food Stands! Various ways for you to volunteer and many events, auctions and tons of food for you to enjoy! [Details here!](#)



## Women's Ministry Monthly Breakfast

Sat., October 9, 9 am @ ECOB

Mark your calendar now to join us! There are surprise chefs preparing this breakfast—you won't want to miss it!



## Walking Wednesday at ECOB

Walk inside at ECOB every Wednesday morning. **Every Wednesday, from 9 to 11**, the church is open for you to walk the loop from the Community Room through the Life Group Wing and through the Sanctuary.



## ECOB Young Adults

contact: [Scott Hackman](#)

[Facebook Page](#)

[Instagram](#)

Join us for Sunday Life Group  
9:45am, rm #101

## Upcoming Events

Sat., Sept. 18, 6pm—[Campfire & Corn Hole](#) @Hall's Hideaway

Fri, Oct. 22, Dinner 6pm & Corn Maze 7pm @Oregon Dairy

Sat., Nov. 20, Serving Lunch at City Gate, Ephrata

Sat., Dec. 18, Snow Tubing

Fri., Jan. 7, New Year's Party

## Caffeinated Conversations

9:30-10:30am

1st Sunday morning of each month at Javateas during the Life Group Hour. We'll have a time of sharing, reflection, fellowship and coffee or sugar to get you going.



## Coats for Kids!

Saturday, November 6

7-10 AM at ECOB

## Hospitalized:

Kyler Schupp—now at home!

**Thank you** to my church family for all your prayers, love and good wishes during my surgery and recovery. It is so good to be one of God's children.

-June Summers

**Pastor Brian** will be on vacation Sept. 19 (following worship) to Oct. 2. For anything needing immediate attention, please contact Stacey Coldiron.

**Cindy Zimmerman**, Operations & Staff Support, will be on medical leave, beginning Sept. 20 for six weeks. For anything needing immediate attention during this time, please contact the church office at 717-733-1229.

**ECOB Men of Iron**, Men's Group, serves a meal every 4th Monday of the month at City Gate, Ephrata. YOU, are invited to join us as we love on the Ephrata Community!

**Blankets** are available in the bin as you enter the sanctuary—pick one up if you need extra warmth as you worship. Return them to the bin following worship.

**A reminder that ECOB** follows the EASD for closing or delays due to inclement weather. Check ECOB Facebook page for postings.

**Facebook Prayer Group:** If you attend ECOB, search FB for "ECOB Prayer & Praise Group" and join today! It's a great way to pray for each other & celebrate praises, too!



## TOT LOT

for Toddlers,  
Preschoolers and  
their parents  
**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays**  
9:30-10:30 am  
[Details here!](#)

## ECOBKids

[Michelle Nolt](#), ECOBKids Coordinator  
[Facebook Page](#) // [Virtual Sunday School](#)

Parents — check in Kids by the Kids Entrance.

**PRESCHOOL SUNDAY LIFE GROUP**—9:45am  
for **Preschool** (walking to PreK)

**PRESCHOOL MINISTRY** held during the 10:45 service.

**ECOB KIDS FAMILY LIFE GROUP**, through Oct. 10. Intended for preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, but families of all ages are welcome! [DETAILS HERE!](#)

**KIDS CHURCH**—**Kids K-4th grade** now attend worship with their families for the beginning worship time and are then dismissed for Kids Church.

**Parents**— Check-in your kids prior to the service!

**ECOB KIDS VOLUNTEER DINNER & TRAINING**, Tuesday, October 5, 6-8pm. All ECOB Kid Volunteers — join us as we enjoy a meal together (taco bar and dessert provided) and then review some procedures. Children are welcome to eat with you and then Childcare is provided.

Please [RSVP by Friday, Sept 24th— here!](#)



## Milkshakes!

ECOBKids / ECOBStudents / ECOBYoungAdults

We need YOU the evenings of Sept. 21-24 to make milkshakes at the Ephrata Fair!

[Sign up here!!](#)

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Office hours  
Monday—Thursday  
9am to 4pm  
Friday — 9am to 12noon



Download the **Tithe.ly** app—a safe and easy way to give any time! (select “Ephrata Church of the Brethren”) OR give through the [ECOB website](#).

## ECOBStudents

for Students in 5th to 12th grade  
Contact Pastor [Ryan Burkholder](#)  
[Facebook Page](#)



### SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUPS

**9:45–10:35 am**

**Now meeting in two groups: 5-7th grade & 8-12th grade.**

Use the Check-in system by the Kid’s entrance. Meet in the youth space downstairs.

A Teacher must be present before students may go downstairs—a sign will be posted by the check-in.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Milkshakes!!** It’s Milkshake Time for the Ephrata Fair and we need YOU the evenings of Sept. 21-24. [Sign up here!!](#)

**SNL** ([Sunday Night Live](#)) begins, Sunday, Sept. 19, 6-8pm

Dinner, small groups, games, worship. Groups for Grades 5-8 & 9-12  
Bring your friends! Please refer to Ryan’s email for the SNL schedule.

**Medical/liability/photo form** for 21/22—now due! [Click here!](#)