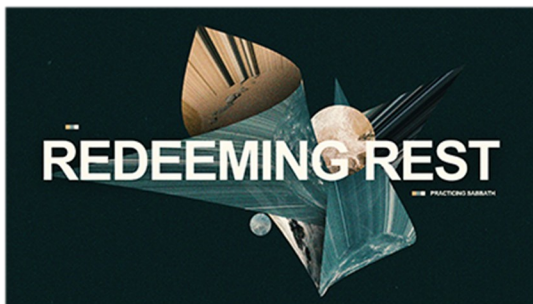


ECOB News & Events

September 2 to 16, 2021

New Sermon Series: *Redeeming Rest: Practicing Sabbath*

This four-week 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 5 Message: *Ready. Set. Stop.*

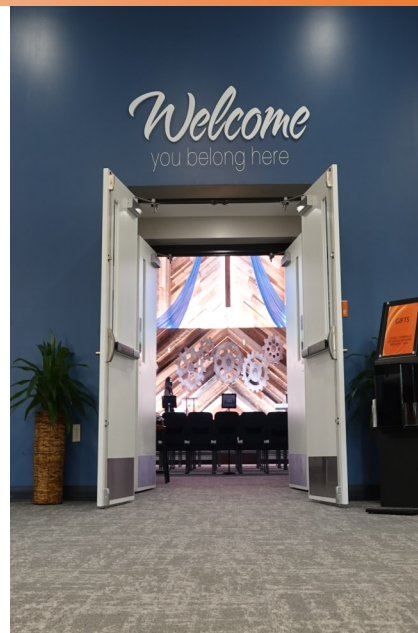
Matthew 11:28-29; Mark 6:30-31

We live in a world that struggles to find rest. Jesus invites us to rest in him. -Pastor Brian Messler, speaking

September 12 Message: *On the 7th Day...*

Genesis 2:1-3

God rested from work on the seventh day and has commanded humanity to take a Sabbath day. -Pastor Brian Messler, speaking



Connect

Grow

Live

Radiate!



OUTDOOR WORSHIP & FOOD TRUCKS!

Sunday, September 5

10:30am Worship

NO Kids Ministries / NO Life Groups
Bring your lawn chairs and blankets

Worship will be available online via Vimeo/You Tube/ Facebook

Following the service, join us for lunch!

Lunch provided by area Food Trucks:

Holy Smoked Meats / Rad-ish

Baron-Steigel Lions Club / Lickety Split

Lunch is fully provided \$\$ by ECOB!



ECOB FALL KICK-OFF!!



Lunch & Drinks provided for **EVERYONE**—all ages!

12 noon / pavilion

Lunch by Big John Nolt's! (chicken/beans/potatoes)

Please bring a dessert to share!

Bring your lawn chairs/blankets.

ECOB Kids Kick-Off - 12:30 to 2 pm

Birth to 4th grade & their parents

Giant inflatable water slide (wear a suit/bring a towel)

bounce house, gaga ball, yard games

ECOB Students Kick-Off - 6 to 8 pm

5th to 12th grade

Pizza & drinks provided

Giant inflatable water slide & other inflatables

yard games, gaga ball



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 THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: Thursdays (weekly) 9:30-11am at ECOB (enter through the Life Groups door). This group will start by studying the letters of Paul. This group meets and follows the Ephrata school schedule (including weather delays/cancellations). 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.



Women's Ministry Monthly Breakfast

Sat., September 11
9 to 10 am @ ECOB

We hope you'll join us!

[RSVP here](#) by September 8

SOCK!
Supporting
Our College Kids!



The **SOCK** (Supporting Our College Kids) Team works to keep a positive connection with our college students. SOCK is intent on easing their transition to and their walk through college by supporting students in prayer, positive messages, and

care packages. If you have a child in college this year, email [Mary Orndorff](#) with their school address & email. Contact [Mary](#) if you are interested in helping with this ministry!



Walking Wednesday at ECOB

Walk inside at ECOB every Wednesday morning. **Beginning September 1, every Wednesday, from 9 to 11**, the church will be 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.



Hospitalized: June Summers (8/24) now at home. Tyler Schupp, Women's & Babies.

Congratulations to Matt & Samantha Johnson (and big sister, Nora) on the birth of a daughter, **Eloise Kennedy**, born August 26th.

To Our Church Family, A special thank you to everyone who sent cards and encouragement to Connie and myself during my recent hip surgery. Your inquiries, concerns and thoughtfulness were gratefully appreciated. More so, were the heartfelt Prayer and the Love that emanated from all! Thanks for being there and loving us. I John 4:7-8. In Christ, Dennis Fink

Thank you for the kind and thoughtful messages of sympathy on the recent death of my son, David Meck. They were much appreciated. Sara Meck

Albert Sauls, a former ECOB pastor, 90th birthday, Sept. 15. Send cards to: Albert Sauls, 401 Tabb Smith Trail, Yorktown, VA 23693.

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!

COBYS Family Ser. BIKE & HIKE, Sunday, Sept 12. [Register here.](#)

Brethren Disaster Relief Auction; Sept. 24-25, 2021. [Details here!](#)

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

Redner's Save-A-Tape Program: Drop off your receipts in the SAVE A TAPE collection box in the Community Rm. You must use a Redner's rewards card with your purchase to have a qualifying purchase. You can get a card at the customer assistance desk. Turn in the entire original receipt (no copies) (you will not lose your points or fuel discount). Do not use tape on receipts. Thank you for participating in the program. By your receipts, we've donated over \$100 to the Deacon fund this year! Contact: Katy Roark



TOT LOT

for Toddlers,
Preschoolers and
their parents
1st & 3rd 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.

SUNDAY LIFE GROUPS—held from 9:45-10:30am
for **Kids (K-4) and Preschool** (walking to PreK)

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY held during the 10:45 service, weekly.

KIDS CHURCH—beginning, **Sunday, Sept. 12** our kids will now attend worship with their families, for the beginning worship time. Kids will then be dismissed for Kids Church by using the side, back sanctuary door.

Parents— Be sure to check-in your kids prior to the service if they are attending Kids Church! If they are attending Life Group time, you'll pick them up from their Life Group and take them with you to Worship.



ECOB KIDS FAMILY LIFE GROUP — *Are you up for a new adventure?*

ECOB Kids is encouraging all families to participate in Family Life Group beginning Sunday, September 12, for 5 weeks. This Family Life Group is intended to help your family establish a pattern of intentional time in God's Word. As families, we will read God's Word and engage in activities that will help us establish this pattern. It is intended for children ages preschool through 4th grade, but families of all ages are welcome, too!

There will be no regular K-4 Life Group during these 5 weeks. We will continue to have regular Toddler/Preschool Life Group. If you have a toddler or preschooler, you may choose to send your child to regular Life Group or you may choose to come to Family Life Group. [DETAILS HERE!](#)

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

Sept. 5—no SNL (Labor Day weekend)

Sept. 12, 6-8pm—[FALL KICK-OFF!](#) Bring your friends for an awesome night of games, water slides, food and the true kick-off to the year!

Milkshakes!! The Ephrata Fair IS happening this year—which means it's Milkshake Time! We need YOU the evenings of Sept. 21-24.

[Sign up here!!](#)

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

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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](#).