

ECOB News & Events

March 17, 2022



Sermon Series: *Grounded*

March 20 Message: *Under God's Tent*

[Psalm 121:1-8](#)

God is our source of safety in a world where we recognize many dangers. Pastor Brian Messler, speaking

March 27 Message: *Repentance and Restoration*

[Joel 2:12-27](#)

Genuine repentance leads to God's forgiveness and restoration of both the individual and the community. Pastor Kim Ream, speaking

Lenten Study Guides—pick up the study guides at the high-top table in the Community Room. Questions? Contact [Sharon](#)

Prayer Guides to help you pray over the Ukraine/Russia conflict, are available for you to pick up on Sunday. Also available: 4 Tips for Talking to Kids about Ukraine and 4 Ways to Pray.

Peace to You: 10 Easter Reflections from Our Daily Bread, are available in the Community Room (limited qty).

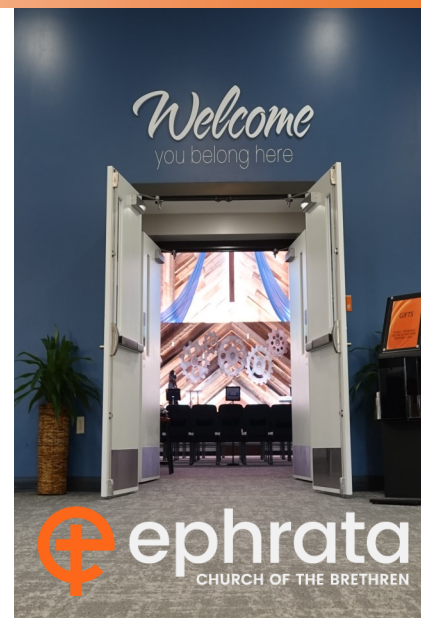


Jesus is Risen, Tell your Peeps!

Be outward focused this Easter.

Peep packs with information on our Easter Sunday services will be available after services on April 3. Pick up a pack or two of Peeps to share the Good News of JESUS with your neighbors, friends, co-workers or whoever God calls you to give it to!

This is a Local Missions project.



Connect
Grow
Live
Radiate!

MISSIONS

2022 MISSION TRIP to the DR

July 31 to Aug 7

Want more information?
Contact [Pastor Brian](#) ASAP!

Deadline to sign up for this trip— March 31st!
[Fill out the form here!](#)



Doing your Spring Cleaning and want to donate to a great cause?
Please donate your items to the ECOB yard sale!

Saturday, May 21, 7AM

ECOB Parking Lot (Multi-Purpose Room/if rain)

All proceeds benefit ECOB Dominican Republic Mission Trip

Contact [Erica Aughinbaugh](#) or [Peg Schannauer](#) if you would help with this event. We are excited to receive your awesome donations! Donations can be dropped off at the church late in the week of the event.



Sherry March

Cleaning Support
Sherry started working with ECOB in this PT position on February 28th!



Jenn Dorsch-Messler

Communication Support
Jenn started working with ECOB in this PT position on March 16th!



SPRING CLEANING WORK DAY!

Saturday, April 2, 8am to 12 noon
Indoor & outdoor cleaning of ECOB!

Various tasks—there will be something for everyone to do!
Any amount of time you can give to help on this work day will be appreciated or come for the whole time!
Questions? Contact [Tom Strubel](#).

Congregational FØrum

MAY CONGREGATIONAL FORUM—Wed., May 4, 7pm

There will be three main action items that the members of ECOB will need to address at this forum. As always, there will be meetings, in advance of the forum, for input to happen on all of these items.

- 1) It has been 5 years since the bylaws were updated—it is common practice to update at this time. The updates suggested by the Leadership Team will be shared at the March 22 meeting.
- 2) Church Budget: A budget meeting will be held on April 12, for comments, suggestions and concerns.
- 3) We will be voting on Pastor Ryan's interim status as Interim Associate Pastor of Discipleship. In addition, it is possible that we will vote on a ministry candidate, Tom Strubel, if all of the District process is complete by that time. There will be an opportunity to have conversations with both Ryan and Tom as they discern these next steps in ministry.

We provide meetings (see below) for conversation before our Forum so that the Forum itself can happen effectively and efficiently. We look forward to an engaging opportunity with all those who attend ECOB.

Informational Meetings: Bylaws Meeting: March 22 at 1:00 and 7:00

Financial Meeting: April 12 at 1:00 and 7:00

WE'RE HIRING!

DIRECTOR of YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES;

a full-time (with benefits) position. A person who is qualified for this position will have a heart for Jesus, experience in youth and/or young adult ministry, and be able to serve within a fast paced environment that engages a holistic view of discipleship. Submit a resume and 3 references (names and emails) by March 22. A position description can be sent upon request. If you are interested in this position, or for more information, contact [Pastor Brian](#).

HOSPITALITY & LEADERSHIP SUPPORT; a part-time (20 hours/week) position, to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere for those who come to or contact the church during the week. This person will also support the Lead Pastor and teams that engage in the leadership of the congregation. Submit a resume and 3 references (names and emails) by March 22. A position description can be sent upon request. If you are interested in this position or for more info please contact [Pastor Brian](#).

AUDIO/VIDEO SUPPORT; a part-time (15 hours/week) position, including Thursday nights and Sunday mornings as well as other hours throughout the week to provide tech support for ministries. A qualified candidate will have a good knowledge of audio, video, and/or lighting for worship and general ministry use. Submit a resume and 3 references (names and emails) by March 22. A position description can be sent upon request. If you are interested in this position or for more info please contact [Dean Sensenig](#).



ECOB Young Adults

contact: [Scott Hackman](#)

[Facebook Page](#)

[Instagram](#)

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

MONTHLY YA EVENTS

1st Saturday of the month! Check out the [FB page](#) for details!

April 3—Axe Throwing & Lunch, 12-3 @ECOB. RSVP required to participate in the Axe Throwing, by March 25 on [FB](#) or contact [Dawn Hall](#).

1st Sun—Caffeinated Conversations

9:15-10:30am, @Javateas

Fellowship & coffee to get you going!

2nd & 3rd Sun—Life Group

9:45-10:30am, room 101/ECOB

4th Sun—help teach High School Group

9:45-10:30am, downstairs

5th Sun—we join another adult Life Group

(see FB for group we'll be joining)

Women's Small Group

1st and 3rd Sundays, 6pm, Messler House

Hospitalized/Care Needs

(as of March 17)

Delores White, now at home

Cindy Zimmerman, Operations & Staff Support, is on medical leave until April 11. For anything needing immediate attention, call the office, 717-733-1229.

Thank you for all of cards with inspirational encouragement messages, phone calls and the prayers during my recent hospitalization and recovery. I am blessed! -Ed Erb

CARD SHOWER for **Ivan Horning's 100th Birthday, March 29th!** Mail to: Ivan Horning: 12 Conestoga Dr., #128, Lititz, PA 17543. Read info on [Ivan here!](#)

ECOB SOFTBALL TEAM: If you are interested in playing softball this year, please contact Matt Huber, 717-330-3555, or Justin Ramer, 717 926-2682.

ART of MARRIAGE Sessions will be held Sundays at 9:30am, beginning April 24, for 6/8 weeks. Space is limited. Workbook cost \$10pp. Please contact [Nancy Sensenig](#) with interest or if you have questions.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: February had a loss of -(\$5,403.15) for the month, however, year-to-date shows income over expenses by \$27,188. Revenues (Offerings) are running ahead of budget by 1.4%, or \$5,886. and Expenses are below budget by -4.0% or -(\$16,987.12). Please keep the financial ministry in your prayers as we move forward in God's Kingdom. Financial reports are available upon request. Rich Bealer, Treasurer.

CAMP SWATARA

[Calendar of 2022 Events!](#)

[Summer Camp Schedule!](#)



VBS is coming back to ECOB! August 8-12

We need a team of people to help create this amazing experience for kids in our community.

Email [Michelle](#) by March 31 if you are interested in serving on the ECOB VBS planning team.

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

KIDS SUNDAY LIFE GROUP—
9:45am for kids in K-4th grade

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY held during the 10:45 service.

KIDS CHURCH—Kids **K-4th grade** 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!



Mark your calendars....

Love Feast, April 14, 7pm

Egg Hunt, April 16, 10am

Rise Against Hunger

Sunday, May 15 (afternoon)

Women's Ministry Gathering

Monday, May 23, 7pm, guest speaker

July 4th Community Fun Night

Volunteers will be needed!

Community Meal, September 1



ECOBKids Ministry is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for ECOBKids, ECOBCC and Mountaineers' Table families this year!

There are several serving opportunities for you. We need help preparing for the event and we are looking for donations.

Check out the [link here](#) to see how you can help!

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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— groups for 5-7th grade & 8-12th grade

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

SNL (Sunday Night Live) for students in grades 5-8 & 9-12

Sundays, 6-8pm — Bring your friends! Dinner, small groups, games, worship.

SNL meets March 20, 27 (special guest)