

# ECOB News & Events

March 3, 2022



## Sermon Series: *Grounded*

March 6 Message:  
***Always Faithful***; [Daniel 9:3-19](#)

Though sin separates us from God and brings terrible consequences into our lives, God remains faithful to us. Pastor Ryan Burkholder, speaking

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

**INDOOR BAPTISM** will take place at the 10:45 service this Sunday, March 6! Join us in celebrating those being baptized:

Katie Brass  
Elea Jones  
Alina Kevorkov  
Elizabeth Nolt  
Ella Pfautz  
Brianna Umstead

March 13 Message: ***Always Good***; [Psalm 77:1-20](#)

The psalmist's only path out of despair was to remember the goodness of God and to rely on him to be faithful in the present, too. Pastor Brian Messler, speaking



## 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 30/31 to Aug 6/7

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

**Deadline to sign up for this trip— March 15th!**  
[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 are interested in helping with this event. We look forward to hearing from you and receiving your awesome donations! Donations can be dropped off at the church late in the week of the event.



### **ECOB MEMBERSHIP**

If you are interested in being a member of ECOB OR just want to hear more about it, we invite you to attend the **2-part membership class that will be held during the Life Group hour, 9:40-10:35 am.**

**Sunday, March 13—Session 1**

**Sunday, March 20—Session 2**

**[Register here by March 8th!](#)** Questions? contact [Carol Bowman](#)



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



### **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 (both in-person and online) on all of these items. First, 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 (see below). Second, the church budget. A budget meeting will be held on April 12 (see below) for comments, suggestions and concerns. Finally, 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. Again, we provide meetings (see meeting dates/times below) for conversation before our meeting so that the meeting 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 to start the process of candidacy. 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. A qualified candidate will have a good knowledge of audio, video, and/or lighting for worship and general ministry use. This person will need to work on Thursday nights and Sunday mornings and other hours throughout the week will be used to provide tech support for other ministries within the church. 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!

##### 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 3)

Ed Erb, Ephrata Wellspan  
Don Scheirey, surgery 3.9

**Cindy Zimmerman**, Operations & Staff Support, is currently on medical leave. She will be working from home beginning, March 10 until she returns to the church office in April.

**Our Sympathy to** Brian and Amy Church and family, on the death of Brian's father, Ronald Church, Sr..

**Thank you** for the calls, cards and prayers during my recent surgery and recuperation.  
Dennis Hornberger

**Pastor Brian** will be on vacation following services, Sunday, March 6 through March 12. Please contact [Stacey](#) for any urgent needs during this time.

### CARD SHOWER for Ivan Horning's 100th Birthday,

March 29th! Mail to: Ivan Horning: 12 Conestoga Dr., #128, Lititz, PA 17543.

### COMMUNITY NEEDS

Would you like to donate to organizations in the local community that are in need of items for those they serve? [Click here](#) for a list of current needs.

### STEWARDSHIP & MONEY

We encourage each person/family to fill out a Stewardship & Money [survey here](#). We want to press into what it means to surrender every area of our lives to God, even our resources. Talk with your family about what God is calling you to do and how you can honor him with your first fruits. Thanks for taking the time to fill this out!



## Community Meals

March 24

September 1

at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

ECOB provides and serves the Community Meals on these dates. If you would like to donate to offset the cost of the food needed for the meals, please mark your donations "Community Meal" and put them in the Give boxes at church. Thank you!

## 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.....

Egg Hunt, April 16

Rise Against Hunger

Sunday, May 15 (afternoon/evening)

Women's Ministry Gathering

Monday, May 23, 7pm, guest speaker

July 4th Community Fun Night

**CAMP SWATARA**—it's time to start thinking about Camp!

[Calendar of 2022 Events!](#)  
[Summer Camp Schedule!](#)



## ECOBStudents

for Students in 5th to 12th grade

Contact Pastor [Ryan Burkholder](#)

[Facebook Page](#)



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The ECOB Intermediate Students thank you for the generosity with the Succulent outreach! Thanks to you, City Gate Ephrata, the charity chosen by the Students, will receive **\$535!**

