

ECOB News & Events

March 31, 2022



Sermon Series: *Grounded*

April 3 Message: *Transformative Power*

[Ephesians 2:1-10](#)

God transforms Christians from death to life through the power of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Brian Messler, speaking

April 10—Palm Sunday

Message: *King of Kings*; [John 12:12-19](#)

As the disciples experienced, only after Jesus's resurrection can the significance of Jesus's triumphal entry be seen. Jesus is not just King of the Jews; he's the King of the world.

Pastor Brian Messler, speaking

April 14—Love Feast & Communion, 7pm

Covered dish meal/feet & hand washing/communion

Child Care for babies to toddlers

April 17—Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service at 6:30am / Continental Breakfast at 7am

Easter Worship Services at 8:30 & 10:45 am

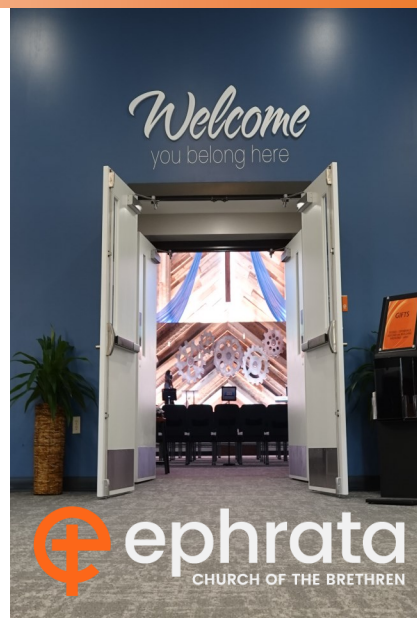
Peace to You: 10 Easter Reflections from Our Daily Bread, are available in the Community Room (limited qty).



Jesus is Risen, Tell your Peeps!

Pick up your Peep packs after services
Sunday, April 3!

Each Peep Pack has information on our Easter Sunday services. 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!



*Connect
Grow
Live
Radiate!*



Coming Back!

HeBrews Café (Sunday morning coffee & goodies) will be returning after a two-year absence! If you would like to help out with the new and improved café, we would love to see you at a brief re-organizational meeting on Sunday, April 10, 9:45am (kitchen area). If you have questions, please contact Viv Garman at 717-440-2311 or [Amy Emrey](#). Thank you!



*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. Drop off your donations late in the week of the event.



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](#).



ANE DISTRICT 55+ ADULT SPRING LUNCHEON

Let's Celebrate! It's time for fellowship, food and fun!

May 11, 2022, 12pm

Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland, PA

Choice of entrée: Broasted Chicken, Ham Loaf, Vegetarian Lasagna

Entertainment by Terry Gehman, local musician. \$22 per person.

Register [online here](#) OR give a check (made out to ECOB) and your meal choice to Sue Eisenberger by May 4. Questions? Contact [Sam Frankhouser](#).

Check out the [Luncheon poster here!](#) [Details and Registration here!](#)

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 were 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: 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). 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). 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). 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!

May 7—serve lunch at City Gate, 9am-1:30pm

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

Sympathy to Deb Hartl, Judy & Earl Redcay, Mary LeFevre, Ruth Ann Erb, Tom Stradling and families on the death of Ed "Tex" Erb (Deb and Judy's father; Mary & Ruth Ann's brother, Tom's father-in-law) who passed away on March 20.

Sympathy to Mike & Sarah Young and family on the death of Mike's mother, Betsy Young.

Thank you for the prayers, cards and phone calls during my surgery and recovery. I'll be back to church as soon as the surgeon releases me.

—Don Scheirey

Thank you for the thoughts and prayers at the passing of my brother Ed Erb and to Peg Schannauer for the cheer basket and visit. God Bless you all!
-Mary LeFevre

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. To sign up or for more information please contact [Nancy Sensenig](#).

MEN'S BREAKFAST (for all men) every 1st & 3rd Saturday, 7am, at Gus's. RSVP to [Pastor Brian](#).

CAMP SWATARA

[Calendar of 2022 Events!](#)

[Summer Camp Schedule!](#)

The 2022 Church Directories are here! Pick one up Sunday in the Community Room!



Mark your calendars!

VBS is coming back to ECOB!
August 9-11
Mission Possible!

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 April 3 & 10

SUNRISE SERVICE — will you help—read scripture, help set up and tear down, breakfast, just be there? Contact Ryan!

SKY ZONE: May 22, 6-8pm. Parents are responsible for transportation and [please sign up!!!](#)