

# ECOB News & Events

April 14, 2022



## April 14—6:30pm LOVE FEAST & COMMUNION

Fellowship Meal (chicken and drinks provided—bring a side or dessert to share), feet & hand washing, communion. Child Care for babies to toddlers

**Message: *Jesus's New Commandment***

[John 13: 1-17, 31-35](#)

Cody Heagy, speaking



## April 17—EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Service at 6:30am

Breakfast at 7am

Worship at 8:30 & 10:45am

Message: ***Why Does Easter Feel Empty?***

[John 19:35 to 20:7](#)

Pastor Brian Messler, speaking



## EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, April 16, 10AM**

for ECOBKids, ECOBChildren's Center and Mountaineers' Table families!



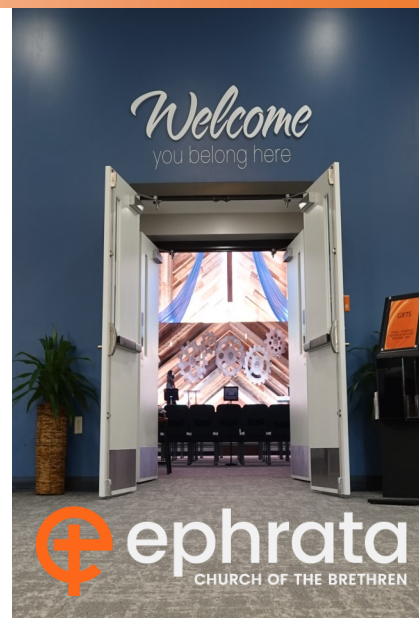
**National**

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK**

**April 17—23**

We recognize and thank each of our volunteers! We thank you for all you do—week after week, throughout the year! Every contribution matters and we are extremely Thankful!

**THANK YOU!**



*Connect  
Grow  
Live  
Radiate!*



## CITY GATE LUNCH

**Sat., May 7th**

Sign up Sunday, April 24 to help serve and/or provide a baked item for the lunch at [City Gate Ephrata](#).

Pick up an (empty) Care Kit Bag for Kids. The bag will have a list of items needed for the bag. Return the filled bag on Sunday, May 1st.



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.



**March 2022 Financials:** As of March 31, we are through 3 quarters of our new fiscal year. We are running 4.2% (\$20,278.18) ahead of our Giving (Income) Budget and are running -4.8% (-\$22,906.96) behind our Expense Budget. Year-to-date Income exceeds Expenses by \$48,542.09. God is so faithful! A summary financial report is available upon request. [Rich Bealer](#), Treasurer.

**Save the date! Estate Planning Seminar** - Saturday, June 18, 9 to 11:30AM at ECOB. Topics: *Everyone has one...What will you do with Yours?* & *Living and Leaving Your Legacy*. Presenter: Steve Mason, Director of Brethren Foundation, Brethren Benefit Trust. Refreshments will be served!

For more information contact [Rich Bealer](#), Treasurer.



### **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 Forum

### **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.

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 was 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.

Note: The March 22 & April 12 meetings for conversation were held 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.

**Hiring! DIRECTOR of YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES;** a full-time (with benefits) position. 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](#).



**RISE AGAINST HUNGER  
Sunday, May 15, 3-8pm**

Packing 35,200 meals for people worldwide to eliminate hunger!

Four, 1 hour shifts—3:00, 4:15, 5:30, 6:45. Do 1 or 4 shifts! Sign-ups coming soon! Families are encouraged to come and serve together! (ages 4 and up). We need to raise money to supply these meals to the hungry. Designate your giving to: ECOB/memo: Rise Against Hunger.



**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, please contact Viv Garman at 717-440-2311 or [Amy Emrey](#).



**ECOB Young Adults**

contact: [Scott Hackman](#)  
[Facebook Page](#)  
[Instagram](#)

**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

**Hospitalized** (as of April 14)

Rick Croft, Steve Hull, Jewel Horst—now all at home

**Thank you** for the many cards we received for our birthdays and anniversary. –Ivan & Lillian Horning

**Thank you** for the birthday cards and the phone calls I received for my 98th birthday. –Ruth Seppi

**Thank you** church family for the cards and prayers we received after the death of our father, Ed “Tex” Erb. –Judy & Earl Redcay and Debbie Hartl

**Pastor Brian** will be on vacation April 20 to 26. For anything needing immediate attention, [contact Stacey](#).

**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](#).

**OUTDOOR BAPTISM, June 5.** If you are interested in being baptized or for more information, contact [Pastor Brian](#).

**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 at 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....

#### **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!

#### **Cello Fury**, Concert Fundraiser at

ECOB for Missions, June 3

#### **Community Meal**, September 1



Saturday, May 14

Overlook Golf Course

Tee times start at 7:30 rain or shine

\$75 per player

foursome or individual

To register, text or call Wes

Rathman, 717-471-5982 by

Wed., April 27.

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



**TITHE.LY**  
Innovative church giving

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.

**No SNL April 17**

**SNL: April 24, May 1**

**No SNL May 8—Mother's Day**

**SNL May 15— Rise Against Hunger (6-8pm)**

**SNL May 22—Sky Zone, 6-8pm.** Parents are responsible for transportation and [please sign up!!!](#)