

# News & Events

May 12-25, 2022



## STAFF RETREAT

The ECOB office will be closed May 9-13 while most of the staff are away on retreat together.

## OUTDOOR BAPTISM

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5 | 12:30 pm**

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

## CONGREGATIONAL FORUM RESULTS

In one of the most active congregational forums in the last year, a number of important items were discerned.

- 1) A unanimous approval of the budget for 2022-2023
- 2) A 99.4% approval of the bylaw changes
- 3) A unanimous affirmation of Jeff Keller as Moderator of ECOB
- 4) A unanimous affirmation of Tom Strubel to be licensed to ministry
- 5) A 93.5% affirmation of Ryan Burkholder to become an Associate Pastor at ECOB. Ryan has affirmed that vote.

The Leadership Team and Pastor Brian wish to thank you for your faith and faithfulness in moving through these items. Most importantly, now that we have done that, it is time to keep focusing on the vision God has for us and pursue it boldly in his name!

If you have questions about the forum, or would like to talk, please reach out to [Trish Schlegel](#) or [Pastor Brian](#). In the meantime, the best is yet to come!

## SERMON SERIES

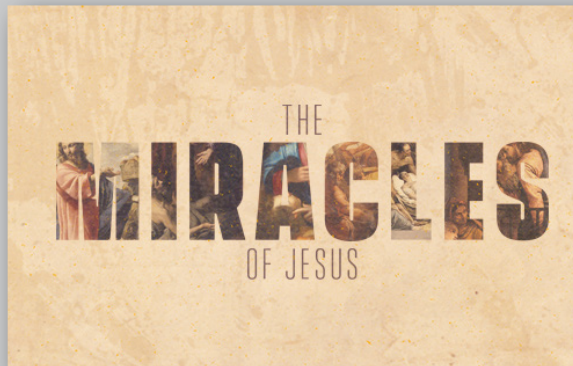
### May 15 Message:

Don't Give Up

[Mark 5:21-34](#)

Even when we have endured years of suffering, pain, grief, and hardship, we must keep putting our trust and confidence in God and not give up.

—Pastor Brian Messler, speaking



### May 22 Message:

Arise!

[Mark 5:35-43](#)

Jesus is the giver of life, and even when we perceive all is lost and hopeless, God still resurrects.

—Pastor Ryan Burkholder, speaking

# connect.

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)  
Updates as of May 12

**Sympathy to** Bryan and Andrea Foard and family, on the death of Bryan's mother.

**Cheer cards** appreciated for Dorothy Lied at Ephrata Manor, Room 123A, 99 Bethany Road, Ephrata as she works to improve her walking.

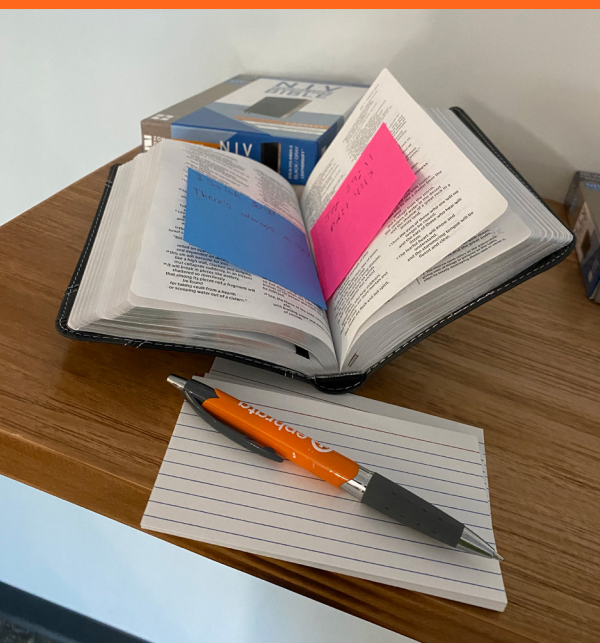
**The Daily Bread Devotionals** for June- August are here! Pick one up in the Community Room.

## 2022 GRADUATES

Are you graduating soon from college, trade school, graduate school or higher? Help us celebrate with you in your graduation by [completing this form!](#)

## SIGN BIBLES FOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Everyone is encouraged to write words of encouragement, wisdom or scripture in these keepsake Bibles for our students through June 5. Located by the Prayer Wall in the Community Room.



**4TH OF JULY  
COMMUNITY FUN NIGHT**  
Volunteers will be needed!

**save the date.**

# radiate.

Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)

## RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Sunday, May 15 - 3-8 pm  
Packing 35,200 meals at ECOB 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 here](#) or at church on May 1. Families are encouraged to serve together (ages 4 and up). \$15,000 is needed to supply these meals to the hungry. Designate your giving to: ECOB/memo: Rise Against Hunger or [online @Give to: Radiant Ministry \(Missions.\)](#)  
Contact [Sue Snyder](#) to sign-up.



## ECOB YARD SALE

Saturday, May 21 - 7am-12pm

ECOB Community Room  
Proceeds benefit Summer Mission Trips  
Contact [Erica Aughinbaugh](#) or [Peg Schannauer](#) to help.

Drop off donations: Sun, May 15 before 3 pm  
Wed, May 18 from 3-7 pm or Fri, May 20 from 3-7 pm  
If picked up is needed, contact Peg @717-419-3365

## CELLO FURY CONCERT

Friday, June 3 - 7:30 pm

(Doors Open at 6:30 pm)

ECOB Sanctuary

Tickets \$25 each

[Purchase Online](#) May 1-June 2

Remaining tickets can be purchased at the door.

Proceeds benefit ECOB Dominican Republic Mission Trip



## STRAWBERRY JELLY BY DONATION

Sunday, June 12 | Between Services  
16 oz jars of homemade, frozen strawberry jelly made by ECOBSTUDENTS in 5th and 6th grade will be available by donation to support an ECOB mission the students choose.





# ECOBKIDS



kids through grade 4

Contact: [Michelle Nolt](#), Coordinator  
[Virtual Sunday School Tool](#)  
Parents: Check in by Kid's Entrance.

## SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUPS

9:45-10:35 am

Class 1: Preschool walking-PreK

Class 2: grades K-4

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

*Preschool Care* during 10:45 Service  
*Kids Church* (K-4 grade) - kids attend beginning of 10:45 Service with family then are dismissed before the sermon.

**Parents, please check-in kids prior to service.**

## TOT LOT (Toddler & PreK)

May 17, 9:30-10:30 am @ECOB

## VBS 2022: MISSION POSSIBLE

August 9-11, 2022 @ECOB

**What if we told you that you can use a few hours of time this summer to impact a child's life for eternity? Would you be willing to spend those hours?**

ECOB is bringing Vacation Bible School back to ECOB. You do not want to miss this opportunity to introduce children to Jesus and teach them how to love others the way he does. Mission Possible: Love Like Jesus is a local missions based VBS written just for the Ephrata Community. **We need adults and teens to help kids fulfill their mission.** Games coordinators, small group leaders, registration team, chaos coordinators, you name it, we have a position for YOU! [Click this link to commit!](#)

## CAMP SWATARA

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

## CAMP WOODCREST

[Calendar of Events](#)  
[Summer Camp Booklet](#)



# ECOBSTUDENTS



students in grades 5-12

Contact: Pastor [Ryan Burkholder](#)

## SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUPS

9:45-10:35am (Teacher must be present before students go downstairs)

Class 1: grades 5-7 | Class 2: grades 8-12

## SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE (SNL) 6-8pm

May 15 - Rise Against Hunger@ECOB

[Sign-up Now](#) for the 6:45 shift

May 22 - Sky Zone [Sign-up Now](#)

Parents provide transportation.

June 5 - All Youth Special SNL: Graduation Party

## SUMMER EVENTS

June 12 - Senior High Pool Party, 3-6pm @Murphy's  
IM/MD Mini Golf, 5:30-7:30pm @High Sports



# ECOBYOUNGADULTS



adults ages 18-35

Contact: [Scott Hackman](#)

## SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP

*First Sundays* - Caffeinated Conversations

@Javateas Pavilion, 9:15-10:30 am

May 15, 22 - Life Group w/youth

@ECOB Basement, 9:45-10:35 am

May 29 - Life Group w/Adult Class

@ECOB, 9:45-10:35am

## MONTHLY EVENTS

May 22 - Lunch & Volleyball @ECOB, 12-1:30 pm

June 4 - YA Retreat @Paradise Lake, all day

## WOMEN'S LIFE GROUP

1st & 3rd Sundays, 6pm, Messler's

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## ECOBMEN'S SATURDAY BREAKFASTS

Every 1st & 3rd Saturday  
7 am @Gus's  
Open to all men

## LIFE GROUP

Every Tuesday  
7 pm @ECOB  
Open to all men  
Contact [Tom Strubel](#) for info.

# grow.

## FAITH FORMATION SUMMIT

Monday, May 16, 2022  
6:00-9:00 pm  
ECOB Sanctuary or on [ZOOM](#)  
All teachers and life group leaders for our elementary kids through older adults are requested to attend and provide input for the development of future curriculum at ECOB. The Summit is an opportunity to identify lifelong learning topics and benchmarks that are essential to the discipleship and growth of all believers.

## ECOBWOMEN'S MINISTRY GATHERING

Monday, May 23 - 7 pm  
@ECOB  
Guest Speaker:  
Eleanor Isaacson  
Eleanor grew up in Hitler's Germany. Separated from her parents at age 2, she experienced the war and the Nazi Regime first-hand. She arrived in the United States alone in 1948 at the age of 13.

"I never heard of God. I never saw a Bible. I never heard of Jesus. I never saw a cross. Hitler didn't like people going to church." Instead, she referred to God as her "invisible friend," and vowed to "find him" if she survived. It was the first of what she calls the three turning points in her spiritual life.

## ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Saturday, June 18, 9 -11:30 am @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.



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## ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE)

[Sign-up for the ANE Today](#)  
Newsletter to learn more about events happening in our district.

[The Church: Alive to Thrive](#)  
Saturday, May 14, 9am-3pm  
Happening at ECOB

## DENOMINATION

[Sign-up for Newslite](#), the electronic Newsletter of the Church of the Brethren, to learn about news and events across the denomination.

[UPDATE ON SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE](#)



## 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](#).

## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN CORNER



Sunday Services (In-person and online): 8:30 am Classic | 10:45 am Contemporary  
Office hours: Mon - Fri 9 am to 1 pm

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