

# News & Events

June 23-July 6, 2022



## COMPASSIONATE ENGAGEMENT

When was the last time you went out of your way to greet someone you didn't know at church? Perhaps some of you would say, just last week. For others, perhaps the idea of being a little bit of an extrovert is difficult to do. The second of our core values, Compassionate Engagement, encourages us to be compassionate in our engagement with one another. This means we are to talk, engage, and connect with one another in a way that will build up another person. It also means that we will love all people, no matter where they are in their faith journey and to seek ways to enfold them into the life and body of Christ here at ECOB.

The next time you look around the sanctuary and see some new friends, take some time afterwards to chat with them, invite them to lunch, introduce them to others, and find ways to make them feel at home. Or even better yet, get here a little before Sunday Life Group or stay a few minutes after Life Group and get to know people at our other services. These are opportunities for you to get to know your church family and build stronger bonds with one another, so that, in time of celebration and struggle, you have them to lean on, and to walk alongside.

Being compassionate is not a difficult thing – getting out of your comfort zone and engaging others can be. Do not wait for someone else to do this, because you could be the person God needs to make that connection and to build a relationship that will last a lifetime!

## SERMON SERIES

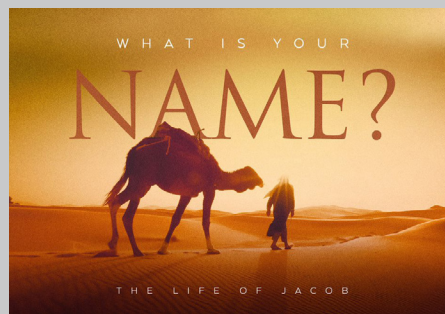
### June 26 Message:

Do Not Be Deceived

[Genesis 27:1-46](#)

While we may still receive God's blessing, trying to achieve the blessing through deceitful means can lead to disastrous results in our personal lives.

–Pastor Ryan Burkholder, speaking



### July 7 Message:

God is Always True, Even When We Are Not

[Genesis 28:1-22](#)

Jacob's encounter with God reminds us that God's love is not based on our morality but on his faithfulness.

–Pastor Brian Messler speaking

# connect.

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)  
Updates as of Jun 23

## Care Needs:

Earl Redcay, now at home

**Bless** the Kevin & Jewel Horst family with a meal during Jewel's chemo treatments. [Sign-up to take them a meal here.](#)

## FACEBOOK PRAYER GROUP

Attend ECOB? Search FB for "["ECOB Prayer & Praise Group"](#)" to join! It's a great way to pray for each other & celebrate praises, too!

The **LOST & FOUND** is on top of the coat rack by the main entrance. Unclaimed items are donated monthly to a local charity.

## OUT OF THE OFFICE

Pastor Brian Messler and Dean Sensenig, Director of Worship, will be out of the office from June 24-July 2 to serve on a mission trip in Peru. Along with Montgomery Sensenig, they will be filling open spots on this trip planned by the Frederick CoB to continue our relationship with the community in La Florida and our mutual partners with the Fuller Center. Be in prayer for their trip, the homes they will be helping to build for families, and their engagement with our brothers and sisters in Peru.

For care needs during this time, please contact Carol at [carol@ecob.church](mailto:carol@ecob.church).

## STRAWBERRY JELLY

The Jelly made by our 5th and 6th graders for missions raised \$420 in donations for the DR Mission Trip!

# radiate.

Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)

## 4th OF JULY COMMUNITY FUN NIGHT

Monday, July 4 - 6-9 pm

Outside @ECOB

Volunteers still needed! Sign-ups every Sunday in June in the Community Room.

Contact [Stacey](#) for info.

Akron COB is providing food in the pavilion this year. To provide food item donations to help with their efforts, [donate here](#). No ECOB volunteers are needed for food service volunteering.



## CITY GATE LUNCH

Saturday, July 16 | 9 am-1:30 pm

Sign ups on June 26 or July 10

@ECOB to help serve.

For more information or questions, contact [Stacey Coldiron](#).

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (DR) GLOBAL MISSION TRIP

July 31-August 7

Pray for this trip that includes 13 team members from ECOB and others from Frederick COB scheduled to build part of a community health clinic with

[Lighthouse Projects](#).



## BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

Monday, August 15 | 6pm

ECOB Community Room

Volunteer opportunity to serve and engage with Ephrata area children and families in need of backpacks to start the school year. Contact [Carol](#) for info .



# ECOBKIDS



kids through grade 4

Contact: [Michelle Nolt](#), Coordinator  
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.**

Infant-2 year old care for 10:45 service.

## TOT LOT (Toddler & PreK)

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 am @ECOB

## VBS 2022:

### MISSION: POSSIBLE EPHRATA

August 9-11, 2022

6-8pm @ECOB



[Register Here!](#)

ECOB is bringing Vacation Bible School back to ECOB. **We need over 50 adults and teens to help kids fulfill their mission.**

There are opportunities to help as games coordinators, small group leaders, registration team members, chaos coordinators, and more!

[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

## SUMMER EVENTS

July 4 - Milkshake Trailer, 4:30-6pm and/or

6-8:30pm @ECOB - [All youth sign-up here.](#)

July 10 - SR High: Pool Party, 3-6pm @Murphy's

July 17 - SR High: Mini Golf, 5:30-7:30pm @High Sports

July 24 - IM/MS: Pool Party, 3-6pm @ Scheirer's

Aug 13 - SR High & YA: Amazing Race, 10am @ECOB

Aug 14 - SR High: Pool Party, 3-6pm @Murphy's

Aug 21 - IM/MS: Bike Ride & Food, 5-7pm @Fulton St.



# ECOBYOUNGADULTS



adults ages 18-35

Contact: [Scott Hackman](#)

## SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP

First Sundays - Caffeinated Conversations

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

2nd & 3rd Sundays - Life Group w/youth

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

4th Sundays - Life Group w/Adult Class

@ECOB, 9:45-10:35am

## MONTHLY EVENTS

July 24 - Pool Party, 12:30pm @Hall's Hideaway

Aug 13 - SR High & YA: Amazing Race, 10am @ECOB

## WOMEN'S LIFE GROUP

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

grow.



### LIFE GROUP

Every Tuesday

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

### MEN'S WORSHIP NIGHT

Tuesday, July 26

7 pm @Javateas Pavilion,  
Open to all men

grow.

### GET OUT OF YOUR HEAD: A STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS

Wednesdays starting July 6 for 6 weeks

6:30pm @ECOB

The book, *Get Out of Your Head: A Study in Philippians*, is a great opportunity to explore the topic of limiting beliefs and how beliefs influence our thoughts about who God is and how He is at work in our lives. All adults welcome. Lead by Maggie Miller. Books \$8. To sign up, contact [Sharon Myers](#).

### ECOBWOMEN'S MINISTRY FB PAGE

[Click here to join.](#)

### ECOBWOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, Aug 27 | 9 am

ECOB Community Room  
A light breakfast is provided.  
RSVP link to come.

### MINISTRY ARCHITECTS UPDATE

Last December, we embarked on a journey with [MinistryArchitects](#) to learn about how we can better serve our congregation as well as the community in which we live. Through their support and encouragement, keen insight and gentle nudging, we are learning a lot about who we are and who God is calling us to. In January, we released our CORE VALUES to the congregation. Currently, we are working on a discipleship pathway, welcoming and communication processes, and trying to find ways to communicate God's ongoing vision for ECOB. In future e-newsletters, we will give more detailed updates; however, for now, keep praying for the Kairos Team and ECOB staff as together we seek God's very best for ECOB and beyond.



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### ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE)


[Sign-up for the ANE Today](#) Newsletter to learn more.

### 2022 District Conference

Fri, Oct 7 - Worship @ECOB  
Sat, Oct 8 - Business @Elizabethtown College

### DENOMINATION

Church of the Brethren Annual Conference  
July 10-14, 2022, Omaha, Nebraska  
Pray for our delegates attending: Scott & Emily Hackman, Cody & Brigetta Heagy  
[Follow the Worship and Sessions here](#)



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## 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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