

News & Events

June 9-22, 2022

CHRIST-CENTERED LIVING

Earlier this year, we worked at our core values – all of which I think are very important to our life together. The first of those values was “Christ-Centered Living”. It is hard to put into 200 words the fullness of this core value; however, I believe as we walk forward together, we will see how this value, above all others, is vital to our testimony and witness in our community. Living with Christ as the center of our lives means that there is nothing else that drives our hearts, our thinking, or our actions. Read that last line again! This means that every word we speak, every action we take, every post we make on social media, every interaction we encounter, every prayer we pray, everything we do is to be a reflection of Christ in us. When we do things that are not “Christ-Worthy”, we actually disparage Jesus, the “C”hurch, our local witness through ECOB, one another, and our personal witness to the communities in which we live. The next time you go to do something, anything, take the time to think if it would be something that would honor Jesus, your sisters and brothers, or your testimony – then live, speak, and love out of that space! - Pastor Brian

MOVE UP SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

In both worship services, we will be recognizing and sharing a gift with our ecob**KIDS** and ecob**STUDENTS** who are moving from Pre-K to Kindergarten, 4th to 5th grade, and 8th to 9th grade in the fall.



SERMON SERIES

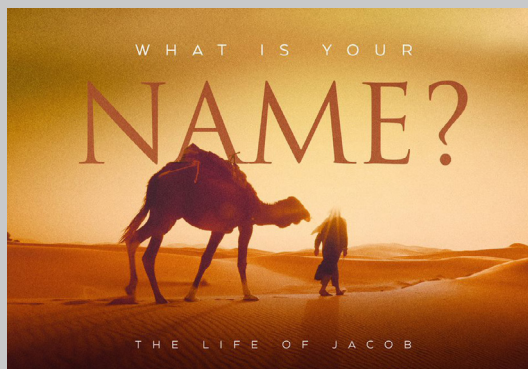
June 12 Message:

Never Surprised, Always Ready

[Genesis 25:19-28](#)

The conflicts God’s children experience do not surprise him but are part of his providential plan.

–Pastor Brian Messler, speaking



June 19 Message:

Don’t Throw it All Away!

[Genesis 25:29-34](#)

Christians must make decisions based on God’s promised future for them rather than on their current discomfort.

–Pastor Brian Messler speaking

connect.

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)
Updates as of Jun 8

Our Sympathy to Jim Kidwell and Bonnie Showalter and family, on the death of Jim's mother, JoAnn Kidwell.

Thank you for all of the prayers and cards following my knee surgery.
-Deb Hartl

Thanks for all your thoughts, cards, contacts and especially prayers during my recovery from back surgery. I am so Blessed and God is so good! -Gerry Bealer

Need help? Do you or someone you care about, need prayer, assistance with a physical need, a word of encouragement or help with getting in touch with the right resource? We want to help you or help direct you to how and where to get help. Please contact [Rick Croft](#), [Peg Schannauer](#), or [Susan Snyder](#).

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.

FATHER'S DAY APPRECIATION

Sunday, June 19

All dads and those who are spiritual dads are invited to take a voucher at ECOB for \$5 off their favorite drink @Javateas on that day only from 8 am-3 pm.

CELLO FURY BENEFIT CONCERT

Thank you to all who attended and helped support the Cello Fury Concert that raised over \$2,200 for the DR Mission Trip in July!

FREE CAR CHECK & WASH

Thursday, June 9 | 10 am-2 pm
Students from Milton Hershey School will be offering free overall car checks and a car wash for those who may not be able to afford it otherwise. Those in need should sign up for one slot [at this link](#) or call Stacey at (717) 733-1229 to experience this blessing from these students.

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Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)



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.

4th OF JULY COMMUNITY FUN NIGHT

Monday, July 4 - 6-9 pm
Outside @ECOB
Volunteers needed! Sign-ups every Sunday in June in the Community Room.
Contact [Stacey](#) for info.



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](#).



ECOBKIDS



kids through grade 4

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

June 12 - Move Up Sunday for Pre-K to K and 4th to 5th grades, Life Group & Kids Church

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 Nursery opened June 5 for 10:45 service.

TOT LOT (Toddler & PreK)

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

VBS 2022: MISSION POSSIBLE

August 9-11, 2022
@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

June 12 - Move Up Sunday 4th to 5th grades

SUMMER EVENTS

- June 12 - SR High Pool Party, 3-6pm @Murphy's
- IM/MD Mini Golf, 5:30-7:30pm @High Sports
- June 18 - SR High Bike Ride, 5-7pm, @Fulton St
- 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



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 Hideway

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,
RSVP needed to Pastor Brian by
phone (240-357-1603)

LIFE GROUP

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

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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, June 25 | 9 am
ECOB Community Room
A light breakfast is provided.
[RSVP here](#) or call the church.

FINANCIAL REPORT

May 2022, our giving exceeded our expenses by \$12,457.24. Year-to-Date, our giving has exceeded our expenses by \$33,391.03. We remain 3.6% ahead of our Giving budget (+\$21,151.83) and our expenses are below budget by -2.1%, or -\$12,423.11. Thank you for your faithfulness to HIM! Rich Bealer, Treasurer

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.



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE)

[Sign-up for the ANE Today](#)

Newsletter to learn more about events happening in our district.

MINISTER APPRECIATION EVENT

Friday, June 24 - 4-9pm
Happening @ECOB

DENOMINATION

[Sign-up for Newslite](#), the electronic Newsletter of the Church of the Brethren.

BRETHREN VOLUNTEER SERVICE SUMMER ORIENTATION

July 31 – August 19
[Applications](#) are due June 19, 2022.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN CORNER

live.



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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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