

News & Events

July 21-August 3, 2022

SPIRIT-DRIVEN MINISTRY from Pastor Brian

Our fourth Core Value as a congregation is to participate in ministry that is Spirit-driven. I have had a lot of people ask me what that looks like. What I tell them is that basically, everything that we do as a body of faith will be anchored in the character and nature of Jesus. That we will be obedient to and held accountable by one another and the Holy Spirit in discerning God’s path forward in all aspects of our church’s life together. We will follow that call, without hesitation, in order to provide opportunities for current and future generations to engage in a holistic approach to discipleship.

Now that is a lot of words and I believe helpful ones to really define what we mean by this, but to put it really simply, we are only going to do those things that honor Christ, praise God, and are led by the Holy Spirit. Yes, that is it – super simple. One of the things that I want you to know is that everything we do at ECOB has a meaning and a purpose behind it. We have prayed over it, thought about it, processed God’s voice in the midst of it and then boldly discerned to move forward with God’s plan for ministry at ECOB. Of course there are times where we may miss something; however, we are dedicated to doing what God wants, not what we want. It is a tough balance because it can lead us in some uncomfortable territory – yet – isn’t that what God calls us to?



COMMISSIONING AND INSTALLATION SERVICES AND LUNCHEON

Join us on Sunday, July 24 when we will have the installation of Pastor Ryan as Associate Pastor of Discipleship at the 8:30 Service. Then at the 10:45 service, we will be Commissioning Tom Strubel to the ministry. All are welcome to a luncheon that will be held following the 10:45 service in the Community Room.

SERMON SERIES

July 24 Message:

Your Family, Your Faith

[Genesis 18:17-19; Acts 3:24-26](#)

Just as God used Abraham’s family as a display of His covenantal love, He can use our families to help others come to know Him.

–Pastor Brian Messler, speaking



July 31 Message: Holy Discipline

[Hebrews 12:5-11](#)

God is the best model for parenting, and He disciplines us for our good and His glory. Likewise, we must offer grace-filled discipline to our children, even though it isn’t pleasant at the time.

–Cody Heagy, speaking

connect.

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)
Updates as of July 20

Care Needs:

Amy Hess, surgery last week, now at home.
Jim Staub, now at home.
Betty Gross, now at home.
Nancy Sensenig, surgery this week, now at home.

Sympathy to family and friends of Shirley Wolbach who passed away July 11th.

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.

REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM

Do you shop at Redner's Market? Redner's helps non-profits in the community with their Save-A-Tape program. **Use your Redner's card with each purchase, in order for it to count.** If you do not have a card, get one at the store office. Submit your receipts in the "Redner's/SAVE A TAPE" collection box in the Community Room. Have you been keeping your receipts?. ECOB submits the receipts and receives 1% of the Save-A-Tape total. The money received from this program for 2022 benefits the ECOB Deacon Fund! Questions? Contact [Katy Roark](#).

CITY GATE REPORT

On Saturday, July 16, 27 volunteers served 197 meals and 76 hygiene kits at City Gate!

radiate.

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

note date change! Monday, August 22 | 6pm
ECOB Community Room

Free backpacks for kids in grades K-6. Volunteer opportunity to serve and engage with Ephrata area children and families in need of backpacks to start the school year. If you'd like to donate toward the cost of purchases for this outreach, please [complete this form](#) or drop off donations in the GIVE boxes at church. Mark donations: ECOB, memo: Backpacks for Kids. Contact Carol@ecob.church or Sharon@ecob.church for info or to volunteer the night of the outreach.

HOST A BLOCK PARTY

Any date/time you pick this summer or fall

Invite your neighbors to your yard for a Block Party this summer!

How does it work? Choose a date

and time, invite your neighbors (we can provide an invite), and notify ECOB so we can provide you with a \$100 grocery gift card to purchase the food for the party.



It's a great way to connect with your neighbors and show them God's love! Contact [Pastor Brian](#) if you would like to host a Block Party in your neighborhood!



CITY GATE LUNCH

Saturday, Sept 3 | 9 am-1:30 pm

Sign ups to serve meals coming Aug 21 & 28 and help needed to make more hygiene kits. For more information or questions, contact [Stacey Coldiron](#).



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

Sept 11 - Fall Kick-Off Sunday Event, 12:30pm @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](#)

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

Aug 13 - [IM/MS & 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.

Sept 11 - Fall Kick-Off Sunday Event, 6pm @ECOB

YWAM ENGAGE EPHRATA CAMP - Aug 1-5

A weeklong training camp to Equip, Unite, and Train youth ages 13-18, held under the tent at ECOB.



ECOB YOUNG ADULTS



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 @Rm 101, 9:45-10:35am

4th Sundays - Help Teach High School Downstairs

5th Sundays - Join Another Adult Class

MONTHLY EVENTS

July 24 - Pool Party, 1:30-4pm @Hall's Hideaway

Aug 13 - IM/MS & YA: Amazing Race, 10am @ECOB

Sept 11 - Fall Kick-Off Sunday Event, 12:30pm @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

SEEKING LIFE GROUP LEADERS

Our next sermon-based Life Group series is on Esther, and begins Sunday, September 11, 2022. We are looking for extra leaders/co-leaders to offer groups during the week. Support will be provided. If you are interested, please contact [Sharon Myers](#) or Pastor [Ryan Burkholder](#) by August 14.

ECOBWOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, Aug 27 | 9 am
ECOB Community Room
A light breakfast is provided.
[RSVP here!](#)

ECOB OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday, Sept 4 | 10 am
@the ECOB Grove
Only one service outdoors that day as whole church.

grow.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Our Fiscal Year ended on June 30, 2022 with Total Revenue (Income / Giving) ahead of Total Expenses by \$52,673.13. Praise God! Income ended ahead of budget by +\$31,308.95 or +4.9%. Expenses were below budget by -\$18,711.74 or -2.9%. Again, Praise God! An end-of-year summary is available at your request. Please keep our 2022-2023 Budget in your prayers as we will need an additional \$1150 per week to meet our \$700,000 Operating Budget. (By the way, that is only an additional \$7.00 per week for each ECOB Giving Unit.) Please pray about this! ~R A Bealer, Treasurer



live.


ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE)

ANE DISTRICT WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CAMP

Fri and Sat, Aug 19-20
@Camp Swatara
Register [by Aug 4 here](#).
Carpooling available. Questions?
Contact [Delores Neuber](#)

CoB DENOMINATION

Church of the Brethren [National Youth Conference](#) will be taking place July 23-28, 2022 in Fort Collins, CO. Pray for the youth and adults from ECOB who are joining the Akron CoB group traveling to participant in the Conference.



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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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