

News & Events

July 7-20, 2022

BIBLICAL HOSPITALITY

When was the last time you thought about how Jesus treated his friends and those he was trying to connect with? Honestly, I think about it all the time. I think about how he washed feet, how he sat in awkward situations like the Samaritan woman, or how he saw the needs of others and responded through amazing miracles. Our core value of Biblical Hospitality is all about being radically welcoming – desiring to see all people sit at the banquet table of God. It is about loving others where they are on the journey, about joyfully serving in times of need, it's about giving a cup of cold water to the stranger, it is about humility in relationships.

Being like Jesus, sharing in Biblical Hospitality, means that we think of others more highly than ourselves. That is tough, isn't it, especially when we see everyone thinking about themselves, for themselves. We see the world saying look out for #1, but we see Jesus saying look out for others, love others, like he has loved us. Loving like Jesus allows us to experience a deepening of our soul that we may not otherwise get the opportunity for. Our soul deepens because humility is something we need to work at and struggle towards. It can be easy to love those whom we know, but it is difficult to love those we don't know or agree with. Be hospitable to all people because we may be entertaining angels in the process.



NEW YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT DIRECTOR

ECOB has called Chris Reinford to fill the position of Youth and Young Adult Director. Chris brings with him over 10 years of experience in youth and young adult ministry. The search team is excited that he will be joining us at the end of the summer. An email with a [Welcome Letter](#) from Pastor Brian went out on July 5 with more info.

SERMON SERIES

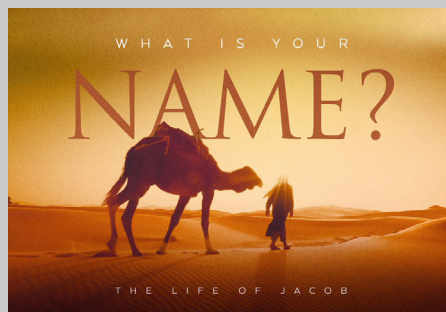
July 10 Message:

Name Changer

[Genesis 32:22-32](#)

We cannot truly encounter God without undergoing massive transformation in our lives.

–Pastor Rob Eshelman speaking



July 17 Message:

Joining God's Story

[Genesis 35:1-15](#)

When God gives us a command, we need to obey it fully and encourage those closest to us to join us on the journey.

–Pastor Brian Messler speaking

connect.

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)
Updates as of July 6

Care Needs:

Jim Staub, Wellspan Ephrata

THANKS - We would like to offer our thanks to the ECOB family for the amazing cards, notes, messages, visits, etc. that were sent and done for my Mom during her illness and short stay in the hospital and then at Maple Farm. We read them all to her and she would smile. Her trip to heaven was a very peaceful journey which is what we prayed for. Your blessings and prayers were so appreciated and were a great part in helping to keep her comfortable. Thank you from the entire Kidwell family! Jim and Bonnie

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.

WALKING WEDNESDAYS at ECOB
Every Wednesday, 9 to 11am, the church is open for you to walk inside. Walk the loop from the Community Room — Life Group Wing — through the Sanctuary.



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Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)

ECOB 4th OF JULY COMMUNITY FUN NIGHT



Thank you to all the volunteers and sponsors who helped support our event and welcome the around 4,000 people who came to ECOB to celebrate and be in community together!



CITY GATE LUNCH

Saturday, July 16 | 9 am-1:30 pm
Sign up July 10 in the Community Room at 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

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 for info or to volunteer the night of the outreach.



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



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 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 - [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.

YWAM ENGAGE EPHRATA CAMP - Jul 31-Aug 6

A weeklong training camp to Equip, Unite, and Train youth ages 13-18, held under the tent at 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!](#)



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 w/youth @ECOB, 9:45-10:35am

MONTHLY EVENTS

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

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

WOMEN'S LIFE GROUP

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

[CAMP SWATARA](#)
[Calendar of 2022 Events](#)

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

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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

BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, July 17

8:30 and 10:45 ECOB Services

FALL KICK OFF SUNDAY

Sunday, Sept 11

@ECOB

Lunch for everyone after the
10:45 Service.

ECOBKIDS, ECOBSTUDENTS and
ECOB YOUNG ADULTS events later.

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.

ANE DISTRICT

WOMEN'S CAMP

Saturday, Aug 19-20

Camp Swatara

The theme is "An Invitation to the Table". On Friday evening there will be a Hymn Sing, a message from our Speaker and a Campfire. Saturday there will be two messages from our Speaker, crafts, swimming, a Bible Study, Hiking, and other activities.

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HOST A SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

Any date or time you pick this summer

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!



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE)

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

ECOB is featured in the July/
August 2022 [newsletter!](#)

[2022 District Conference](#)

Fri, Oct 7 - Worship @ECOB

Sat, Oct 8 - Business

@Elizabethtown College

CoB DENOMINATION

Church of the Brethren Annual
Conference

July 10-14, 2022, Omaha, Nebraska

Pray for our delegates attending: Scott
and Emily Hackman, Cody and Brigetta
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[Follow the Worship and Sessions here](#)

ECOB to be highlighted during Wed,
July 13th 2pm Business Session!

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN CORNER

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time. (select "Ephrata Church
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through the [ECOB website](#).



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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