

News & Events

August 18-31, 2022

FAMILY FOCUSED from Pastor Brian

Viewing all people as children of God, we believe our missions, ministries, and resources are to be focused on how we can encourage, support, and equip each person's discipleship. Specifically, we believe it is vital to provide opportunities for cross generational engagement, focused on the discipleship of our young people, so they will grow the kingdom of God for future generations.

Here at ECOB, our heart is to develop disciples. This development, while spanning across generations, from the very young to our older adults, is designed to move each person along in a journey that will affirm their identity in Christ as well as equip them to share the gospel of Jesus with all people. While we do desire to disciple all generations, there is a specific focus towards children, youth, and their families as we do this. This is not intended to say one group is more or less important than another, rather to understand that building a core foundation at an early age and developing Christ like attitudes and characteristics is needed.

As we focus on families, children, and youth, I believe we have an opportunity as a faith community for each person to share their love for Jesus in practical ways. Honestly, if we all were to be selfless disciple-makers, the foundation that would be built with families will last for generations. It is my truest hope that each of us will find a way to strengthen our own relationship with Jesus and our discipleship in him – as well as find the many opportunities to encourage, train, challenge, equip, and celebrate our families, children, and youth!

ALL CHURCH ESTHER STUDY

Our next sermon-based, all-church study, this time for toddlers on up, begins Sunday, September 11 on the book of Esther. Booklets for adults will be available starting Sunday, August 28 at the Welcome Desk in the Community Room. If you are not part of a group doing this study, contact [Sharon Myers](#).

ESTHER STUDY GROUP

Pastor Rob Eshelman will also be leading a group for people 16 and over in this study on Mondays, Sept. 12 - October 24 from 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 102 at ECOB. For more information or to sign up for the group, contact [Pastor Rob](#).

SERMON SERIES

Sun, Aug 21

Message: Yahweh Yireh
[Genesis 22:13-14](#)

God provides – even when things seem like there is no way, God provides

–Pastor Brian Messler, speaking



Sun, Aug 28

Message: Yahweh Nissi
[Exodus 17:15](#)

God is our banner – God goes before us, fighting the battle for us when we lean on God

–Pastor Brian Messler, speaking

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)
Updates as of Aug 17

Care Needs:

Barb Kilhefner: at the Gardens,
Stevens (temporarily)

Birthdays Card Shower for Dorothy

Lied's 99th birthday, Aug. 29.
Mail cards to: Ephrata Manor, 99
Bethany Rd., Room 221, Ephrata, PA
17522

Sympathy to Maggie and Ryan Miller
and family, on the death of Maggie's
father.

Congratulations to Isiah and Lauren
(Schlegel) Eckert on the birth of a son,
Rory Ellis, 8.2.22.

COMMUNITY MEAL HOSTING

ECOB is hosting the Community Meal,
Thursday, Sept 1 held at Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church, Ephrata.

Volunteers are needed to help
prepare, serve, and clean up after the
meal from 4-7pm.

Sign up Sunday at the Welcome Desk
in the Community Room or contact
Linda Fahnstock, 717-733-4414.

If you would like to give financially
to help support this meal, put your
check/money in an envelope; to
ECOB, earmark: Community Meal and
drop in the Give boxes at church.

Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)



BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

note date change! Monday, Aug 22 | 6 pm
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.



CITY GATE LUNCH

Saturday, Sept 3 | 10:30 am-1:30 pm
Aug 21 & 28, sign up at the Welcome Desk in the
Community Room to serve meals, donate food
or make hygiene kits. For more info or questions,
contact [Stacey Coldiron](#).

HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS TRAINING

Thursday, Sept 15 | 6-8 pm

ECOB Sanctuary

ECOB is hosting a training presented by Dan Mesher with Tenfold
(formerly Tabor) and John from Water Street Rescue Mission. They
will talk about how we can show love and give hope to those who
are experiencing homelessness as well as those in the "working
poor" community. They will talk about tangible ways that we
can help these individuals and share real life stories of how/why
people become homeless. All are welcome to participate. Sign-up
at the Welcome Desk in the Community Room.

ANNUAL GOLF FOR HIM SCRAMBLE

Sunday, Sept 18

1:00pm registration; 2:00pm shotgun start

[Foxchase Golf Club](#)

Proceeds benefit the ECOB Deacon Benevolent
Fund and the Missions Fund

Sign-up here by Monday, Sept 5!
Contact [Mike Groff](#) or [Matt Huber](#).





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

EVENTS

Sept 11 - Fall Kickoff Event, 12:30-2:30 pm @ECOB

Oct 14 - Pumpkin Party, 6:30-8pm @ECOB

Dec 11 - Child Dedication, both services @ECOB

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.

Chris will begin serving at ECOB on Aug 31st and the outdoor worship service on Sept 4th will be the first Sunday Chris, Chelsea, Asher and Lorelai will be with us.



[CAMP SWATARA](#)

[Newsletter Signup](#)

[CAMP WOODCREST](#)

[Fall Family Fun Fest](#) Sept 17



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 5-8 | Class 2: grades 9-12

EVENTS

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

Sept 11 - Fall Kickoff, All Youth SNL, 6-8pm @ECOB

Sept 18 - SNL, 6-8pm @ECOB

Sept 20-23 - Milkshakes @ Ephrata Fair, 4-9PM

Sign-ups Coming Soon!

Oct 9 - All Youth SNL, 6-8pm @ECOB

Oct 16 - All Youth SNL, 6-8pm @ECOB

Oct 23 - All Youth SNL, 6-8pm @ECOB

Oct 30 - 412, 6-8pm @ECOB



ECOB YOUNG ADULTS



adults ages 18-35

Contact: [Scott Hackman](#)

SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP

First Sundays - Caffeinated Conversations (**No CC on Sept 4 due to outdoor worship**)

@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

MONTHLY EVENTS

Sept 11 - Fall Kickoff Sunday Event, 1pm @ECOB

Oct 9 - YA Event, 12:30pm @ECOB

WOMEN'S LIFE GROUP

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

grow.



ECOBMEN'S LIFE GROUP

Every Tuesday

7 pm @ECOB, Open to all men

Contact [Tom Strubel](#) for info.

ECOBMEN'S CONFERENCE



Saturday, Sept 17

9 am - 3 pm @ECOB

For men 9th grade and up.

[Register Here!](#)

grow.

PRIME TIME LUNCH AND SHOW

Wednesday, Sept 28 | 11:15 am

[Bird-in-Hand Stage](#)

2760 Old Philadelphia Pike, #A

Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505

To, register, contact Mary Shearer at

717-682-3699 | Cost - \$58.50

PRIME TIME BREAKFAST @GUS'S

Thurs, Sept 15 | 8:30 am

[Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant](#)

ECOBWOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, Aug 27 | 9 am

ECOB Community Room

A light breakfast is provided.

[RSVP here](#) by Aug 22.

ECOB OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday, Sept 4 | 10 am

@the ECOB Grove

Only one service outdoors that day as whole church.

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS CLASS @ECOB

The Office of Aging is holding this class at ECOB as part of their Health & Wellness programs. They are open to the public, but we get first access. Classes are held once a week for 6 weeks, Mondays, September 19 - October 24, from 6:00PM - 7:30PM. Each class lasts 90 minutes and class size is limited to 15 people. [More info here](#)

Contact Ellen Weekes to register: Phone - 717- 299-7979 or email WeekesE@co.lancaster.pa.us

JULY 2022 FINANCIAL UPDATE

July ended with both Giving and Expenses under budget. Giving did exceed expenses by \$9238.75 (Praise God!) This was the first month of our new fiscal year. We need \$13,462 each week to meet our 2022-2023 Fiscal Budget. In July,2022, we averaged \$11,978 per week. Please continue to pray about your giving to HIS KINGDOM! A Financial Summary is available upon request.

-Rich Bealer, Treasurer.



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ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE)


The 2022 [Brethren Disaster Relief Auction](#), located at the Lebanon Expo Center, is on schedule for Fri & Sat, September 23-24.

Theme Baskets registrations are due Sept 9 and Share-a-Meal Forms are due Sept 18. [More info here](#)

CoB DENOMINATION

Watch the Church of the Brethren Annual Report 2022 (on 2021 ministries) that was shared at Annual Conference in July 2022.

[Watch the video report here](#)



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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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