

News & Events

August 4-17, 2022



BRIGETTA HEAGY JOINS STAFF

Brigetta Heagy has returned as a staff member at ECOB. She will be working 10 hrs a week to support Hospitality and assisting with the Youth and Young Adult ministries. She started this position on Wednesday, July 20. Brigetta is a member of ECOB with her husband, Cody, and son, Jackson.

OUTWARD FOCUSED from Pastor Brian

Out of our desire to support our neighbors, near and far, we will proactively engage in partnerships that will care for the mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual well-being of others. Not only will we be innovative, adaptable, sensitive, and fearless to be the hands and feet of Jesus, we will be unashamed of the gospel and seek out ways to share it. I love this core value because it puts into action all that we have been discerning as the vision God has for us. God is calling ECOB to be an outward focused church, seeking ways to dive deep into our community and lifting high the name of Jesus.

There are many ways in which we can do this as a congregation – 1) We can pray, in earnest, that God will show us opportunities to look outside our church body to serve others. 2) We can discover the needs of our community and work hard to meet them. We cannot do this alone, that is why we need strategic ministry partners to help us in that discovery. 3) We can act boldly in moving outward! This doesn't mean we forget about what is happening at ECOB or that we forget about all the needs of our faith community, it means that we serve one another and encourage one another to step out from behind the curtain of safety and be a beacon of light to the world.

Find a way to be outward focused this week – treat someone to a cup of coffee, hold a block party, pay for someone's gas, put away a neighbor's trash can. There are so many things you can do to show the world it isn't about you, rather it is about them and Jesus.

SERMON SERIES

Aug 7 Series: Family Vacation

Message: Making Disciples

[Deuteronomy 6:5-9](#)

The best discipleship is modeled at home. Parents are commanded to teach their children the ways of the Lord daily.

–Pastor Ryan Burkholder, speaking

Aug 14 Series:

The Name of God

Message: El Roi

[Genesis 16:13](#)

God sees you – you have value, you are worthy in God's eyes

–Pastor Brian Messler, speaking



Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)
Updates as of Aug 4

Care Needs:

Barb Kilhefner, Ephrata/Wellspring
Charlie Martin, now at home

Card Shower for Charles Martin.
Send cards of encouragement/prayer
to: 586 Daisy Dr., New Holland, PA
17557

Sympathy to Bob & Brenda
Eisemann, Bethany & Martin Kyper,
Laura and Aaron Schupp, and families
on the death of Millie Eisemann on
July 28, 2022.

Bless the Horst family [with a meal](#) as
Jewel continues chemo.

BIBLE ADVENTURE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Impact a life - Impact a Community.
Encourage Ephrata Intermediate
students to learn of God's love at
ECOB on Tuesdays from 2-3:45pm.

Joy El Generation's Bible Adventure is
an opportunity to teach God's Word to
our public school students. We
are looking for volunteer "listeners"/
small group leaders. This is a great
opportunity for home schooling
parents, stay-at-home moms and
dads, those with a flexible work
schedule, and retired persons. We will
train and support you each step of
the way.

For more information about
volunteering, call Beth McKinney at
717-615-8871.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TRIP

July 31-August 7
Pray for this team working with
[Lighthouse Projects.](#)

Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)



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.](#)

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



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

EVENTS

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 Kickoff, All Youth SNL, 6-8pm @ECOB

Sept 18 - SNL, 6-8pm @ECOB

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

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

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

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

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

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

WOMEN'S LIFE GROUP

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

VBS 2022:

MISSION: POSSIBLE EPHRATA

August 9-11, 2022

6-8pm @ECOB



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 small group leaders!

[Register Here!](#)



[Click this link to commit!](#)

CAMP SWATARA

[Calendar of 2022 Events](#)

CAMP WOODCREST

[Calendar of Events](#)

grow.



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!](#)

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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 – please pay in check (made out to ECOB) or cash (with your name) and place in Pastor Ryan's mailbox or give to Mary Shearer.

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.

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.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION SESSION

Sunday, Aug 14 | 9:45 am

Multipurpose Room

Join our delegates, Cody and Brigetta Heagy and Scott and Emily Hackman, for a review of the Annual Conference that took place July 10-14, 2022.

ESCAPE ECOB: YOUTH & ADULT ESCAPE ROOM

Aug 9-11 | Times Vary

Participate in an Escape Room specifically designed to engage all senses, critical thinking, and Biblical knowledge. Groups of up to 10 people by donation to support VBS. [Register here!](#)



live.

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

CoB DENOMINATION

The Church of the Brethren [National Youth Conference](#) took place July 23-28, 2022 in Fort Collins, CO.

For news and photos from the event, visit the denomination's [NYC recap website](#).



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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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