

News & Events

September 1-14, 2022

ECOB OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday, Sept 4 | 10 am
@the ECOB Grove
Only one service outdoors.
Bring your chairs/blankets!

NOTE: There will be no kids or youth ministries or Life Groups held.

Live streaming will ONLY be available on Facebook.

FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Sunday, Sept 11
8:30 am Classic Worship
10:45 am Contemporary Worship
12:30 pm All Church Lunch @ECOB Pavilion

12:30-2:30PM ECOBKIDS (UP TO 4TH GRADE)
Bounce House, Gaga Pit, Giant Water Slide
(Bring your swimsuit & towel!)

1:00 pm ECOBYOUNGADULTS (AGES 18-35) - Mobile Ax Throwing
6:00-8:00PM ECOBSTUDENTS (5TH-12TH GRADE) Kickoff SNL
Food, Games, Inflatables & more (Bring your swimsuit & towel!)



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 - Oct 24 from 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 102 at ECOB. For more information, contact [Pastor Rob](#) or sign-up at the Welcome Desk.

SERMON SERIES



Sun, Sept 4

Series: The Name of God
Message: Jehovah Rapha
[Isaiah 30:26](#)

God heals you –
God walks with you in your brokenness and heals you;
physically, mentally, emotionally.
–Pastor Ryan Burkholder, speaking

Sun, Sept 11

Series: Esther – God Remembers You
Message: Behind the Scenes
[Esther 2:1-18](#)

Though the Jewish people felt forgotten in exile, God was working in the background to protect and care for them. Despite those moments when we feel like God is absent, we can be confident that He still loves us.
–Pastor Brian Messler, speaking



connect.

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)
Updates as of Sept 1

Sympathy to Tim & Joy Rice and family, on the death of Tim's father, Frank.

Back to School Prayers

We prayed together in worship on Sunday, August 28 and continue to pray for all the students, teachers, staff and administrators returning to schools and the families and individuals who love and support them.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: A/V BOOTH DURING WORSHIP

Would you be interested in volunteering in the sound booth for Sunday worship? Help is needed for audio, live feed or screens. Training provided. Contact Nick@ecob.church for more information.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: BIBLE ADVENTURE

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.

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

Last week, 92 backpacks were given out to students preparing for the new school year.

radiate.

Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)



CITY GATE LUNCH

Saturday, Sept 3 | 10:30 am-1:30 pm
Completed hygiene kits to be returned to ECOB by Thursday, Sept 1. For more info or questions, contact [Stacey Coldiron](#).

PERU AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (DR) MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION

Sunday, Sept 11 | 9:45 am
Multipurpose Room

Join members of the Love Peru and Love DR mission trips who traveled to serve this past summer as they share pictures and stories from these missions. Come to hear about their experiences and ask questions about future trips scheduled to Peru, Guatemala, and the DR in 2023.



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

No separate kids programming on Sunday, Sept 4 only for outdoor worship at 10am.

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

Bring a bathing suit and towel!

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

Dec 11 - Child Dedication, both services @ECOB

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: TODDLER OR ELEMENTARY LIFE GROUP AND KIDSCURCH

Sunday mornings | 9:45am or 10:45 service

We are excited to start our church wide study of Esther! Choose to serve as a toddler or elementary life group or kids church teacher and learn the lessons of Esther's life through the eyes of a child. I promise you, you will learn something new each time you serve. No prep work required. Contact michelle@ecob.church.

[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

No separate student programming on Sunday, Sept 4 only for outdoor worship at 10am.

9:45-10:35am (Teacher must be present before students go downstairs)

Class 1: grades 5-8 | Class 2: grades 9-12

EVENTS

Sept 11 - Fall Kickoff, All Youth SNL, 6-8pm @ECOB
Bring a bathing suit and towel!

Sept 18 - SNL, 6-8pm @ECOB

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

[Sign-up here now!](#)

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: Brigetta Heagy [by email](#) or @717-715-7798

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 TBD, 9:45-10:35am

4th Sundays - Help Teach High School Downstairs

MONTHLY EVENTS

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

Oct 9 - Fireside Picnic and Yard Games with Chris, 12:30pm @Hall's Hideaway

WOMEN'S LIFE GROUP

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

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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!](#)

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PRIME TIME OLDER ADULT LUNCH AND SHOW

Wednesday, Sept 28 | 11:15 am

[Bird-in-Hand Stage](#)

2760 Old Philadelphia Pike, #A

Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505

Registration date has passed.

PRIME TIME OLDER ADULT BREAKFAST @GUS'S

Thursday, Sept 15 | 8:30 am

[Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant](#)

Register by Sept 12 to Sam Frankhouser

(safh@ptd.net or 717-669-5720)

NEW SUNDAY LIFE GROUP FOR WOMEN

Starting Sunday, Sept 18 | 9:45 am

A new life group for women will begin Sunday, September 18 at 9:45 am in Room 101. For more information, contact Barb Mallick or [Sharon Myers](#) or just show up Sept 18 and check it out!

ECOB WORKDAY

Saturday, Sept 10 | 8 am - 12 pm

All are invited to join the trustees for a morning to improve and make repairs to our building as part of our stewardship of the building God has given us.

WOMEN'S STUDY: GET OUT OF YOUR HEAD BY JENNIE ALLEN

Starting Wednesday, Sept 28 | 6 pm

This study, for all women, will begin Wed, Sept. 28 at 6:00 at ECOB. For more information or to sign up, contact [Sharon Myers](#) or check out the book and sign up at the Welcome Desk.



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.](#)

The Auction Booklets are available in the ECOB Community Room.

Help is needed to set up before, collect trash during, and clean up after the Auction. Call or text Chris Keller @717-269-4052

Children's Auction donation and volunteer opportunity [info here.](#)

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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