

# News & Events

September 15-28, 2022

## TIME AND FAITH

This past weekend, each family in our congregation was given two documents to help you connect with the heart and ministry of ECOB. They are both also available digitally to access.

First, it was our yearly calendar. This calendar goes from September 2022– August 2023 and gives all of the planned events for all ages and ministries. Please begin putting them on your personal calendar. [Calendar link - web version](#)

The second document is our faith formation brochure. This brochure will help you to see the prayerful process we go through to help you in your discipleship throughout the year. We pray that both of these documents will encourage and empower you to be faithful, connected disciples at ECOB. Faith Formation [Brochure link](#)

## ONE WORSHIP SERVICE & LOVE FEAST

Sunday, Oct 2

Only One Service @10:45 am

Love Feast & Communion @12pm

Kids Church will be held.

Preschool & toddler, kids and youth Life Groups all meeting at 9:45am.

Adult Life groups are optional - check with your leader. Love Feast & Communion immediately following 10:45 am worship. Meal in the Community Room - meat will be provided. Bring a side or dessert to share for the meal. We will enjoy the meal together, followed by a time of feet/hand washing and communion.

## ALL CHURCH ESTHER STUDY - Now available digitally!

Our next sermon-based, all-church study, this time for toddlers on up, began Sunday, September 11 on the book of Esther. Paper booklets for adults are available at the Welcome Desk in the Community Room. Digital copies of the lessons can be accessed [at this link](#). If you are not part of a group doing this study, contact [Sharon Myers](#).

**Sun, Sept 18**

**Series:** Esther – God Remembers You

**Message:** Faithfulness In All Situations

[Esther 2:19-3:15](#)

Even when we serve others and follow God's commands (like Mordecai), we'll still find ourselves in difficult situations.

It's important to be faithful anyway.

–Pastor Brian Messler, speaking

SERMON SERIES



**Sun, Sept 25**

**Series:** Esther – God Remembers You

**Message:** Breakthrough

[Esther 4](#)

Even in terrible circumstances, we can have courage knowing that God is in control and provides salvation for His people.

–Tom Strubel, speaking

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Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)  
Updates as of Sept 18

**Sympathy to** Chris and Chelsea Reinford and family on the death of Chris's sister, Melissa.  
97 Hawk Lane, Ephrata, PA 17522

**Thank you** to everyone for the calls, cards and visits during Charlie's health issues and treatment. Everything is certainly appreciated. Visits appreciated, but please call first. - Charles and Gloria Martin

## 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](mailto:Nick@ecob.church) for more information.

## COAT RACK/LOST & FOUND

As we return to jacket weather, please take a second look before you leave to be sure you are leaving with the same coat you arrived with. Many jackets are the same color so consider writing your name in yours and checking before you head home. If you have left your coat behind, check the lost and found on top of the coat rack by the main entrance. Unclaimed items are donated monthly to a local charity.

## STAFF VACATION

Pastor Brian will be away on vacation Sept 22-25. For urgent needs, contact [Stacey](#) while he is away.

## ECOB WORK DAY

Saturday, Oct 8 | 8 am-12 pm  
All are welcome to join the Trustees.

## FALL KICKOFF SUNDAY

Last Sunday, there were 35 kids and 70 youth that participated in the Fall Kickoff events at ECOB!

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Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)



## CITY GATE LUNCH

Saturday, Nov 5 | 9:30 am-1:30 pm  
Oct 23 & 30, sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Community Room to serve meals or donate food.  
For more info or questions, contact [Stacey Coldiron](#).

## COATS FOR KIDS

Saturday, Nov 5 | 7-10 am  
Multipurpose Room & Community Room  
Join us for a great opportunity to connect to and support families in our community in need of winter coats.

Children in Kindergarten through 12th grade are welcome to select new and gently used coats. (Child must be present to receive a coat.)



## SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: TODDLER OR ELEMENTARY LIFE GROUP AND KIDSCURCH

Sunday mornings | 9:45am or 10:45 service  
ECOBKIDS is excited to be part of our church wide study of Esther! There are many opportunities 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. You will learn something new each time you serve. No prep work required.  
Contact [michelle@ecob.church](mailto:michelle@ecob.church).



## DIVORCECARE

Tuesdays, Sept 13-Nov 22 | 6:30-8 pm  
Online Meeting Only (hosted by ECOB)  
Divorced or Separated? DivorceCare is a weekly seminar/support group that will help you heal from the hurt. It's a warm, caring environment led by people who understand what you are going through. Learn practical information and gain hope for your future. No cost to attend.

[Register online](#) for the group. Call 717-733-1229 for info.







# 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

Oct 14 - Pumpkin Party, 6:30-8pm @ECOB  
Dec 11 - Child Dedication, both services @ECOB

## MILKSHAKE TRAILER @THE EPHRATA FAIR

September 20-23 | 4-9 pm

The milkshake trailer is a great fundraiser to support the youth ministry at ECOB. We need you to sign-up to help asap! It doesn't matter if you don't have experience. Please sign-up [at this link](#) to pick a time to help.



The trailer will be open at Tent City from 4-9pm. All are welcome to buy milkshakes while at the Fair too!

**CAMP SWATARA**  
Fall Camp Oct 14-15

**CAMP WOODCREST**  
Fall Family Fun Fest Sept 17



# ECOBSTUDENTS



students in grades 5-12

Contact: [Chris Reinford](#), Youth and YA Director

## 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

Sept 18 - SNL, 6-8pm @ECOB

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

[Sign-up here now!](#)

Sept 25 - All Youth SNL, 6-8pm @ECOB

Oct 2 - All Youth SNL, 6-8pm @ECOB

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: [Chris Reinford](#), Youth and YA Director or Brigetta Heagy [by email](#) or @717-715-7798

## SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP

First Sundays - Caffeinated Conversations

Oct 2 Brigetta Heagy speaking

@Javateas Pavilion, 9:15-10:30 am

2nd & 3rd Sundays - Life Group @Rm 105, 9:45-10:35am

4th Sundays - Help Teach High School Downstairs

## MONTHLY EVENTS

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 LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Oct 12 | 12-3 pm

ECOB Community Room  
More details to come!

## 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!

## 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.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** August total giving exceeded expenses by \$751.82; which gives us total giving year-to-date exceeding expenses year-to-date by \$9,792.72. This is good, however, after two months in our fiscal year, we are 15.1% below our giving budget or -(\$18,284.62). Our 2022-2023 Operating Budget is a challenge budget but also, and more importantly, it is a faith budget. Please keep our budget and your giving in your prayers as we seek to follow His Guiding! A financial summary report is available upon request.  
- R A Bealer, Treasurer.



## 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.

The Auction Booklets are available in the ECOB Community Room or at [this link](#).

Share-a-Meal Forms are due Sept 18. [More info here.](#)

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

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## TITHE.LY

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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](#).



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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