

News & Events

April 13-26, 2023



BUDGET INFO MEETINGS

Tuesday, Apr 25 | 10:00 am & 6:00 pm
@ECOB Sanctuary

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

Wednesday, May 3 | 7 pm
@ECOB Sanctuary

Agenda will include voting on our 2023-24 budget, possible licensing of Chris Reinford and Cody Heagy, and a special announcement and presentation from the Leadership Team and Pastor Brian.

ECOB MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, Apr 16 | All morning
@ECOB Community Room

Join us for the ECOB Ministry Fair as a great opportunity to check out and get more information on MANY of our ECOB Ministries! (Ages 16 and up)

Visit each ministry table and get a sticker to fill in your passport. Fill in your contact information on the passport. Drop off your completed passport in the Ministry Fair Box. There will be a drawing from all completed passports. Prizes will be awarded to 10 people who complete their passports!

To help guide your interest for the Ministry Fair, please take the Volunteer Accelerator Quiz, if you've not previously done so. The Quiz is designed for those in 9th grade and up to help you discover serving opportunities aligned to your gifts, passions and interests.

Paper copies are available at the Welcome Desk. One of the questions on Volunteer Accelerator will ask you what your Spiritual Gift is. Take [this short spiritual gift inventory](#) to help you. It's a short quiz and you will see your results immediately.

Then jump right into the [Volunteer Accelerator Quiz link here!](#) Once you take the survey, you'll see your results immediately and a list of ten areas of service that may be a good fit for you. Click on the *Learn More* links for the ones that interest you. Then reach out to the leader of that particular ministry OR plan to talk to them at the Ministry Fair to get more info or find out how to connect. It's that easy! It's fun and a helpful tool to help discover ways you're wired to serve God. Contact Carol with questions at carol@ecob.church

Sunday, Apr 16

To the Streets:

The Gospel on the Move

Title: Jesus In The Neighborhood

Scripture: [Acts 1:1-2:47](#)

Focus: Jesus gave his followers a charge to go out into the world and be his witnesses.

Pastor Brian, speaking

Series [study guide here](#) or at Welcome Desk.

SERMON SERIES



Sunday, Apr 23

Series: How the Bible Came To Us

Title: Christ At The Center

Scripture: [Revelation 5:1-14](#)

Focus: The Old and New Testaments should be understood through the person of Christ; he allows us to read them properly.

Pastor Brian, speaking

Series [study guide here](#) or at Welcome Desk.

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Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)
Updates as of Apr 13

CARE:

Barb Kilhefner, Ephrata Wellspan
Mary LeFevre, BV Rehab
Melissa Croft, surgery, 4.3
Nancy Shortuse, surgery, 4.4
Sarah Young, surgery 4.4
Joanne Eshelman, ankle surgery 4.20

Sympathy to Ivan Horning and family,
on the death of his wife, Lillian, who
passed away March 31.

To my friends at ECOB:

It's been a long journey for me since I
suffered from a knee fracture on Dec
30 and have no weight bearing on my
right leg. My family church friends have
been so kind. Thanks to Pastor Brian for
the call and visit. Thank you to everyone
for the visits, phone calls, the many
texts I received for encouragement,
and all of the beautiful cards as well
as the wonderful "Sunshine Basket".
All of these things have brought a ray
of sunshine into my days and I am so
blessed to be a part of this wonderful
church family! Blessings, Elaine Ream

Thanks to the many volunteers who
helped with the Easter Egg Hunt and
Preschool Movie Morning! Between
the two events we shared the gospel
message with more than 300 people!
Visit the ECOBKIDS table at the Ministry
Fair next Sunday to find more ways you
can invest in our kids.

HELP NEEDED:

Our ECOBYOUTH ministry is in search
of a location at a nearby beach to host
a high school girl's event from June
2-3. If you have a location or know of
someone who might have something
available for the night, please be in
touch with [Chris](#).



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Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)
[Join the ECOB Missions FB Group!](#)

Thank you to all who donated over 2,000 diapers and pull ups for the Prime
Time Diaper Drive for Unlocked Closet to support foster and adoptive families.

FOOD DRIVE FOR MOUNTAINEERS' TABLE

Sunday, May 7

Pick a tag on April 16-23 with needed items
listed and bring them back by May 7th. We
will be providing each family with pancake
mix and syrup and the items to make little
pita pizzas. We will also be giving each family
a small Mother's Day gift from ECOB. Contact
Stacey with questions at stacey@ecob.church.



BRETHREN
Disaster Ministries

NATIONAL MISSIONS TRIP: BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES TRIP

May 7-13, 2023 | Crisfield, MD
We will be joining the Frederick CoB
to form a group to rebuild homes
damaged in 2021 tidal flooding in Somerset County, MD. No cost to
volunteer. Contact Dean at Dean@ecob.church for more info.



1st Annual Graham's Car & Truck Show

sponsored by
ECOB men's Ministry

Car & Truck Show

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR
20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

BASILY AMUSED
MUSIC PROVIDED

SAT APRIL 29TH 10AM-1PM

@ ECOB

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PROCEEDS
BENEFIT ECOB MISSIONS

\$10 PER CAR AND TRUCK
\$5 PER MOTORCYCLE
ENTRY FOR SPECTATORS-FREE
FOOD AVAILABLE BY
EPHRATA LIONS CLUB FOOD TRUCK
PEOPLE'S CHOICE TROPHIES

RADIATE FUND (MISSIONS) MATCHING GIFT

Wow – God is amazing. A family in our congregation is making a very
generous gift to the church – a matching gift for anyone who gives to the
RADIATE FUND until April 30 (so you can even give out of your taxes). All you
need to do is mark on your check – or – give online through Tithe.ly – to the
RADIATE FUND. These funds are used for all of our mission trips, local mission
outreach opportunities, and so much more. If you are interested in learning
more about this opportunity, please contact [Pastor Brian](#).



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

Infant-2 & 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.

TOT LOT TUESDAYS

1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 9:30-10:30 am | Community
Room (Volunteers Needed, Contact [Emily](#))

PARENT AND CHILD DEDICATION

Our next Parent and Child Dedication is planned for
Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14 at both services.
If you wish to participate, please [complete this form](#)
by May 7. Contact [Michelle Nolt](#) for more info.



ECOBYOUTH

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

UPCOMING ECOBYOUTH EVENTS

Apr 16 - YWAM HS Worship Night, 6-8pm @ECOB

Apr 23 - SkyZone Night (all grades)

Apr 25 - Engage (5-8th grade), 6:30-8 pm @ECOB

Apr 30 - 412, 6-8pm @ECOB

May 7 - SNL (9-12th grades), 6-8 pm @ECOB

May 9 - Engage (5-8th grade), 6:30-8 pm @ECOB

May 14 - SNL (9-12th grades), 6-8 pm @ECOB

June 2-3 - HS Guys & Girls Nights Out

SAVE THE DATE!

VBS



OF HEROIC PROPORTION

JULY 18, 19, 20 6:00-8:00

BIG FAMILY EVENT JULY 21



CAMP SWATARA

Outdoor Summer [Movie Nights](#)

CAMP WOODCREST

Camp [Open House](#) - May 6

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ECOBYOUNGADULTS



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

CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, May 7

@Javateas Pavilion, 9:45-10:30 am



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Conversations

SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP

Contact [Chris](#) or [Brigetta](#) if you would like to attend a
life group Sunday Mornings. There is currently a group
meeting in Room 101 that would love to have you!

MONTHLY EVENTS

Wed, April 19 - Young Adult Trivia Night

@ Old Republic Distillery, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

All Young Adults welcome to eat dinner and have fun
with friends!

WOMEN'S LIFE GROUP

1st & 3rd Mondays, 7pm, @the Good's

Focus: Study of Ruth

Contact [Brigetta](#) for info or to join the group.



ECOBMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Sat, Apr 15 & May 6 | 7 am
@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant
RSVP to ryan@ecob.church

ECOBMEN'S WORSHIP NIGHT

Tues, May 2 | 7 pm
[Javateas Pavilion](#)

live.

PRIME TIME OLDER ADULT BREAKFAST @GUS'S

Wednesday, May 24 | 8:30 am
@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant
Register by May 22 to Sam Frankhouser
(safh@ptd.net or 717-669-5720)

ANNUAL DISTRICT-WIDE OLDER ADULT SPRING LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 10 | 12-2:30 pm
[Yoder's Restaurant](#), New Holland, PA
\$23 per person. RSVP by May 4.
Give [Sue Eisenberger](#) your check and entree choice to register. [More info here.](#)

ECOBWOMEN'S EXPO/MAKER'S MARKET

Saturday, Apr 22
9 am -12 pm | @ECOB
The ECOBWOMEN's Ministry will be hosting **over 20 vendors** selling various crafts and goods, most handmade or designed by our talented makers. This will be a great day to shop for Mother's Day Gifts! Light refreshments will be offered.
Most sales cash only.

Contact Carol Bowman at carol@ecob.church for more details.

MARCH 2023 FINANCIAL UPDATE:

As we end our Fiscal 3rd Quarter, our Income (Giving) exceeds our Expenses by \$8,510.88; even though March 2023 had a loss of - (\$11,402.25). Looking at the budget, we are right on track with both our Income (giving) and Expenses. Praise the Lord!

Please be in prayer as we will vote to approve our 2023-2024 Fiscal Budget at our upcoming Congregation Forum on Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

Thank you for your faithfulness to HIS Kingdom! Rich Bealer, Treasurer.

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ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE) SAVE THE DATE 2023 ANE DISTRICT CONF

Oct 6-7, 2023
Oct 6: Worship @Hempfield CoB
Oct 7: Business Session @The Junction Center, Manheim PA

CoB DENOMINATION NATIONAL OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE (NOAC)

Sept 4-8, 2023 | Lake Junaluska, NC
NOAC is a Spirit-filled gathering of adults 50 and older. Registration opens May 1. ANE Bus transportation soon available; hosts Sam and Kathy Frankhouser. [More info](#)

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN CORNER



Sunday Services (in-person and online): 8:30 am Classic | 10:45 am Contemporary
Office hours: Mon - Fri 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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