

News & Events

April 27-11, 2023



5TH SUNDAY KIDS MOMENT

Sunday, Apr 30 | Both Services

Every occurrence of a 5th Sunday in a month means there is a moment dedicated to our ECOBKIDS during each worship. ECOBKIDS church will not be available but be there for the exciting reveal of our Vacation Bible School (VBS) Theme!

SUNDAY, MAY 14 HIGHLIGHTS

This will be an exciting day in the life of our church family to include:

- **Parent and Child Dedications**
- **Indoor Baptism in the Sanctuary**
- **Gifts for women in honor of Mother's Day**
We will be celebrating the women in our lives who are mothers and spiritual mothers as they care for and nurture us all in so many ways. Whether it be their children, other children, mentoring, or just showing love to those around them, they are making a difference. Women, please make sure you pick up a small goodie bag that Sunday and know that you are loved and appreciated!



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. Childcare provided.

Sunday, Apr 30

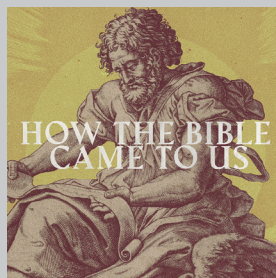
Series: How the Bible Came To Us

Title: What Is The Bible?

Scripture: [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)

Focus: The canon of Scripture is not a scattered collection of books, but a body of God-breathed writings that bear witness to one another and to Christ.
Pastor Ryan, speaking

SERMON SERIES



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

Sunday, May 7

Series: How the Bible Came To Us

Title: Better Together

Scripture: [Romans 10:14-17](#);
[Colossians 3:16-17](#)

Focus: The Bible is fundamentally a communal book, meant to be read and understood in the global body of Christ, past and present.
Pastor Brian, speaking

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Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)

Updates as of Apr 27

CARE:

Erma Luciano, surgery 4.27

Linda Fahnstock, at home

Joanne Eshelman, surgery 4.20, now at home

Ray Foltz, Diane Kohls—both, now at home

SYMPATHIES TO:

Ron Enck, family, and friends on the death of his wife, Ann, who passed away April 15.

Ruth Ann Erb, family, and friends on the death of her sister, Mary LeFevre, who passed away on April 18.

Anne Brubaker & family on the death of Anne's father, Richard Heisey.

Thank you to the church family for all the cards, condolences, and ways you supported me following the passing of my wife, Kitty. ~Brian Kurtz

STAFF RETREAT AND OFFICE CLOSURE

The ECOB offices will be closed May 8-12 and staff will be away on Staff Retreat. Please pray for their trip and gathering as they rest and fellowship.

ECOB CLEANUP DAY

Saturday, May 13 | 8 am-12 pm

All are welcome to join the Trustees to help with work needed around the church building.

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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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)

[Join the ECOB Missions FB Group!](#)

FOOD DRIVE FOR MOUNTAINEERS' TABLE

Sunday, May 7

Pick a tag from the trees in the Community Room 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.



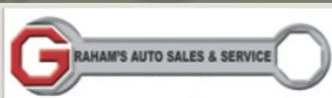
CITY GATE LUNCH

Saturday, Jun 3 | 9:30 am-1:30 pm

Sign-up in the Community Room on May 21 & 28.

Contact Stacey at stacey@ecob.church.

Don't forget! Our ECOBYOUTH will be serving Milkshakes at this event!



1st Annual Graham's Car & Truck Show

sponsored by
ECOB men's Ministry

Car & Truck Show

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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*****MOVED TO SAT, MAY 6*****

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BENEFIT ECOB MISSIONS

\$10 PER CAR AND TRUCK
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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 29 - Car Show Milkshake Trailer Help, 9:30-11:30 &
11:30-1:30pm, @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 21 - SNL (9-12th grades), 6-8 pm @ECOB

June 2-3 - HS Guys & Girls Nights Out

June 4 - Graduation Sunday & Color Wars @SNL

SAVE THE DATE!

VBS



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

BIG FAMILY EVENT JULY 21

Your help is
needed!
Sign-up
[HERE!](#)



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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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, May 17 - 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, May 6 & 20 | 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 MOTHER/DAUGHTER BREAKFAST

Saturday, MAY 13

9 am | @ECOB COMM RM

If you don't have a daughter, bring a daughter-in-law, a granddaughter, friend like a daughter, etc (ages 5 and up)! Join us for a fun time to connect with one another, a light breakfast, and a fun, easy project.

RSVP required [through this form](#) or at the Welcome Desk by Sunday, May 7. Contact [Carol](#) with questions.

ECOB WALKWAY

Through a very generous donation, ECOB will be installing a paved walkway around the church property. This walkway will serve not only as an opportunity for adults and children alike to get some exercise, it will also serve our congregation as an opportunity to beautify the church grounds. As you can see in the image provided (new walkway in yellow), the new trail will create a loop around the church that will almost be ½ mile in length. In addition, there will be benches and trees along the path to create welcoming spaces for prayer and rest. While the full cost of the walkway has been donated in memory of one of our beloved congregation members who has gone to glory, there will be opportunities for you to purchase a tree, a paver, or even a bench in honor or memory of someone. More information about those opportunities will come at a later time; however, we wanted to be sure to share this exciting news with you once we were able to do so. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [Pastor Brian](#).



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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



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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 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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