

News & Events

May 11-24, 2023



CONGREGATIONAL FORUM RECAP

Thank you to all who came to the Congregational Forum to hear our State of the Church address as well as the first information about Pastor Brian's Sabbath planned for the summer of 2024. You can watch it again or for the first time [at this link](#).

Results from our voting at the Forum or in church on May 7 are as follows:

Budget passed – 99.3% (1 no)

Cody was affirmed as a licensed minister – 100%

Chris was affirmed as a licensed minister – 99.3% (1 no)

ECOB SUMMER 2023 PREVIEW

This summer is going to be exciting at ECOB! During the months of July and August we will have group lessons and speakers for the Life Group Hour (Sunday School). They will range from the ministries we support, to VBS and mission recaps, to family prayer, and even some surprises. We will have a group time together from 9:45am to 10:20am and then after that you will be free to stay and hang out or go have prayer and praise time with your class. Every week will be for grades 5 and up and some special weeks will include everyone no matter their age.

We ask that everyone participate in this so we can build unity and get to know each other from different services and different age groups. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Sunday, May 14

Series: How the Bible Came To Us

Title: Take It To Heart

Scripture: [Joshua 1:6-8](#)

Focus: The Bible is meant to be meditated on daily, as a means of obeying God's sovereign will.

Pastor Brian, speaking

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

SERMON SERIES



Sunday, May 21

Series: Retold: Sunday School Stories You Thought You Knew

Title: It's Not Over...Yet

Scripture: [Genesis 6:9-22](#)

Focus: Noah's ark is a reminder that God has a long-term solution for human sinfulness.

Pastor Rob, speaking

Series available at the Welcome Desk.

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Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)

Updates as of May 11

CARE: Matt Eshelman, outpatient surgery May 18

Sympathy to the family & friends of Barb Kilhefner who passed away on May 7.

Thank you to everyone for all of the cards, prayers and concerns for me during my recent hospital stay. I am home and recovering.
Dennis Hornberger

May 14 Baptisms:

Andrew Oberholtzer
Summer Coldiron
Emily Horst
Ava Kyper
Rachel Seaman

May 14 Parent & Child Dedications:

Everhett Ramer / Justin & Kelsey Ramer
Adelyn Ramer / Travis & Chelsea Ramer
Reese Sollenberger / Andy & Courtney Sollenberger
Clara Cage / Nicholas & Andrea Cage

Service Opportunity with PrimeTime Older Adult Ministry. There are opportunities available to serve on the Steering Committee or other sub-committees. Contact [Bob Eisemann](#) for details at 717-203-7270.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: DINING ROOM

STAFF: Mennonite Central Committee in Akron needs people now and during the summer to help with food preparation and service, and clean-up in our dining room. Schedule is flexible and can be only specific days or just on weekends. While the need is year-round, this could be an ideal job of students (age 16 or older) or just a summer job. Pay is \$14.82/hour. Visit www.mcc.org or contact Jenna Villatoro at jennavillatoro@mcc.org.



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Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)

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JOIN THE
TRUSTEES
FOR THE
MONTHLY
WORK DAY
SAT, MAY 13
8AM-12NOON

Any amount of time you
can give, would be
appreciated!



MOUNTAINEERS' TABLE (MT) SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

MT is in need of volunteers to:

1. Pick up produce at Root's Market on Tuesdays - contact Steph Weber at mountaineerstable@gmail.com
2. Help with distribution and clean-up (breaking down boxes, moving pallets, etc.) on Thursdays - contact Sharon Myers at sharon@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.



LOCAL DISASTER RESPONSE OPPORTUNITIES

There are opportunities to help individuals and families that have experienced flooding disasters within a 1-2 hours drive of Ephrata. If you have just a day or a weekend to serve and are interested, reach out to [Dean Sensenig](#) for more details.



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](#))

MOVE UP SUNDAY

Sunday, June 11 - Both Services

We will be recognizing our ECOBKIDS and ECOBYOUTH who are moving from Pre-K to Kindergarten, 4th to 5th grade, and 8th to 9th grade in the fall.

VBS
COMING
JULY
18-20

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



CAMP SWATARA
Camp [Open House](#) June 3

CAMP WOODCREST
Upcoming [Father/Child Events](#)



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

May 20 - Worship & Prayer Retreat, (7th and up), 9am-2pm, @ECOB

May 21 - SNL (9-12th grades), 6-8 pm @ECOB

May 23 - Engage (5th-8th grades), 6:30-8pm @ECOB

June 2-3 - HS Guys & Girls Nights Out

June 4 - Graduation Sunday & Color Wars @SNL

Seniors: Complete [this form](#) to participate in Graduation Sunday!



ECOBYOUNGADULTS



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

CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, June 4

@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

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

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ECOBMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Sat, May 20 & Jun 3 | 7 am

@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant

RSVP to ryan@ecob.church

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)

ECOBWOMEN'S CAMPFIRE NIGHT

Friday, June 16

6-7:30 pm | @ECOB

All women from ECOB, ECOB Children's Center and Mountaineers' Table are welcome to drop in at any time for fellowship around the fire.

Contact [Carol](#) with questions.

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GRAHAM'S CAR AND TRUCK SHOW

Thank you to all who participated in and supported the Graham's Auto Car and Truck Show on Saturday, May 6 hosted by our ECOBMEN.

The proceeds totaled over \$1,680 for ECOBMISSIONS as well as 150 milkshakes sold to support our ECOB Youth serving on missions.

This amount could cover 2 weeks of Mountaineers' Table distributions. Or send 2 people on a missions trip. Or cover 3 lunch distributions at City Gate. Or provide 2,000 meals from Rise Against Hunger.

PRIME TIME OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Jun 14 | 12-3 pm

@ECOB Community Room

Featuring: 3 Dads and a Lad Barbershop Quartet

RSVP to [Linda](#) by June 9 or at 717-733-4414

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DISTRICT (ANE)

ANE DISTRICT DISASTER COORDINATOR TRANSITION

Bob Eisemann, our current ANE District Disaster Response Coordinator, is stepping down from his role. Read [more here](#).

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](#)

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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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