

News & Events

May 25-31, 2023

ECOB SUMMER 2023 LIFE GROUP 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.

SUMMER ECOBNOW NEWSLETTERS

As the number of events happening at ECOB decreases over the summer months, so will the content and occurrences of this newsletter. After this issue, new editions of this newsletter will be sent on the following dates with the deadlines for content included:

June 1 (content due Sun, May 28) | July 6 (content due Sun, July 2) | Aug 3 (content due Sun, July 30)

A weekly email will still go out highlighting reminders for that week but this Newsletter file/document will only be sent at the beginning of these months. The regular biweekly schedule will resume on August 17.



Sunday, May 28

Series: Retold: Sunday School Stories You Thought You Knew

Title: Don't Look Back

Scripture: [Exodus 14:10-31](#)

Focus: God's glory doesn't always look the way we expect.
Pastor Brian, speaking

SERMON SERIES



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

Sunday, June 4

Series: Retold: Sunday School Stories You Thought You Knew

Title: The Bigger They Are...

Scripture: [1 Samuel 17:1-58](#)

Focus: This story should be called "God versus Goliath."
Pastor Brian, speaking

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Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)
Updates as of May 25

CARE:

Alice Stephany, hospitalized
Joyce Sheaffer, now at home

Sympathy to Peg Schannauer and family on the death of her mother, Bettie Calhoun, 5.17.23

MEMORIAL SUNDAY

Sunday, May 28 at both services, we will be remembering those in our church family who passed away in the last year.

2023 GRADUATION SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday, June 4 as we celebrate all our 2023 graduates.

SIGN BIBLES FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

On Sunday, May 28, everyone is encouraged to write words of encouragement, wisdom or scripture in these keepsake Bibles for our students. Bibles are located near the Prayer Wall in the Community Room.

Our Daily Bread devotionals for June-August are now available in the Community Room.

ECOB WORK DAY

Saturday, Jun 10 | 8 am-12 pm
All are welcome to join the Trustees to help with work needed around the church building.

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.



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



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
Help needed with heavy lifting during prep, service, and dessert. Sign-up in the Community Room on Sunday, May 28.
Contact Stacey at stacey@ecob.church.



CHAMPIONS FOR TEENS

The Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) program is sponsoring Champions for Teens (C4T) to offer adult volunteer advocates to support displaced youth in Lancaster and Berks Counties. Get [more info here](#).

LOCAL DISASTER RESPONSE OPPORTUNITIES

There are opportunities to help individuals and families that have experienced flooding disasters within a 1-2 hour 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.

ECOB CHILDREN'S CENTER JOB POSTING

Our ECOB Children's Center is hiring! Help share this with someone you know who might fit as our next Associate Director. And everyone, please be in prayer for our search as God leads the person he is calling to this role!

Learn more about the position and how to apply [at this link](#).

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WE ARE HIRING!

CHILDREN'S CENTER ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

- ✓ FULL TIME - SALARIED
- ✓ CHRISTIAN FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION
- ✓ BENEFITS INCLUDED
- ✓ LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS
- ✓ HISTORY WORKING WITH CHILDREN IN EDUCATION OR CHILDCARE SETTING

IF INTERESTED REACH OUT TO
SARAH.CC@ECOB.CHURCH



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

During the 10:45 Service, we will be recognizing our ECOBKIDS and ECOBYOUTH who are moving from Pre-K to Kindergarden, 4th to 5th grade, and 8th to 9th grade in the fall. Please complete [this form](#).

VBS
COMING
JULY
18-20

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



CAMP SWATARA
Strawberry [Festival](#) June 10

CAMP WOODCREST
Summer Camp [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

June 2-3 - HS Girls Nights Out - Sea Isle, NJ Trip

June 2-3 - HS Guys Night Out - Laser Tag & Movie Lock-in
@ECOB Fri 7:30pm to Sat 7:00 am
Guys [sign-up here](#).

June 4 - Graduation Sunday in Worship

Seniors: Complete [this form](#) for Graduation Sunday!

June 4 - 5th-9th Color Wars @SNL, 6:00-8:00 pm

June 11 - Move up Sunday - Complete [this form](#) for students entering 9th grade. @10:45 am Service

June 11 - Move Up Sunday Bike Ride - 5th-9th families
@Ephrata Rail Trail, 5:00-7:00 pm

FULL ECOBYOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE [HERE!](#)



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

Sat, June 10 - YA Worship Night @ECOB, 7pm

Wed, June 21 - Young Adult Trivia Night

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

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ECOB WORK DAY

Saturday, Jun 10
8 am-12 pm

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

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

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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4TH OF JULY COMMUNITY FUN NIGHT

Tuesday, July 4 | 5:30-8:30pm @ECOB (Rain Date: July 5)

We have a great opportunity to show our community Biblical Hospitality by having this free family community event right here on our church property. This local mission enables us to provide this fun evening, make connections with our neighbors, and share God's love with them. We are only able to host this event with your help and support! Sign up at the table in the Community Room on June 18, 25, or July 2 or contact Stacey at stacey@ecob.church.



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST

DISTRICT (ANE)

ANE MINISTER

APPRECIATION NIGHT

Friday, Jun 9 | Drop In 6-8:00pm

A free event for all all ministers of the ANE District, and their families. More Info [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 began May 1.** ANE Bus transportation soon available; hosts Sam and Kathy Frankhouser. [More info](#)

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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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