

News & Events

June 2023

ECOB SUMMER CONNECTIONS

As the weather is getting warmer and vacations are starting, we look forward to the season of gathering with friends and church family for outdoor fun and activities. We pray that during these months, we will get to fellowship with you in person on Sundays at worship and life groups as well as the various mission opportunities that are scheduled, like the July 4th Community Fun Night!

However, if you are away this summer, you can still participate in our Online Worship Live on Sunday mornings to keep up with the worship and teaching that continue to build in our Sermon Series. This is available through [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), or [Vimeo](#). You can also go back anytime and watch sermons that you might have missed on the [Media page](#) on our website.

Even while away, you can also continue your spiritual discipline of presenting your tithes and offerings to support the ministries of your church. This is available online on our [Giving page](#) or checks can be mailed to ECOB at 201 Crescent Ave, Ephrata, PA 17522.

ECOB SUMMER 2023 LIFE GROUP PREVIEW

In July and August, we will have church wide group lessons and speakers for the Life Group Hour (Sunday School). Get more information and see the schedule for topics [at this link](#).



Sunday, July 2

Series: Heroes of the Faith

Title: Noah

Scripture: Genesis [6:1-21](#); [8:20-22](#); [9:1-16](#)

Focus: We will see God's covenant love for all people on earth.

Pastor Brian, speaking



Sermon Series:

Retold: Sunday School Stories

You Thought You Knew

Series [study guide here](#) or

at Welcome Desk.

Sunday, June 4

Title: The Bigger They Are...

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

Focus: This story should be called "God versus Goliath."

Pastor Brian, speaking

Sunday, June 11

Title: Faith Through the Flames

Scripture: [Daniel 3:1-30](#)

Focus: No matter where you are in life, you belong to God and are not forgotten by Him.

Cody Heagy, speaking

Sunday, June 18

Title: Cat Food

Scripture: [Daniel 6:1-28](#)

Focus: God works for the good of those who love him.

Pastor Brian, speaking

Sunday, June 25

Title: A Little Man with a Big Heart

Scripture: [Luke 19:1-10](#)

Focus: Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

Pastor Brian, speaking

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Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)

CARE:

During June and July 2023, current hospitalizations and care items will only be included in the ecobNOW email that is sent out at the end of each week.

2023 GRADUATION SUNDAY

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

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.

Join our [ECOB Prayer & Praise Group](#) on Facebook as another way to connect with our family of faith. It's a great way to pray for each other and celebrate praises, too!

The LOST & FOUND is on top of the coat rack by the main entrance. Unclaimed items are donated monthly to a local charity.

OUTDOOR BAPTISM

Our next Outdoor Baptism at Middle Creek will take place on Sunday, July 2 immediately following the 10:45 service (promptly at 12:30pm). If you are interested in making the commitment to baptism at that time, contact Pastor Brian by June 23 at brian@ecob.church.

PASTOR BRIAN'S VACATION

Pastor Brian will be away on vacation from June 5-17. During that time, contact [Stacey](#) with ministry questions and [Carol](#) with care items.



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Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)

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

LOVE PERU GLOBAL MISSIONS TRIP

A team of 9 people from ECOB will be joining others from the Frederick Church of the Brethren to serve the community of La Florida in Peru from June 17-24. The group will be building homes with the Fuller Center for Housing. Please be in prayer for the team as they prepare, travel, and serve out this mission. Participants include Dean, Micaela, and Montgomery Sensenig, Brad and Braden Murphy, Carly Snyder, Audra Cook, Josh McNece, and Jenn Messler.

We will have a commissioning prayer moment for this group at the 10:45 Service on Sunday, June 11 before they leave.

CLOTHING & DIAPER DRIVE

Sunday, July 2 & 9 | All Morning

@ECOB Community Room

Prime Time Older Adult Ministry will be collecting new socks, underwear, and diapers on July 2 and 9. These donations will benefit Unlocked Closet to support foster and adoptive families as well as Managing Motherhood at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church.



4TH OF JULY COMMUNITY FUN NIGHT

Tuesday, July 4

5:30-8:30pm @ECOB

We have a great opportunity to show our community Biblical Hospitality by hosting this free family community event for thousands of neighbors 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 11, 18, 25, or contact Stacey at stacey@ecob.church.

Get more information and regular updates by following the event Facebook [page here](#).





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

Register your
child [HERE!](#)

Volunteer
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 4 - Graduation Sunday in Worship

June 4 - 5th-9th grade 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

June 29-July 1 - 7th-12th Summer Serve Days

July 4 - Milkshake Trailer @ECOB July 4th Community Fun Night, 4:00-8:30 pm

July 9 - ECOBKIDS & ECOBYOUTH Outdoor Movie Night @ECOB, 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, June 10
8 am-12 pm

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

ECOB SOFTBALL TEAM

Interested in supporting our ECOB Softball Team over the summer? Check out their [schedule here](#) and be in prayer for their season!

PRIME TIME OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON

Wednesday, June 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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WHAT IS 412?

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."
1 Timothy 4:12

Have you heard about our 412 Program in the ECOBYOUTH Ministry? 412 is a Youth Leadership Team currently consisting of eleven passionate high schoolers who have embraced their roles as catalysts for positive transformation and spiritual growth among their peers. Read more about this program [in this letter](#) from Chris Reinford, Director of Youth & Young Adults.



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 is open!** 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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