

# News & Events

July 2023



## BREAD AND CUP COMMUNION

Sun, Jul 23 | Both Services

### INFO CONCERNING PASTOR BRIAN'S SABBATH IN 2024

The ECOB Leadership Team invites you to [click this link](#) as they share more information regarding Pastor Brian's Sabbath Rest happening in 2024. This FAQ document shares details on some of the questions that have been asked regarding this special time of renewal and rest for Pastor Brian.

### WALKING PATH UPDATE

We will soon begin construction on the walking pathway around our whole church that will be about a half mile long including current sidewalks. Ground breaking is scheduled to happen on July 10 with the hope to be completed by early August. Opportunities will be available soon to support this project through purchasing trees, pavers, or benches to be placed along the path for ECOB and public use.

### 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 info and see the topic schedule for [HERE](#).

**Sunday, July 9**

**Title:** Abraham

**Scripture:** Genesis [12:1](#); [15:17-18](#); [17:1-5](#); [22:16-18](#)

**Focus:** We serve a God who promises blessings and binds himself to us in covenant.

Pastor Ryan, speaking

**Sunday, July 16**

**Title:** Jacob

**Scripture:** [Hebrews 11:21](#); Genesis [25:19-34](#); [32:22-21](#)

**Focus:** Jacob's life reveals that God works to accomplish his will despite our sin and failures.

Tom Strubel, speaking

## Sermon Series: Heroes of the Faith



**Sunday, July 23**

**Title:** Moses

**Scripture:** [Hebrews 11:23-29](#)

**Focus:** God is leading us in our own sort of exodus. As we follow Christ, we will have to make difficult choices that will require us to trust Jesus. Pastor Brian, speaking

**Sunday, July 30**

**Title:** David

**Scripture:** [Hebrews 11:32-34](#); [Acts 13:22](#); 2 Samuel [11:1-27](#); [12:1-14](#)

**Focus:** We should turn to God in our time of sin and failure.

Chris Reinford, speaking

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Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)

## CARE:

During 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.

## ECOB WORK DAY

Saturday, July 8 | 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!

## STAFF MEDICAL LEAVE

Carol Bowman will be on medical leave starting, Friday, July 21 through Sunday, August 6. During this time, please contact the church office, 717-733-1229 for general items. For Care needs during this time, please contact [Stacey@ecob.church](mailto:Stacey@ecob.church).

Dean Sensenig had surgery on Wed, July 5. His office hours will be varied for several weeks following this as he is working from home.

## 4TH OF JULY COMMUNITY FUN NIGHT

A HUGE thank you to all that volunteered at our Community Family Fun Night on the 4th! We would not be able to share the love of Jesus with our neighbors without your help. You were a vital part of being Jesus in the neighborhood. Thank you!



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Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)

## CLOTHING & DIAPER DRIVE

Sunday, Jul 9 | All Morning

@ECOB Community Room

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



## CITY GATE LUNCH

Saturday, Aug 5 | 9:30 am-1:30 pm

We will need people to help prep and serve food that day. Sign-up in the Community Room on Sunday, July 23 and 30.

Contact Stacey at [stacey@ecob.church](mailto:stacey@ecob.church).

## BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

Monday, Aug 7 | 6:00-7:30pm

ECOB Community Room

Free backpacks for kids in grades K-8. Child must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Volunteer opportunities available to serve and engage with Ephrata area children and families in need of backpacks to start the school year. To volunteer the night of the outreach, please contact [Carol@ecob.church](mailto:Carol@ecob.church) or [Sharon@ecob.church](mailto:Sharon@ecob.church).



## LOVE DR GLOBAL MISSIONS TRIP

A team of 20 people from ECOB are scheduled to join others from the Frederick Church of the Brethren and other churches to serve with Lighthouse Ministries in the Dominican Republic from July 28-Aug 6. The group will be working on building projects and Vacation Bible School activities with kids in the communities. Please be in prayer for the team as they prepare, travel, and serve out this mission. Participants who attend ECOB ministries are Brian and Cayden Messler, Addison Scheirer, Elizabeth Foard, Sara and Katie Brass, Peyton and Avery Rideout, Elea Jones, Bethany and Brady Kyper, Anya Kreider, Mona and Carissa Murphy, Austin Brass, Janelle and Larissa Burkholder, Megan, Ryder, and Macaulley Newlin. We will have a commissioning prayer moment for this group on Sunday, July 23 before they leave.





# 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

**Parents, please check-in kids prior to service.**

Students entering K-4th grade should attend worship in the Sanctuary.

## TOT LOT TUESDAYS

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

## PARENT CAFE (Held for parents during VBS)

Tuesday-Thursday, July 18-20

6:00-8:00 pm, Heritage Room

Join us for a space to relax and connect with other parents. Discussion topics for each night are based on the VBS theme, Heroes of the Bible, to include: Courage, wisdom, and energy. How to be a parent hero!

**VBS  
JULY  
18-20  
6-8 pm**

Register your  
child [HERE!](#)

Volunteer  
Sign-up [HERE!](#)



**CAMP SWATARA**  
Strawberry [Festival](#) June 10

**CAMP WOODCREST**  
Summer Camp [Info](#)



# ECOBYYOUTH



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

July 9 - ECOBKIDS & ECOBYOUTH Outdoor Movie Night  
@ECOB, 7:30 pm

July 16 - IM/MS Mini-Golf & Ice Cream @High Sports  
and Fox Meadows, 6:00-8:30 pm

July 18-20 - ECOBKIDS Vacation Bible School @ECOB  
6:00-8:00 pm, ECOBYOUTH are needed to  
volunteer. Sign-up [HERE!](#)

July 23 - HS Pool Party @The Murphy's, 6:00-8:00 pm

Aug 13 - IM/MS Pool Party @The Murphy's, 6:00-8:00 pm

Aug 20 - 8th-12th Grade Day @Guppy Gulches,  
9:30am-4:30 pm

**FULL ECOBYOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE [HERE!](#)**



# ECOBYYOUNGADULTS



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

## CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, Aug 6

@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

Sun, July 9 - YA Women Pool Party

@Hall's Hideaway, 12:30-3:00 pm

Wed, July 12 - Young Adult Trivia Night

@ORD, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

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## ECOB MEN BROS & BBQ

Saturday, Aug 19  
@ECOB | 12:00 pm

## 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!



## 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 [here](#)!**

ANE Bus transportation available with hosts Sam and Kathy Frankhouser. Travel by motorcoach on Sun, Sept 3, stay over in Roanoke, VA, and continue to Lake Junaluska on Sept 4. At the end of NOAC, leave Lake Junaluska on Sept 8, stay over in Staunton, VA, and then return to PA on Sept 9. [More info!](#)



## ANE DISTRICT WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CAMP

Friday, Aug 18, 4:00 pm  
to Sat, Aug 19, 5:30 pm  
@Camp Swatara

This will be a wonderful two days at Camp Swatara filled with fellowship with sisters in Christ. Pastor Kim Ream, Green Tree Church of the Brethren, will be the speaker. More info [HERE!](#)

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## ECOB MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sunday, Sept 17 - Session 1

Sunday, Sept 24 - Session 2

9:45 to 10:30am (held during the Life Group Hour)



If you are interested in Membership at ECOB or just want to learn more, we invite you to attend these two sessions! Being a member at ECOB means that you desire to connect your discipleship with this community of believers and that you covenant in the core values and godly principles that direct the ECOB body of believers. [Register here!](#)

Questions? Contact Carol Bowman, [carol@ecob.church](mailto:carol@ecob.church).



## ATLANTIC NORTHEAST

### DISTRICT (ANE)

### ANE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Bible Study - Oct 5 | 7pm @Online

Worship Service - Oct 6 | 7pm

@Hempfield

Business Session - Oct 7 @The Junction Center; Registration

required [HERE](#)

## CoB DENOMINATION

### CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

July 4-8 | Cincinnati, Ohio

Join the gathering virtually for worships at [this link](#).

More information about the conference can be found at [this link](#).



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## 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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