

News & Events

August 17-30, 2023



ECOB OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday, Sept 3 | 10:00 am
ECOB Grove/Pavilion area
One Service Only
No Life Groups
No ECOBKIDS Ministries
Worship will be followed by
the dedication of our new
ECOB Memorial Walkway.

ECOB SUMMER 2023 LIFE GROUP SCHEDULE

We will be finishing our church wide group lessons and speakers for the Life Group Hour (Sunday School). Get more info and see the topic schedule [HERE](#).

Remaining dates:

Aug 20 - Summer Missions

Aug 27 - Prayer Walk (All Ages)

ECOB MEMORIAL WALKWAY INQUIRY FORM

Are you interested in helping to honor or memorialize those who have connected to the body of faith here at ECOB on our new Memorial Walkway that is being completed? A new form has been created as a starting point for those who wish to give a tree, bench, or brick/paver in honor or memory of those who have attended and/or supported ECOB. Find the link to the form [HERE](#).

Sunday, Aug 20

Title: Elijah

Scripture: [1 Kings 18:20-40](#)

Focus: God will call us to serve him no matter the circumstances.

Pastor Brian, speaking

Sermon Series:



Sunday, Aug 27

Title: Jesus: The Ultimate Hero

Scripture: [Romans 5:6-11](#)

Focus: Jesus gave the ultimate sacrifice for us. While we were still weak, still sinners, he loved us still.

Pastor Brian, speaking

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Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)

Updates as of Aug 17, 2023

CARE:

Wes Jones, surgery 8.8, now at home
Bonnie Stephany, now at home

Sympathy to Dennis & Connie Fink on the death of Dennis' mother, Charlotte Louise Gingrich, on July 24.

Congratulations to Greg & Emily Phillips (and big sister, Megan) on the birth of a baby boy, Matthew James, born August 1, 2023.

Gift them a meal [through this link](#).

Congratulations to David & Elly Schulz on the birth of Gwendolyn Sophia, born August 10th.

Contact [Carol](#) or the church weekdays between 9am-1pm for addresses to send greetings to these families.

Card Shower for Dorothy Lied's 100th Birthday on August 29 **Note Address**
Mail to: Ephrata Manor, 99 Bethany Rd., Room #221, Ephrata, 17522

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

We value staying connected to you. If you have moved, if your phone number or email has changed or if you've dropped your home phone number, please let us know to update our church database. Fill out a Connect Card (Sanctuary chairs and at the Welcome Desk), call the church office (717-733-1229) or email carol@ecob.church.

ECOB MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sunday, Sept 17 - Session 1 | Sunday, Sept 24 - Session 2 | 9:45 to 10:30am (held during the Life Group Hour)

Learn more about ECOB Membership at 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.



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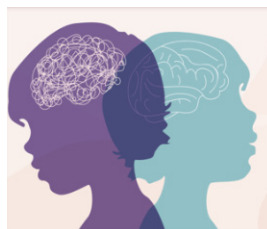
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Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)

EPHRATA FAMILY SPONSORSHIP

Thank you all for your overwhelming support of the family that was displaced by the Ephrata apartment fire. We were able to cover all of their clothing and toiletry needs! ECOB never ceases to help those in our community. We will keep you posted on any other needs that this family may have once an apartment is found. If you would like to make a financial donation to support this family, you can give [HERE](#) or via the offering boxes and designate "Radiate Ministry (Missions)".

If you desire to help all those affected by the fire, please contact our partners at Ephrata Area Social Services directly at: 717-733-0345 or online [HERE](#).



CHILDHOOD TRAUMA, TOXIC STRESS & RESILIENCE: UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT

Tuesday, Sept 12 | 6:00-8:00 pm | ECOB Sanctuary

The effects of adverse childhood experiences are becoming clearer as more and more research is done. We work, live, serve, and minister with people every day who have these experiences as part of their past. We will be looking at what childhood trauma is, how toxic stress affects us long term and resilience skills that help create new paths of living.

EPHRATA COMMUNITY MEAL

Thursday, Sept 7, 2023 | 4:00-7:00 PM

@Trinity Lutheran Church (167 E Main St)

Service opportunities are available to donate food items and to serve the meal. Shifts available are 4:00-7:00 PM or 5:30-7:00 PM. Sign-up in the Community Room.

SAVE THE DATE: ECOB MISSIONS BANQUET

Saturday, Oct 14, 2023 – 6:00 PM @ECOB

DIVORCE CARE

Tuesdays, Sept 19 to Dec 5
6:30 - 8:00 pm | @ECOB

No cost to participate. Childcare available upon request. To sign up or for more information, contact Jeff Zimmerman at jlzim490@aol.com or call 717-368-2882 or register online [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

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](#))



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

Sept 10 - Fall Kickoff SNL (IM/MS/HS), 6-8pm @ECOB

Sept 16 - Uprise Fest (IM/MS/HS),

@Shippensburg Fairgrounds

Sept 17 - SNL (IM/MS/HS), 6-8pm @ECOB

Sept 24 - SNL (IM/MS/HS), 6-8pm @ECOB

Sept 26-29 - Milkshakes, 4-9pm @Ephrata Fair

Oct 1 - 412 Event, 6-8:30pm @ECOB

Oct 8 - SNL (HS), 6-8pm @ECOB

Oct 10 - Engage (IM/MS), 6:30-8pm @ECOB

ECOB FALL Kick Off

SUNDAY, SEPT 10, 2023

ECOBKIDS EVENT (Up to 4th Grade)
12:30-2:30 PM



CAMP SWATARA
Outdoor Movie Night [Sept 9](#)

CAMP WOODCREST
Fall Family Fun Fest [Sept 16](#)

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ECOBYOUNGADULTS



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

CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS



Sunday, Oct 1

(Not held in Sept due to Outdoor Worship)

@Javateas Pavilion, 9:45-10:30 am

SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP

Contact [Chris](#) or [Brigetta](#) if you would like to attend a life group Sunday Mornings in the fall. Young Adults are joining the all church Life Group in the Multipurpose Room in August.

MONTHLY EVENTS

Wed, Aug 23 - Young Adult Trivia Night
@ORD, 6:30 - 8:30 pm



ECOBMEN BROS & BBQ

Saturday, Aug 19

@ECOB | 12:00 pm

Join us for smoked meats, cornhole, games, and brotherhood.

ECOBMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Sat, Sept 2 & 16 | 7 am

@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant

RSVP to ryan@ecob.church

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.

[More info!](#)

PRIME TIME OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Sept 13 | 12-3 pm

@ECOB Community Room

RSVP to Linda by Sunday, Sept 10th at lindafah@ptd.net, by phone or at church.

ECOBWOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Sat, Sept 9 | 9:00 am

@ECOB

Join us for a delicious breakfast and a great time of fellowship together and connecting! If you desire: bring one gift card (max \$25 each) for a local restaurant, grocery store or Walmart, for those affected by the apartment fire in Ephrata. For food planning, **please sign up by Sunday, Sept. 3rd**, at the Welcome Desk.

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125TH ECOB ANNIVERSARY

In 2024, ECOB will be celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community of Ephrata. To celebrate this, we will be having an anniversary weekend April 26-28, 2024. There are a few things that have been thought of; however, we are looking for additional people to help with the planning of that weekend as well as providing moments of celebrations throughout the course of the year. If you are interested in helping to lead this celebration, please contact Pastor Brian at brian@ecob.church. We are looking for 4-6 people to help with this team and are looking forward to starting the more "in-depth" planning this coming fall. What an exciting time in the life of our congregation – here is to 125 more Christ-centered and Holy Spirit driven years!



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE) BRETHREN DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION

Friday & Saturday, Sept 22-23

Lebanon Valley Expo Center
80 Rocherty Rd, Lebanon, PA

More Info [HERE](#).

CoB DENOMINATION CHURCHES CARE ONLINE COURSE

Sept 17 through Oct 28

A six-week, self-paced online course for Church of the Brethren clergy, lay leaders, health professionals, and social workers.

More Info [HERE](#).



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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](#).

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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