

News & Events

August 3-16, 2023

ECOB MEN'S MINISTRY

BROS BBQ
and

Saturday, August 19
12-2pm @ ECOB

SMOKED MEAT+CORNHOLE+GAMES+BROTHERHOOD



ECOB SUMMER 2023 LIFE GROUP SCHEDULE

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 [HERE](#).

Remaining dates:

Aug 6 - Backpacks for Kids (All Ages)

Aug 13 - City Gate

Aug 20 - Summer Missions

Aug 27 - Prayer Walk (All Ages)

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.

Sunday, Aug 6

Title: Esther

Scripture: [Esther 1-10](#)

Focus: God is with us whenever we take our own risks by living in faithfulness to Christ and his commands.

Pastor Ryan, speaking

Sermon Series:



Sunday, Aug 13

Title: Ruth

Scripture: [Ruth 1-4](#)

Focus: When God is silent in the midst of your suffering, trust him still.

Pastor Brian, speaking

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Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)

Updates as of Aug 3, 2023

CARE:

Colburn McElhenney, Ephrata Manor

Card Shower for Dorothy Lied's 100th Birthday on August 29

Mail to: Ephrata Manor, 99 Bethany Rd., Room #221, Ephrata, 17522

Thank you to all who donated to our total of 126 pairs of underwear, 205 pairs of socks, and 993 diapers for the Prime Time Drive for Unlocked Closet!

ECOB WORK DAY

Saturday, August 12 | 8 am-12 pm

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

STAFF MEDICAL LEAVE

Carol Bowman is on medical leave from now 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.

SAVE THE DATE

Jericho - All Church Gathering
Tuesday evenings Oct 3, 10, 17, 24
Light supper at 5:45 pm, followed by Life Groups from 6:30-7:30 pm for everyone, all ages. Session topic choices will include a parenting toolbox, an inter-generational discussion, Alpha (Christian basics), SHAPE (discovering your gifts), and Women of the Bible.



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Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)



CITY GATE LUNCH

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

We will prep and serve food that day.

Sign-up by contacting

Stacey at 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 or Sharon@ecob.church.



NATIONAL MISSION TRIP

Sunday, Oct 8-14, 2023

Eastern Kentucky

ECOB has seven open spots for a team that will travel to serve near Jackson, Kentucky. The group will serve with Brethren Disaster Ministries to rebuild homes that were damaged in the deadly storms and flood in July 2022.

More information on the work [here](#) and to sign-up, contact Dean at dean@ecob.church.

LOVE DR GLOBAL MISSIONS TRIP

A team of 20 people from ECOB are with others from the Frederick Church of the Brethren and other churches to serve with Lighthouse Ministries in the Dominican Republic from July 29-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, Ezra Nolt, Elizabeth Foard, Sara and Katie Brass, Peyton Rideout, Elea Jones, Bethany and Brady Kyper, Anya Kreider, Mona and Carissa Murphy, Austin Brass, Janelle and Larissa Burkholder, Megan, Ryder, and Macaulley Newlin.



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

Aug 13 - 8th-12th Grade Day @Guppy Gulches,
12:00 pm

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

ECOB FALL Kick Off

SUNDAY, SEPT 10, 2023

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



ECOBYOUNGADULTS



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

CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, Aug 6

@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

CAMP SWATARA
Movie in the Campground [Aug 12](#)

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

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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

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!

For food planning, please sign up by Sunday, Sept. 3rd, at the Welcome Desk.

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Financial Update:

Our Fiscal year ended on June 30, 2023. For the Fiscal Year, total expenses exceeded total income by \$10,563.02. Income was -4.3% below budget (-\$29,934.99) and expenses were under budget by 1.7% (-\$11,978.54). Designated Funds totaled \$348,674.12. Please be in prayer as we begin our new Fiscal Year with a challenge budget of \$730,000. Copies of the financial reports are available upon request.



Blessings - Rich Bealer, Treasurer



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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