

News & Events

August 31 - Sept 13, 2023

ECOB OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday, Sept 3 | 10:00 am
ECOB Grove/Pavilion area
One Service Only for Everyone
No Life Groups
No ECOBKIDS Ministries
Service will be live on Facebook ONLY
Worship will be followed by the dedication of our new Memorial Walkway and Sharing Libraries.

ECOB MEMORIAL WALKWAY

Work is almost complete on the new ECOB Memorial Walkway. The path around our whole church will be about a half mile long including current sidewalks. Opportunities are available to support this project through purchasing trees, brick/pavers, or benches to be placed along the path for ECOB and public use. The form [HERE](#) can be used 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.

Also, access the Prayer Walk Guide from last week [HERE](#) for prayer prompts when you are on the path.

NEW SHARING LIBRARIES

In honor of Dorothy Lied's 100th birth day, her family is installing Sharing Libraries at each end of the new ECOB Memorial Walkway. Dorothy is an avid reader, still reading on average, 3 books a week. The idea of the Sharing Libraries is to take a book and leave a book, but we hope to keep devotionals and kids' books in them, too, so that people can pick a book, stop and read along the way and return the book at the other end.

ECOB FALL Kick Off

SUNDAY, SEPT 10, 2023

ALL CHURCH
8:30 AM CLASSIC WORSHIP
9:30 AM PASTRIES & HOT DRINKS
BEFORE LIFE GROUPS IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM
10:45 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
12:00 PM LUNCH | ECOB PAVILION

ECOBKIDS (Up to 4th grade)
12:30-2:30 PM
BOUNCE HOUSE, GAGA PIT, WATER SLIDE, & MORE

ECOB YOUTH (5th - 12th grade)
6:00-8:00 PM | KICKOFF SNL
FOOD, GAMES, INFLATABLES, PRIZES, & MORE

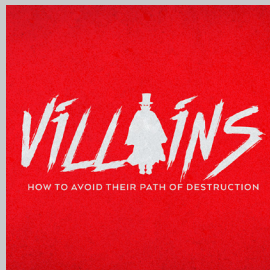
Sunday, Sept 3

Title: Cannot Escape God

Scripture: [Joshua 1:9](#); [Deuteronomy 31:8](#)

Focus: God always shows up, always there, always provides

Pastor Brian and Elizabeth Foard, speaking



Sunday, Sept 10

Series: Villains

Title: Struggling With The "S" Word

Scripture: [Genesis 3:1-7](#); [Romans 3:10-18](#)

Focus: We will not become villains toward others but will let our lives be guided and transformed by the Spirit.

Pastor Brian, speaking (Study Guide [HERE](#))

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Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)

Updates as of Aug 31, 2023

CARE:

John Groff, Ephrata Manor

Audi Trees, outpatient surgery 8.30

Janice Thomas, outpatient surgery 8.30

Thanks to everyone who has prayed for me, sent cards and/or visited. The prayers are felt. I can't wait to walk into church! Colburn McEllhenney

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

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, 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! [Register here!](#) Questions? Contact Carol Bowman, carol@ecob.church.

ECOB MEET AND GREET

Sunday, Oct 8th | 9:30am
@ECOB Community Room

SOCK TEAM (SUPPORTING OUR COLLEGE KIDS)

If you or your child is in college, contact [Mary Orndorff](#) with your school address and email so we can support you! Reach out to Mary if you are able to help with this ministry.

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](#).

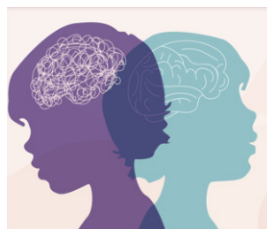


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Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)



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 | 4:00-7:00 PM

@Trinity Lutheran Church (167 E Main St, Ephrata)

ECOB is preparing and serving this meal to our community.



SAVE THE DATE: ECOB MISSIONS BANQUET

Saturday, Oct 14 | 6:00 PM
@ECOB

Join us as we celebrate what God has been doing in the area of Missions at ECOB! We will have dinner together and then highlight special missions moments from this past year and look ahead to new opportunities! We will also shine a light on those who have served in local, national, and global missions and hear testimonies of how God has been moving among us! More details to come.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

We encourage you to be Jesus in YOUR neighborhood by hosting a block party! Folders are available with instructions/checklists of all that you would need, sample invitations, and a \$100 grocery gift card to get you started. Please contact Stacey at Stacey@ecob.church if you are interested in one of these folders. We look forward to seeing pictures and hearing stories about your block party!



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](#))



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

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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



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Conversations

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

Wed, Sept 20 - Young Adult Trivia Night

@ORD, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Sun, Sept 24 - PA Renaissance Faire

12:30-8:00 pm



ECOBMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Sat, Sept 2 & 16 | 7 am

@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant

RSVP to ryan@ecob.church

SAVE THE DATE:

ECOBMEN CONFERENCE

Saturday, Jan 20

8:00 am- 3:00 pm @ECOB

Guest Speaker: Michael Franzese,
Former mob boss

NATIONAL OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE (NOAC)

Sept 4-8, 2023 | Lake Junaluska, NC
NOAC

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 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 **email Carol by Sunday, Sept 3rd** at carol@ecob.church.

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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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