

News & Events

Oct 12-25, 2023

JERICHO DINNER & STUDY

Tuesdays, October 17, 24
Simple supper from 5:45 - 6:15 pm,
Study from 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Oct 17 Meal - Tacos
Oct 24 Meal - Chicken Barbecue

Child Care - children up to kindergarten
Lesson/Game/Craft - kdg. - 4th grade Study
Choices for 5th grade through adults

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!
Please find a way to share your gratitude and appreciation with Pastor Brian and Pastor Ryan. Also, the personnel team has determined Sunday, Oct 15th as Pastor Appreciation Sunday. We will be recognizing our ordained and licensed ministers at the beginning of each service.



JERICHO STUDY CHOICES

Study Choices for 5th grade through adults:

1. Why Jesus? (Alpha) - basics of Christianity, Rob Eshelman, Room 102
2. Intergenerational Conversations, Chris Reinford & Dean Sensenig - Sanctuary
3. Women of the Bible, multiple teachers, Room 103

Study Choice for age 16 and up:

4. Adverse Childhood Experiences: Making Pathways from the Past to the Future, Sarah Young, Room 100

Sunday, Oct 15

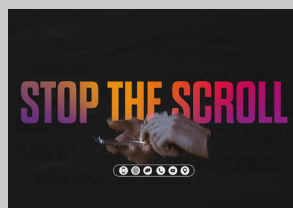
Title: Finding Rest

Scripture: [Matthew 11:28-30](#); [Jeremiah 6:16](#)

Focus: We rest by guarding our time from distracting activities.

Pastor Brian, speaking

Sermon Series



(Study Guide [HERE](#))

Sunday, Oct 15

Title: Put It Down

Scripture: [Philippians 4:6-9](#); [Proverbs 4:25-27](#)

Focus: Believers are offered the gift of God's presence, but we often settle for friendship with technology.

Pastor Brian, speaking

connect.

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)
Updates as of Oct 11, 2023

CARE:

Jewel Horst, surgery 10.13
Jim Staub, UPMC, Lititz

HANDBELLS FOR CHRISTMAS

Do you have interest in playing handbells during our 7pm, Classic Christmas Eve service? Rehearsals (times TBD) will begin in November! Please contact Dean at dean@ecob.church or 717-314-4318 for more info.

ART OF MARRIAGE STUDY

The Art of Marriage study is being offered, starting Tuesday, October 17, for 6 weeks from 6:45-8:15 pm at ECOB. Free childcare available. To register, contact Nancy Sensenig at (717)286-4715 or nancy.sensenig@gmail.com

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

MISSIONS BANQUET DATE CHANGE

Due to multiple scheduling conflicts that would prevent a large number of people from attending, the ECOB Missions Banquet has been changed to January 6, 2024. We do not like to change major events like this but also desire for as many people who have participated and supported ECOB missions to attend and believe this will enable that. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend as we celebrate all of our local, national, and global missions from 2023.



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Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)

NATIONAL MISSION TRIP

Sunday, Oct 8-14, 2023

Eastern Kentucky

The ECOB Missions Team is returning this weekend from their work in Eastern Kentucky. The group served with Brethren Disaster Ministries to rebuild homes damaged by deadly flooding in July 2022. Please pray for safe travels and boldness to share their stories of how God was working during the trip when they return.



COATS FOR KIDS

Saturday, Nov 4 | 7:00-10:00 am

Multipurpose & Community Rooms
Join us for a great opportunity to connect to and support families in our community in need of winter coats. Contact stacey@ecob.church.

We are collecting NEW or GENTLY used coats for kids/teens now through Nov 1. Used coats can be dropped at our partners at Modern Cleaners for cleaning.

TRUSTEE WORK DAY

Saturday, Oct 14 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
@ECOB

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





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.



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

Oct 15 - SNL (HS), 6-8pm @ECOB

Oct 21 - Corn Maze (IM/MS/HS),

@[Cherry Crest Farms](#), 6-9pm, Sign-up [HERE](#).

Oct 22 - SNL (HS) with YWAM, 6-8pm @ECOB

Oct 24 - Engage (IM/MS), 7:30-8pm @ECOB

Oct 29 - SNL (IM/MS/HS), 6-8pm @ECOB

Nov 5 - SNL (HS), 6-8pm @ECOB

Nov 10-12 - HS Fall Retreat - Sign-up [HERE](#).

Nov 14 - Engage (IM/MS), 6:30-8pm @ECOB

**ECOBKIDS
TOT LOT
TUESDAYS**

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
9:30-10:30 am
@ECOB Community Room
201 Crescent Ave, Ephrata

Free play for babies and preschoolers with an adult present. Coffee and conversation for the adults. Enter building from back parking lot. Open to the community!

ECOBYOUNGADULTS

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Sunday, Dec 24, 2023 | 3:00 pm | @ECOB

Your child is invited to participate in the service! We will be presenting a play, with speaking and non-speaking parts, and singing Christmas carols. Children with speaking parts will be required to come to a few Sunday morning practice sessions. All other participants are required to come to one dress rehearsal.

Questions can be directed to [Kelsey Ramer](#) (Drama Team Coordinator) or sign-up [HERE](#).

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

CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, Nov 5

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



SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP

Join us in Room 101 for this intergenerational Life Group on Sunday mornings!

WOMEN'S LIFE GROUP

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

Focus: The Chosen Series

Contact [Brigetta](#) for info and each location in the Ephrata/Lititz area

MONTHLY EVENTS

Wednesday, Oct 18 - Young Adult Trivia Night
@ORD, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

CAMP SWATARA
Youth Day [Sat, Oct 21](#)

CAMP WOODCREST
[Winter Camps](#)





ECOBMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Sat, Oct 21 & Nov 4 | 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 mafia boss
More Info [HERE](#).

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PRIME TIME OLDER ADULT BREAKFAST

Wednesday, Nov 8 | 8:30 am
@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant
Register by Nov 6 to Sam Frankhouser
(safh@ptd.net or 717-669-5720)

OLDER ADULT COFFEE HOUSE

Tuesday, Oct 17 | 2-3:30 pm
Lancaster CoB
A Celebration of the Music of Fanny Crosby!
More info [HERE](#).

ECOBWOMEN'S EVENT

Monday, Nov 6 | 7:00 pm
@ECOB
Back by popular demand, guest speaker LuAnn Wise.
Theme: "Onion or Parfait – We All Have Layers" (drama and teaching)
All ladies/girls in middle school and older.
More Info [HERE](#).

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ECOB CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

Wednesday, Nov 8 | 7:00 pm
@ECOB

The Congregational Forum is ECOB's business session. Congregation members vote on various items regarding church leadership, past meeting minutes, etc. In addition, the congregation hears reports from various standing committees, the Lead Pastor, and Leadership Team Chair.



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST

DISTRICT (ANE)

PA DISASTER RECOVERY

Volunteers and Groups are needed for rebuilding in southeast PA, as well as York and Berks Counties. Volunteers, skilled in general construction/ carpentry, as well as those willing to learn, are needed.

[More info.](#)

CoB DENOMINATION

CHILDREN'S DISASTER SERVICE

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

October 20 – 21, 2023
Bridgewater Church of the Brethren
420 College View Dr.

Bridgewater, VA 22812
More info and to register [HERE](#).

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN CORNER



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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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