

News & Events

Oct 26- Nov 8, 2023

ECOBMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, Jan 20

8:00 am-3:00 pm @ECOB

Guest Speaker: Michael Franzese,

This former "Prince of the Mafia" is now a man on a mission determined to use the compelling experiences of his former life for the benefit of others seeking redemption and forgiveness and continues to bring record attendance to events all over the country.

The day will include Mike Franzese sessions, worship, food, and giveaways. More Info [HERE](#).



ECOBWOMEN

**Onion or Parfait,
We All Have Layers**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6
7:00 PM @ECOB**

GUEST SPEAKER: LUANN WISE

All ladies, 6th grade and older,
are welcome.
Contact carol@ecob.church for more
info.

Back by popular demand, speaker, LuAnn Wise will present a drama and teaching: Onion or Parfait; We All Have Layers. This is a call to self-examination to peel away the layers that cover and hide the real you that God designed you to be.

This event is for all ladies from 6th grade and older. No RSVP needed. Please join us and invite a friend!
Contact: Carol Bowman, carol@ecob.church



2024 MEN'S CONFERENCE

**SATURDAY, JAN 20, 2024
8AM-3PM @ECOB**

GUEST SPEAKER, FOOD, GIVEAWAYS, AND
OTHER MANLY THINGS!

**OPEN FOR ALL GUYS IN
GRADES 6 AND UP.**



REGISTER NOW AT THE QR CODE OR AT WWW.ECOB.CHURCH.
EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT ENDS DECEMBER 19.
FOR GROUPS OF 4 OR MORE, CONTACT RYAN@ECOB.CHURCH
OR 717-201-0211 FOR DISCOUNTED RATES.

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER:



Sunday, Oct 29

(Study Guide [HERE](#))

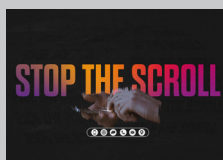
Series: Stop the Scroll

Title: Take a Deep Breath

Scripture: [1 Thessalonians 5:16-18](#);
[Acts 17:28](#)

Focus: Practice meditating on God with unbroken breath prayers.

Tom Strubel, speaking



Sunday, Nov 5

Series: Close Friends: Sharing Beyond Your Circles

Title: Jesus, Our Forever Friend **Scripture:** [Luke 5:1-11](#)

Focus: Jesus calls us out of our normal lives into something extraordinary. He wants to be our closest friend and will never let us go – calling us to something more – to encourage others to be his friend as well.

Pastor Brian, speaking

(Study Guide [HERE](#))

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)
Updates as of Oct 25, 2023

CARE:

Jewel Horst, now at home
Janice Thomas, surgery 10.23
Jeff Lindberg, Wellspan/Ephrata
Jim Staub, now at Lanc. Nursing & Rehab Center

Sympathy to Brian Kurtz on the death of his mother, Paula Kurtz, Oct. 16.

Thank you to the volunteers who faithfully mow the ECOB lawns – we appreciate you!

Alvin Oberholtzer, Andrew Oberholtzer, Marvin Fox, Ron Killian and substitutes, Doug Aungst and Todd Ream

Thank you to the volunteers who faithfully maintain the ECOB Flower beds – we appreciate you!
Mary Orndorff, Peg Schannauer, Sandy Jones, Connie Fink, Jill Martin

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.

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Please find a way to share your gratitude and appreciation with Pastor Brian and Pastor Ryan.

NEW MEMBERS

We'll be receiving new members on Sunday, Oct. 29 at both services. Our new members are:
Gary & Janelle Burkholder, Karen Good, Mary Keech, Linda Lintz, Charles & Amanda O'Malley, Joe & Tina Renz, Clayton & Vera Styer, Martha Zimmerman
Please join us in welcoming them as members of ECOB!



Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)



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.

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.

On Sunday, Oct 29, sign-up in the Community Room to help at the event.

Contact stacey@ecob.church.

2024 CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

We are in the process of making updates for the 2024 Church Directory. We need YOU to check your information and give us approval as listed or if changes/additions are needed. Stop by the table in the Community Room on Sunday to check your information, after which we will proceed with it as is. If you are unable to attend on Sunday and changes need to be made to your current listing, please email Carol@ecob.church with changes by November 13th. If you are fairly new to the ECOB church family and you wish to have your information included, we'd love to include your contact information! Please give us the needed info on the sheet provided on the table.

MUSIC/WORSHIP @ECOB

Are you interested in using your musical/technical gifts to praise God on Sunday mornings? There are a number of ways to do this!

Hymns and Hers is a vocal group that sings about once a month at the 8:30 am service and is looking for additional people to join. Participants should be able to work on their own to learn music given in advance.

Strings and Things is a instrumental group that plays on the 4th Sunday of the month at the 8:30 am service. All instruments are welcome. Music is given in advance.

Praise Band is always looking for those who can play an instrument or sing. This is an auditioned group.

Special Music opportunities are always available for those who are gifted vocally or instrumentally and wish to serve using their gifts.

Youth Praise Band is testing the waters to see if there are youth who are able and willing to look at starting a group to serve at SNL one Sunday a month. We are looking for vocalists and instrumentalists.

Sound/Lighting/Video Team is looking for additional people to help on Sunday mornings. Training will provide people of all skill levels the opportunity to learn the system and support our worship services.

If you are interested in any of these groups, reach out to Pastor Brian@ecob.church or Dean@ecob.church.



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. **NO KIDS CHURCH ON 10/29 DUE TO 5TH SUNDAY ACTIVITIES**
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](#))



Parent & Child Dedication

PARENT & CHILD DEDICATION

Sunday, Dec 10, 2023 | Both Services | @ECOB
As Brethren, we believe the choice to be baptized follows a personal decision and a confession of faith which infants are too young to make. We dedicate our children to the Lord in a Parent and Child Dedication service. Parents, extended family, and the church congregation will promise to nurture and raise the child to follow Jesus. Parent and Child Dedication may take place during either the 8:30 Worship service, or the 10:45 Worship service, depending which service the family attends. Sign-up [HERE](#) or contact [Michelle](#) for info or with questions.



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 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
- Nov 18 - Engage Event (IM/MS), 12-3 pm @ECOB
- Nov 19 - SNL (IM/MS/HS), 6-8pm @ECOB
- Nov 28 - Engage (IM/MS), 6:30-8pm @ECOB
- Dec 1-2 - All-Nighter with a Purpose (IM/MS/HS), @ECOB
5/6 Grades - 6-10pm, 7-12 Grades 6pm-6am
Sign-up [HERE](#).



ECOBYOUNGADULTS



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!

YOUNGADULT 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, Nov 15 - ECOBYOUNGADULT Trivia Night @ORD, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

CAMP SWATARA
October 2023 [Newsletter](#)

CAMP WOODCREST
[Journey to Bethlehem](#)





ECOBMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Sat, Nov 4 & 18 | 7:00 am
@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant
RSVP to ryan@ecob.church

ECOBMEN'S WORSHIP NIGHT

Tues, Nov 7 | 7:00 pm
@Javateas Pavilion
1 Dutchland Ave, Ephrata, PA
Contact [Pastor Ryan](#) for info.

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)

PRIME TIME OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Dec 13
12:00-3:00 pm
@ECOB
More Info to Come.

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, Pastor Brian, and Leadership Team Chair.


ECOB FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our first quarter fiscal year 2023-2024 ended on 09/30/2023 with Total Giving behind budget by (-\$36,711.54) or -20.1%. Although Expenses are running -1.6% below budget or (-\$2,981.65), Expenses exceed Total Giving by \$40,422.62. Our \$730,000 budget includes many ministries that we feel the Lord is guiding us to accomplish. I am asking each of you to seek God's will as it relates to your giving. Pray that we can proceed with our faith-based budget. A Financial Summary Report is available upon request. Blessings - Rich Bealer, Treasurer.



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE)
THE WALKING ROOTS BAND AND THE SOIL AND THE SEED PROJECTWEEKEND
NOV 11 & 12 | [Etown CoB](#)
Children's Creativity Workshop and Concert weekend events.
More Info [HERE](#).

CoB DENOMINATION FAITHX: FAITH OUTREACH EXPEDITIONS
Short-term service opportunities for youth, young adults, and adults. 2024 FAITHX Registration is now open!
NEW! Older adult service opportunity (age 55 plus)
Find out more [HERE](#).



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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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