

News & Events

Nov 9-22, 2023

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 an 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.



ECOB FALL WORK DAY
Saturday, Nov 11
8:00 am-12:00 pm @ECOB

Various levels of tasks available. Any amount of time you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Sunday, Nov 12 - Series: Close Friends:

Sharing Beyond Your Circles

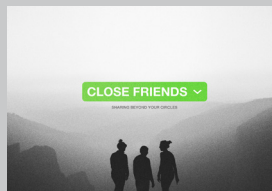
Title: Bound Together

Scripture: [Ecclesiastes 4:9-12](#)

Focus: No one is closer to you than God; however, he calls us to develop relationships with others that will foster a strong and growing community of believers.

Pastor Brian, speaking

Sermon Series



(Study Guide [HERE](#))

Sunday, Nov 19

Series: Close Friends: Sharing Beyond Your Circles

Title: Branching Out

Scripture: [John 15:13-17, 27](#); [Psalm 139:5](#)

Focus: Being sent ones, our mission should be to make more disciples, which in turn requires us to make new friends.

Pastor Brian, speaking

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)
Updates as of Nov 8, 2023

CARE:

Delores White, surgery Nov 8, Ephrata Wellspan
Audi Trees, surgery Nov 10
Jeff Lindberg, Ephrata Wellspan, surgery Nov 10

Sympathy to Linda Fahnestock and family on the death of her daughter-in-law, Christine Stewart.

Thank you to the church family for the cards and all of the kindness you've shown to me on the passing of my mother. -Brian Kurtz

Card shower for Art and Mary Belle Graybill's 70th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 21.
Mail cards to: 210 Stevens Rd., Stevens, PA 17578

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you are no longer using envelopes or would like to be added to receive a box of offering envelopes, please contact Cindy@ecob.church.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas on Monday, Nov 27, beginning at 9AM. Any help is appreciated! Please contact Dean Sensenig, dean@ecob.church, 717-314-4318.

PLASTIC BAG REUSE

Mountaineers' Table needs plastic store bags to use during food distribution. They can be placed outside the MT closet to the right of the main Sanctuary Door in the Community Room.

Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)

THANK YOU to those who donated and served to help us distribute 135 coats at the Coats for Kids event on Nov 4!

BLESSING TREE FOR MOUNTAINEERS' TABLE

Sundays, Nov 26-Dec 3

@ECOB Community Room

Help us bless each child in our Mountaineers' Table program with a Christmas gift for them. Please sign out each tag you take on the papers provided by the tree. All gifts must be returned by Dec 10 under the tree.



MITTEN TREE BEGINS

Nov 26-Dec 31 | @ECOB Community Room
We collect warm hats, gloves, scarves and socks to hang from the trees in the Whistle Stop Plaza for those who may need a warm item this winter. If you would like to help hang items downtown, please contact Peg Schannauer at pschannauer@gmail.com.

CITY GATE LUNCH

Saturday, Dec 2 | 9:30 am-1:30 pm

On Nov 19 & 26, sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Community Room to serve meals or donate food. For more info or questions, contact [Stacey Coldiron](#).



ENGAGE EVENT for 5th & 6th graders
Saturday, November 18
12:00-3:00 pm @ECOB



Theme of the Day: Thankful and Blessed
5th and 6th Grade ECOBYOUTH will be making Chicken Pot Pie as well as a Turkey craft for EASS Meals on Wheels to include in the Thanksgiving meal bags.

Quart containers of Chicken Pot Pie will be available to the congregation on Sunday, November 19 for a suggested donation of \$7.00.

Proceeds will go to Ephrata Area Social Services.



EPHRATA AREA SOCIAL SERVICES



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](#))



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

Nov 10-12 - HS Fall Retreat

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

Nov 18 - Engage Event (IM), 12-3 pm @ECOB

Contact [Chris](#) to sign-up.

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](#).

Dec 3 - 412 Event, 6:-8:30pm @ECOB



ECOBYOUNGADULTS



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

CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, Dec 3

@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
2024 [Calendar](#) of Events

CAMP WOODCREST
[Journey to Bethlehem](#)

grow.



ECOBMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Sat, Nov 18 & Dec 2 | 7:00 am

@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant

RSVP to ryan@ecob.church

PRIME TIME OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Dec 13 12:00-3:00 pm

@ECOB

More Info to Come.

ECOBWOMEN'S BREAKFAST & OUTREACH

Saturday, Jan 13 | 9:00 am @ECOB

More Info to Come.

ECOBMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, Jan 20 8:00 am-3:00 pm @ECOB

Guest Speaker: Michael Franzese, Former mafia boss

More Info [HERE](#).

live.



ECOB CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, Dec 3 | 6:00 pm

@ECOB Community Room

We will leave at 6pm. Please bring a small gift to share, your flashlights and jingle bells! Please contact Dean Sensenig if you are planning to attend.

dean@ecob.church

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP UPDATES

At ECOB, we desire for everyone to have a connection to a Life Group in order to continue to grow in their Christian walk. If you are currently leading a group outside of Sunday morning or are involved in a group that isn't just people from ECOB, please contact [Sharon Myers](#) with your information.



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST

DISTRICT (ANE)

BRETHREN VILLAGE'S 2023 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, Dec 2 | 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Wolfe Auditorium (6 Conestoga Dr, Lititz), Brethren Villiage

More Bazaar Info [HERE](#)

Cookie Donation Info [HERE](#)

CoB DENOMINATION

ANE National Older Adult Conference (NOAC) bus travelers celebrated their safe return from Lake Junaluska, NC.

Thank you to Sam and Kathy Frankhouser for hosting the trip.



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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