

News & Events

Dec 7-20, 2023

CHRISTMAS @ECOB

SUNDAY, DEC 24, 2023

10:00 am One Worship @ECOB Sanctuary
(No Life Groups or ECOBKIDS offerings)

3:00 pm Family Service @ECOB Sanctuary
Kids/Youth Drama & music

5:00 pm Community Service

Outdoors @Ephrata Whistle Stop Downtown
Weather permitting. Heaters provided.

Updates will be posted on ECOB social media.

7:00 pm Classic Service @ECOB Sanctuary

All evening services include candlelighting, cookies, & cocoa.

5:00 pm service will be available live on Facebook. All other services will be on Facebook, Vimeo, and YouTube. Share the [Facebook event](#) to invite others!



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVE TEAM

There are a variety of areas in which you can serve at our Christmas Eve Services. Sign up using the link [HERE](#) or stop by the Welcome Desk.

Sunday, Dec 10

Series: Advent: The Light Has Come

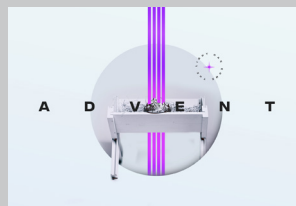
Title: Today Is The Day

Scripture: [Matthew 25:1-13](#)

Focus: We will see every day as an opportunity to live lives that reflect God's kingdom until his return.

Pastor Brian, speaking

Sermon Series



(Study Guide [HERE](#))

Sunday, Dec 17

Series: Advent: The Light Has Come

Title: God Provides

Scripture: [Isaiah 40:28-31](#)

Focus: We will wait on the Lord because we know that God will always provide.

Pastor Brian, speaking

connect.

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)

Updates as of Dec 6, 2023

CARE:

Jeff Lindberg, now at Sinking Spring Rehab

Clara Ruth, now at The Gardens, Stevens

Owen Lyons, now at home

Alice Stephany, surgery 12.11.23, Hershey Med Cntr

To the church family; We appreciate and thank you for so many beautiful cards and the expressions of love that we received for our special 70th Wedding Anniversary. Many blessings to all, Art & Mary Belle Graybill

DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONAL

The Daily Bread devotionals for December--February are available to pick up in the Community Room.

ECOB WORK DAY

Saturday, Dec 9 | 8:00 am-12:00 pm
All are welcome to join the Trustees to help with work needed around the church building.

CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING BAPTISM

If you would like to be baptized on Christmas morning at the 10:00 am Service, contact Pastor Brian or complete this form [HERE](#) by Dec 17.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

ECOB follows the Ephrata Area School District schedule for closings or delays of events, office hours, or evening activities due to inclement weather. On the weekends, decisions will be made by the Trustee, LT Chair, and Pastor Brian. Contact your ministry leader concerning ministry team meetings. Notifications of delays or cancellations will be posted on the ECOB Facebook and Instagram.



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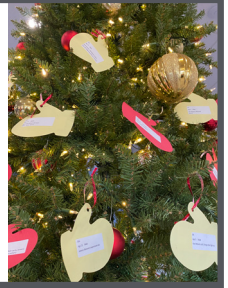
Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)

BLESSING TREE FOR MOUNTAINEERS' TABLE

RETURN GIFTS by Sunday, Dec 10

@ECOB Community Room

All gifts must be returned by Dec 10 under the tree.



CHRISTMAS CHEER BAGS

Sunday, Dec 3-17 | @Community Room

These bags are given to those in our church family who we want to bless with some extra Christmas cheer. Pick up the list of names at the Welcome Desk or email [Carol](#) for a digital copy

Place your cards and/or small gift items in the bags located on the shelves in the Community Room between Sunday, Dec 3rd and Dec 17th.

Please note, all cards must be in prior to the second service on the 17th as bags are picked up following Life Group for delivery.

Would you deliver one or more of these bags to pass on the Christmas Cheer? Please sign the sheet on the shelf in the Community Room and remember to take your bag to deliver.

MITTEN TREE BEGINS

Sundays, Dec 3-31 | @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.



ECOB PRESENTS THE 2023

MISSIONS BANQUET

SAT, JAN 6 @ 6:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO SERVE, SUPPORT, OR WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND GLOBAL MISSIONS AT ECOB.

- AUTHENTIC AFGHAN CUISINE
- SPECIAL AWARDS
- GAMES
- VIDEO MONTAGE
- GUEST SPEAKER

RSVP BY DEC 30 HERE:





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](#))

ECOBKIDS
Volunteer
Coffee Hour
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
9:00 - 11:00
CHILDREN'S CENTER
KITCHEN

PARENT & CHILD DEDICATION

Sunday, Dec 10
10:45 Service
@ECOB

LIGHTS
of Christmas
PROGRAM
THE BIRTH OF JESUS BRIGHTENS OUR WORLD
PRESENTED BY ECOBKIDS AND ECOBYOUTH

Family Christmas Eve Service
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
3:00 PM
WATCH OUR CHRISTMAS DRAMA, SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS, AND ENJOY SOME COOKIES AND COCOA!



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

- Sun, Dec 10 - HS SNL, 6-8pm @ECOB
- Tues, Dec 12 - Engage (IM/MS), 6:30-8pm @ECOB
- Sun, Dec 17 - SNL Christmas (IM/MS/HS), 5-8pm @ECOB
- Sun, Jan 7 - SNL (IM/MS/HS), 6-8pm @ECOB
- Tues, Jan 9 - Engage (IM/MS), 6:30-8pm @ECOB
- Sun, Jan 14 - HS SNL, 6-8pm @ECOB
- Sun, Jan 21 - HS SNL, 6-8pm @ECOB
- Tues, Jan 23 - Engage (IM/MS), 6:30-8pm @ECOB
- Sun, Jan 28 - Snow Tubing (IM/MS/HS), 1-8pm
- Sat, Feb 10 - Engage Event (IM), 11am-2pm @ECOB



ECOBYOUNGADULTS



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

ECOBYOUNGADULT RETREAT

Fri-Sun, Jan 5-7



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, Dec 20 - ECOBYOUNGADULT Trivia Night @ORD, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

CAMP SWATARA
2024 [Calendar](#) of Events

CAMP WOODCREST
[Journey to Bethlehem](#)





ECOBMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Sat, Dec 16 & Jan 6 | 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

A delicious lunch followed by entertainment. RSVP to Linda by Dec 10 and get more info at the Welcome Desk.

ECOBWOMEN'S BREAKFAST & OUTREACH

Saturday, Jan 13 | 9:00 am @ECOB

More Info to Come.

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ADVENT DAILY DEVOTIONAL

A new Advent Daily Devotional is available at no cost with donations welcome. This resource was written by other Church of the Brethren members. Contact [Pastor Ryan](#) with questions.

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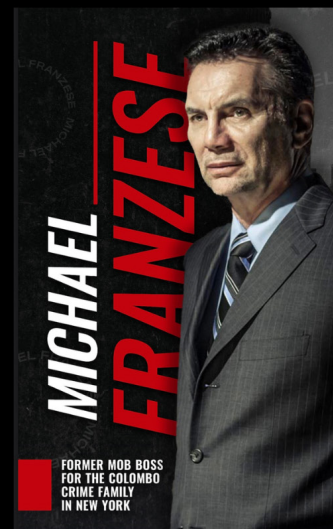
FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER:

2024 MEN'S CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, JAN 20, 2024 8AM-3PM @ECOB 201 CRESCENT AVE EPHRATA, PA 17522

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. FOR GROUP OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, CONTACT RYAN@ECOB.CHURCH OR 717-201-0211.



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE) JOB OPENING

The ANE District is seeking a new Director of Finance. All inquires should be directed to District Executive, Pete Kontra. Get more information [HERE](#).

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN JOB OPENINGS

The following positions are open:
Director of Brethren Historical Library & Archives
Director of Intercultural Ministries
Brethren Volunteer Service
BVS Orientation Assistant
Assistant FaithX Coordinator
BDM Rebuilding Volunteer



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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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