

News & Events

Jan 18-31, 2024

MICHAEL FRANZESE COMES TO ECOB

ECOB MEN'S CONFERENCE

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

There is still time for men ages 6th grade and older to sign-up for this unforgettable men's conference at ECOB. The day will include Mike Franzese sessions, worship, food, and giveaways. Register [HERE](#) now! For groups of four or more, contact ryan@ecob.church for group discounts.

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 by speaking worldwide. You will not want to miss this amazing story of transformation and healing, only found in Jesus!

ECOB WORSHIP

Sunday, Jan 21 | Both Services

Michael Franzese will also be preaching at both services on Sunday as our Our House series continues. See more info below on the topic.

BREAD AND CUP COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, Jan 28 | Both ECOB Services

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER:



Sunday, Jan 21

Title: Community

Scripture: [Ephesians 4:1-6](#)

Focus: By pursuing unity and a spirit of humility, we can unleash the indispensable power of the local church to grow and change us into more Christ-like people through godly community. Michael Franzese, speaking

Sermon

Series:
Our House



(Study Guide [HERE!](#))

Sunday, Jan 28

Series: Commandments

Scripture: [Matthew 22:34-40](#)

Focus: Jesus cuts through confusion and complexity to focus our lives on two all-encompassing truths that are meant to work together: love God and love others. Pastor Brian, speaking

connect.

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)
Updates as of Jan 17, 2024

CARE:

David Young, now at Zerbe Sisters Home

Thank you for the Christmas Cheer bag and all of the lovely cards. What a blessing! -Brian Kurtz

Sympathy to Bonnie Showalter & Jim Kidwell on the death of Bonnie's father, James Edwin Harting.

CINDY OUT OF THE OFFICE

Cindy Zimmerman, our Coordinator of Operations, will be on medical leave until further notice. When she is back "online" we will be sure to communicate that to the congregation. If you need to reserve the facility, please email her at cindy@ecob.church and she will respond once she returns. If it is a scheduling emergency, please contact Pastor [Brian](#).

DIVORCECARE

Tuesdays, Feb 13-May 7 | 6:30-8:00 pm @ECOB
DivorceCare was created to help people find hope and healing after divorce or separation. Get more information or register [HERE](#). Child care can be provided by request. Contact Jeff Zimmerman at jlz490@aol.com or 717-368-2882.

WALKING WEDNESDAYS

All are welcome at ECOB every Wednesday, from 9:00 to 11:00 am, when the church is open to walk inside. Walk the loop from the Community Room — Life Group Wing — through the Sanctuary for some exercise even while it is cold outside.



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Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)



2024 GLOBAL MISSION TRIPS INFO MEETING

Sunday, Feb 4 | 9:45 -10:15 am
@ECOB Community Room

All are welcome to learn more about what the DR and Peru teams will be doing, initial timeline and cost, and how to sign-up. Contact Pastor [Brian](#) or [Dean](#) with questions.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Sunday, Feb 4 | 3-8pm @ECOB

We will again be packing meals for children worldwide to help eliminate hunger! This event is for all ages 4 and up in four 1-hour shifts. Register in the Community Room on January 21st or 28th or online [HERE!](#) Contact [Stacey](#) with questions.



ENGAGE EVENT CHILI BY DONATION

Sun, Feb 11 | Between services

@ECOB Community Room

Saturday, Feb 10 from 1:00-3:00 pm, our 5th and 6th graders will be making chili and cornbread and Valentine's crafts for Meals on Wheels. Pints of chili and cornbread will be available by donation on Sunday while supplies last. Donations will go to the EASD Student Lunch Debt.

JERICO

Tuesdays, Feb 20 - Mar 20

Light supper at 5:45, study options from 6:30-7:30. All ages welcome. Child Care is provided. Study option information coming soon!





kids through grade 4

Contact: [Michelle Nolt](#), Coordinator

Parents: Check in by Kid's Entrance **PRIOR** to Service

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.

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!

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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, 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

Sign-up [HERE!](#)

Sat, Feb 10 - Engage Event (IM), 1-3pm @ECOB

Sun, Feb 11 - HS SNL, 6-8pm @ECOB

Tues, Feb 13 - Engage (IM/MS), 6:30-8pm @ECOB

Fri-Sun, Feb 16-18 - Winter Retreat (MS/HS) Sign-up [HERE!](#)

Sun, Feb 25 - HS SNL (IM/MS/HS), 6-8pm @ECOB

Tues, Feb 27 - Engage (IM/MS), 6:30-8pm @ECOB



ECOBYOUNGADULTS



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

CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, Feb 4

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



SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP

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

ECOBYOUNGADULTS 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, Feb 21- Trivia Night @[ORD](#), 6:30 - 8:30 pm

ECOBYOUTH SNOW TUBING TRIP

SUNDAY
JANUARY 28TH
FOR GRADES 5-12

SIGN UP NOW!



CAMP SWATARA
2024 [Calendar](#) of Events

CAMP WOODCREST
The Woods [Youth Night](#) Feb 7

grow.



ECOBMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Saturday, Feb 3 & 17
7:00 am

@Gus's Keystone Family
Restaurant

RSVP to ryan@ecob.church

PRIME TIME OLDER ADULT BREAKFAST @GUS'S

Wednesday, Feb 14 | 8:30 am

@Gus's Keystone Family
Restaurant

Register by Feb 12 with Sam Frankhouser
(safh@ptd.net or 717-669-5720)

ECOBWOMEN'S POTLUCK & BOOK EXCHANGE

Monday, Feb 5 | 6:00 pm
@ECOB

A fun night of connecting and fellowship!

Bring a covered dish to share.
Bring a book to exchange - bring 1 book / take 1 book. Optional!
We'll take time to give a brief reason why the book was good or impactful to you.

Please RSVP at the Welcome Desk or online [HERE](#) by Friday, Feb 2.
Contact Carol@ecob.church with questions.

ECOBMEN'S WORSHIP NIGHT

Tuesday, Feb 6 | 7:00 pm
@Javateas Pavilion
Contact [Ryan](#) with questions.

SAVE THE DATE: ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, Feb 14 | 7:00 pm
@ECOB

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Praise God for HIS Faithfulness! And Praise God for YOUR Faithfulness to His Kingdom! As we ended the 2nd Fiscal Quarter - Our Giving now exceeds our expenses by +\$29,088.20. We are only -(\$3,184.08) below our Giving Budget, or -0.8%. Our Expenses are also below budget by -(\$17,401.77) or -4.8%. A Summary Financial Report is available upon request.

Please note: The 2023 Giving Statements will be sent out by email during the week of 1/21/2024. If you do not have an email address, it will be mailed.
- Rich Bealer, Treasurer

ECOBWOMEN'S EXPO/ MAKER'S MARKET

Saturday, May 11
9:00 am - 12:00 pm @ECOB
Info coming soon for vendors to reserve your spot!



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE)

2025 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

The ANE Gifts Discernment Team requests your assistance as we prayerfully invite pastors, leaders and church members to serve by volunteering for various 2025 District Leadership positions.
Info [HERE](#).

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE (YAC)

May 24-26, 2024
Shepherd's Spring Camp & Retreat Center near Sharpsburg, MD
YAC offers people ages 18-35 a chance to enjoy fellowship, worship, recreation, Bible study, service projects and more.
Registration and info [HERE](#).

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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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