

News & Events

Feb 1-14, 2024

ECOB 125TH ANNIVERSARY REFLECTION:

LOVE FEAST By Anne Brubaker

This past year, I attended Love Feast for the first time with my daughter. We hear in the Bible about the washing of feet, but words can't truly explain how humbling it is to wash someone's feet. Listening to the beautiful hymns and witnessing the people around you washing each other's feet was so moving. Seeing my little girl wrap the apron around her waist and wash another little girl's feet brought me to tears. Sharing this time of fellowship with members of our church to do as Jesus would if he were to worship with us, was so beautiful. This humbling and meaningful tradition is an impactful reminder of how we should love each other. I was so fortunate to experience Love Feast for the first time with my daughter and my church family.

COMING SOON: JERICHO

Tuesdays, Feb 20 - Mar 19

Light supper at 5:45, study options from 6:30-7:30.

All ages welcome. Child Care is provided. Study option information can be found [HERE!](#)



EPHRATA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN @125

Sunday, Feb 4

Title: Collaboration

Scripture: [Acts 6:1-7](#)

Focus: Collaboration allows us to work together to seek the good of our community and expand the reach of the gospel message as we live and serve in the here and now.

Pastor Brian, speaking

Sermon

Series:
Our House



(Study Guide [HERE!](#))

Sunday, Feb 11

Series: Commitment

Scripture: [Luke 9:57-62](#)

Focus: When we are called by Jesus to live for him, there is no turning back.

Chris Reinford, speaking

connect.

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)
Updates as of Jan 31, 2024

CARE:

Jeff Lindberg, now at home
Art Graybill, now at home

Thank you: I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards I received and enjoyed so very much. I looked at every card several times. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is very much appreciated! May God bless everyone in the New Year! - Clara Ruth

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.

TRUSTEE WORK DAY

Saturday, Feb 10 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm @ECOB
All are welcome to join the Trustees to help with work needed around the church building.

SAVE THE DATE: ECOB VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET

Tuesday, Apr 9 | 6:00 pm
(Details and sign up coming soon.)



radiate.

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! All volunteer spots are filled but you can still help donate to support the event [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.



REGISTER
HERE
NOW!

All those
who serve at
ECOB are
invited to
attend this
event.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT @ECOB
SAT, FEB 24 | 8:30 AM-12:30 PM



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.



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

Sat, Feb 10 - Engage Event (IM), 1-3pm @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 - SNL (IM/MS/HS), 6-8pm @ECOB

Focus: What is Godly Love?

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

Sun, Mar 3 - Engage Event (IM/MS), 12-3pm @ECOB

Sun, Mar 3 - HS SNL, 6-8pm @ECOB

Sun, Mar 10 - HS SNL, 6-8pm @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!

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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

ECOBKIDS OPTIONS

Tuesdays, Feb 20 - Mar 19

Light supper @5:45,
Studies @6:30-7:30.
Chimes & Drama
Signup [HERE](#) by Feb 3

JERICHO

CAMP SWATARA
Summer Job [Opportunities](#)

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 Sunday, Feb 4. 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

CUSTODIAL SERVICES

Over the last couple of years, we have enjoyed the gifts and service of Sherry March as our Cleaning Support person at ECOB. Over the last couple of months, we have been blessed by Jeff Brubaker, who felt called to serve our congregation through cleaning the church a couple times a week. We were blessed by his sacrifice and service. Recently, we were able to hire Mahalo Cleaning & Services to serve our congregation and our cleaning needs. This company has a great reputation in our area. They will typically be in the church on Mondays and Fridays. If you see them around, be sure to say "hi" to them.

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) CHANGE IN DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2024 DATE

Due to a calendar change for Elizabethtown College, please note ANE District Conference will now be October 11 and 12, 2024. Read more about the theme [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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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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