

News & Events

Feb 15-28, 2024

JERICHO Tuesdays, Feb 20 - Mar 19 | Light supper at 5:45, study options from 6:30-7:30. All ages welcome.

5th GRADE AND UP OFFERINGS AVAILABLE:

1. **Andy Stanley's "Why Easter?"** (5th Grade and up) - Video followed by small group discussion. We will look at key people in the story of Jesus' crucifixion and how their actions and mistakes are still made by us today.
2. **In-depth Study of James** (9th grade and up) - led by Pastor Brian
3. **Parent Toolbox: Co-parenting, Temperament, Birth Order, Child Development and Building Parenting Skills** (Adults only) - led by Sarah Young
4. **Treasured Mother and Daughter Study** - (4th grade-6th grade girls) Registration is required and is closed.

K-4th GRADE OFFERINGS AVAILABLE: (5th grade and older must attend one of the offerings above.)

1. **Weird But True: Holy Week Edition** (Grades K-4)- Each night children will walk through a different aspect of Holy Week. The nights include a short Bible story, games, crafts, and time for free play.
2. **Easter Drama Team:** (Grades K-12) Pre-registration is closed and is required to participate.
3. **ECOBKIDS Chime Choir:** (Grades 1-6) Pre-registration is closed and is required to participate.

BIRTH - PREK OFFERING AVAILABLE:

1. **Holy Week for Littles** - Each night will include short, play based lessons about Holy Week in the Blue Room.



Sunday, Feb 18

Title: God Stays!

Scripture: [Daniel 9:3-19](#)

Focus: We can trust that God does not abandon us because of our sin. Instead, we can confess our sins and be confident that he is faithful to forgive.
Pastor Ryan, speaking

Sermon

Series:

Ashes to Ashes



(Study Guide [HERE](#))

Sunday, Feb 25

Title: Remember your past, live in the present, and hope for the future!

Scripture: [Psalm 77:1-20](#)

Focus: We frequently fall into the trap of despair when we contemplate our sin or the evil in the world, but we must remind ourselves of God's faithfulness in the past so that we can trust him in the present. Pastor Brian, speaking

connect.

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)

Updates as of Feb 14, 2024

CARE:

Diane Burkholder, Ephrata Wellspan

Sympathy to the family and friends of Clara Ruth, who passed away Feb 8.

Sympathy to Lisa Witmer and family on the death of her husband, Richard Witmer, Feb 3.

The Daily Bread devotionals for March-May are available in the community room.

"Thank you so much to the wonderful person who sent me a beautiful flower arrangement. It was thoughtful and kind and definitely brightened my day! I would love to know who it was that sent them, but the mystery and surprise is fun! Thank you again!" - Amy Emrey

2024 CHURCH DIRECTORIES are now available! Pick one up in the Community Room. If your contact information is incorrect in the 2024 Church Directory, please contact Carol Bowman, carol@ecob.church, with the correct information.

CINDY OUT OF THE OFFICE

Continue to pray for Cindy Zimmerman who is out of the office and on medical leave until further notice. 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](#).

TRUSTEE WORK DAY

Saturday, Mar 9 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm @ECOB

All are welcome to join the Trustees to help with work needed around the church building.



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Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)

CHILI ENGAGE EVENT

A huge thank you for the \$770 that was raised through the congregation's donations for chili and cornbread made by some of our 5th and 6th grade ECOBYOUTH! Proceeds were sent to the EASD Student Lunch Debt.



2024 GLOBAL MISSION TRIPS REGISTRATION

The registration forms are out for our summer 2024 Global Missions Trips. Complete [this form](#) to start the process. Contact Pastor [Brian](#) or [Dean](#) with questions.

ADAPTED EGG HUNT

Saturday, Mar 23 | 1:00-3:00 pm

@ECOB Indoors

Adapted Egg Hunt to accommodate kids with disabilities from ages 3-8.

RSVP required [HERE](#) - two sessions, each accepting up to 25 children.

To help to serve at this event, contact [Stacey](#) or sign-up in the Community Room on March 10 & 17.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: ECOB FRONT DESK VOLUNTEER

There is an opportunity open for a permanent person to serve at the ECOB Front Desk from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm on the 1st Wednesdays of each month and the 5th Tuesdays when they occur. Contact Brigetta brigetta@ecob.church with questions or to sign-up.



LEADERSHIP RETREAT @ECOB SAT, FEB 24 | 8:30 AM-12:00 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.

ECOBKIDS TOT LOT

Tuesdays, Feb 20 & Mar 5 | 9:30-10:30 am

@ECOB Community Room

Free play for babies and preschoolers with an adult present. Coffee and Conversation for the adults.

COMING SOON: EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, Mar 23 | *10:00 am-12:00 pm

Families from ECOBKIDS, ECOBCC, & Mountaineers' Table are invited to this Easter Egg Hunt.

Come and hear the Easter story, hunt for eggs, and make crafts. More info and registration [HERE](#).

WE NEED SOMEBUNNY LIKE YOU!

EGG HUNT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



For more information contact michelle@ecob.church



CAMP SWATARA
Summer Job [Opportunities](#)

CAMP WOODCREST
[Spring Senior Day](#) Mar 11



*Indicates a time change from the All Church Calendar



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

Fri-Sun, Feb 16-18 - Winter Retreat (MS/HS)

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

Focus: What is Godly Love?

Tues, Feb 27 - Engage (IM/MS), *7:30-8pm @ECOB

Sun, Mar 3 - Engage Bowling (IM/MS), 12-2pm @ECOB

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

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

Tues, Mar 12 - Engage (IM/MS), *7:30-8pm @ECOB

Sun, Mar 17 - HS SNL, 6-8pm @ECOB

Sun, Mar 24 - SNL (IM/MS/HS), 6-8pm @ECOB



ECOBYOUNGADULTS



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

CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, Mar 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!

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



ECOBMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Saturday, Feb 17 & Mar 2
7:00 am

@Gus's Keystone Family
Restaurant

RSVP to ryan@ecob.church

ECOBMEN'S MASTER CLASS - CAR MAINTENANCE

Saturday, Mar 9 | 7:00 am

@ECOB

Contact [Ryan](#) with questions.

PRIME TIME OLDER ADULT BREAKFAST @GUS'S

Wednesday, Mar 6 | 8:30 am

@Gus's Keystone Family
Restaurant

Register by March 4 with Sam Frankhouser at safh@ptd.net or 717-669-5720.

ECOBWOMEN'S HERBS & OILS OF THE BIBLE

Saturday, Mar 16 | 10:00 am
@ECOB

Guest speaker, Char Burkholder will teach us about herbs and oils of the Bible AND have samples for us! It will be a relaxed, fun time to connect with one another.

Drinks/coffee will be served. This event is for ages 12 +. No child care available

Please RSVP [HERE](#), or sign up at the Welcome Desk, by Sunday, March 10th.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Bowman at carol@ecob.church.

SAVE THE DATE: ECOB VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET

Tuesday, Apr 9 | 6:00 pm

(Details and sign up coming soon.)

ART OF MARRIAGE

Thursday, Apr 4 - Thursday, May 9 | 6:45-8:15 pm @ECOB

Led by Mike and Nancy Sensenig, Art of Marriage is designed to inspire and equip couples, whether newly married, seasoned, empty nesters, or part of a blended family. Reconnect and thrive together in the beautiful masterpiece of a God-designed marriage with Art of Marriage. Free childcare available. To register, contact Nancy Sensenig at nancy.sensenig@gmail.com, or 717-286-4715.

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)

ANE DISTRICT JOB OPENING

ANE District seeks a Director of Finance. All inquires should be directed to District Executive Minister, Pete Kontra at Pkontra@ane-cob.org or 717-367-4730. More info on the position [HERE](#).

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS

The Church of the Brethren awards a limited number of scholarships each year to individuals enrolled in a nursing program. Nominees must be members of the Church of the Brethren. Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted by April 1. Get 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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