

# News & Events

Feb 29-Mar 13, 2024

## **ECOB 125TH ANNIVERSARY REFLECTION** By Marty Wenger

60 years ago, my husband, Mel, and I returned to his hometown, Ephrata, to begin his veterinary practice. I was raised in a Presbyterian Church that gave me a wonderful faith base. Mel had a long Brethren tradition. My grandparents were Brethren, so I was familiar with the denomination and had no second thoughts about joining with Mel. Though I was baptized as a baby and confirmed my vows at 14, the Brethren then required adult immersion for members. Renewal of my baptism was spiritually meaningful.

There were differences then. Everyone “dressed up” for church. Dresses, hats, gloves for women, suits and ties for men - although a few still dressed plain. Women were required to wear coverings for Love Feast. Sunday services were morning and evening. Prayer services every Wednesday. Sunday School (SS) classes were big and active, supporting missionaries and church and community needs.

As we raised our 3 daughters, ECOB was the center of our family life. We all found our closest friends at church. Spiritual and social activities were focused there. We became involved in commissions, SS, Youth Fellowship, Bible school, choirs, work groups, missions, giving, and outreach. The countless members and unique pastors that encouraged us, shared wisdom, showed the way of faith, gave different perspectives, forgave us, walked along side us, were generous and loving - that has been the greatest gift and legacy of ECOB. These beautiful, intentional relationships made me realize an important aspect of a successful church family. It is built on those who contribute to the good of the body because they love God and are willing to give of themselves to see the body flourish. They stay through thick and thin to witness to their faith.

I am grateful that God has granted me a long life to look back and appreciate how ECOB has formed and informed me. The faith journey is one of fellowship. Without each other we never reach our full potential. The impact of ECOB on me has been bedrock and substantial. I rejoice in the young, vibrant individuals and families following after us “older” saints. I have all hope that they will experience this same impact and carry it on, to “The Glory of God and Our Neighbors’ Good”.

### **Sunday, Mar 3**

**Title:** God Delivers!

**Scripture:** [Psalm 121:1-8](#)

**Focus:** We can trust that God is able to deliver us from all our enemies, both internal and external.

Pastor Brian, speaking

### **Sermon Series:**

**Ashes to Ashes**



(Study Guide [HERE](#))

### **Sunday, Mar 10**

**Title:** Turn the Page!

**Scripture:** [Joel 2:12-27](#)

**Focus:** God is forgiving and brings restoration when we repent of our sins and turn to him.

**Focus:** Cody Heagy, speaking

# connect.

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)

CARE: None as of Feb 28, 2024

**THANK YOU** for the Christmas Cheer Bag and all of the lovely cards.  
-Betty Gross

## REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM

Redner's helps non-profits in the community with their Save-A-Tape program. Use your Redner's card with each purchase, in order for it to count. If you do not have a card, get one at the store office. Submit your receipts in the "Redner's/SAVE A TAPE" collection box in the ECOB Community Room. ECOB receives 1% of the Save-A-Tape total to benefit various ECOB Ministries! Questions? Contact Katy Roark.

## CINDY ON MEDICAL LEAVE

Cindy is working from home now. If you need her, please email [cindy@ecob.church](mailto:cindy@ecob.church).

## TRUSTEE WORK DAY

Saturday, Mar 9 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
@ECOB  
All are welcome help!

## ART OF MARRIAGE

Thursday, Apr 4 - Thursday, May 9 |  
6:45-8:15 pm @ECOB  
Free childcare available. To register, contact Nancy Sensenig at [nancy.sensenig@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.sensenig@gmail.com), or 717-286-4715.

## ECOB 125th ANNIVERSARY CHOIR

A choir is being formed to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the ECOB congregation and will be singing at the 7pm worship service on Friday, Apr 26 as the weekend festivities begin. The choir will rehearse on Sundays, Apr 14 and 21, 1:00-2:30pm, and there will be a dress rehearsal on Friday, Apr 26, 5:45pm before the worship service. Please contact Dean Sensenig, [dean@ecob.church](mailto:dean@ecob.church), by March 31st to register for the choir.



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Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)



## SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, Mar 16 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm | @ECOB  
All are welcome to help with work needed to prepare the property for the upcoming Egg Hunt.

## 2024 GLOBAL MISSION TRIPS REGISTRATION

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



## COMMUNITY MEAL

Thursday, Mar 7 | 4:00 - 8:00 pm | @Trinity Lutheran Church, Ephrata  
VOLUNTEER: help with set up and/or serve  
Sign up to serve on March 3 at the Welcome Desk.

## 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 Wednesday of each month and the 5th Tuesday when they occur. Contact Brigetta [brigetta@ecob.church](mailto:brigetta@ecob.church) with questions or to sign-up.

## 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](#) by Mar 4 - two sessions, each accepting up to 25 children. To help at this event, contact [Stacey](#) or sign-up in the Community Room on Mar 10 & 17.

## EASTER EVENTS @ECOB

Thursday, March 28, 2024

6:30 PM Love Feast & Communion  
Covered dish meal followed by worship, footwashing, and communion. K & under childcare. Deacons will provide the main course  
Last Name A-P - bring a side dish  
Last Name Q-Z - bring a dessert to share

Sunday, March 31, 2024

6:30 AM Sunrise Service  
7:15 AM Breakfast  
8:30 AM Classic Service  
9:45 AM Life Groups  
10:45 AM Contemporary Service

Visit [www.ecob.church](http://www.ecob.church) for more details.

RESURRECTION  
Sunday







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, Mar 5 & 19 | 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](#).



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, 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

Tues, Mar 26 - Engage (IM/MS), 6:30-8pm @ECOB

Sat, Mar 30 - 412 Meeting, 5-8pm @ECOB

Sun, Mar 31 - Sunrise Service & Breakfast, 6:30am @ECOB

Sat, Apr 13 - HS Believer's Ball, 6:00-10:00pm, @ECOB



## ECOBYOUNGADULTS



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

### CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, Mar 3

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



CAFFEINATED  
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ECOB YOUNG ADULTS

### 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, Mar 20 - Trivia Night @ORD, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

## EGG STUFFING PARTY

COME STUFF EASTER EGGS WITH US!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6  
ECOB COMMUNITY ROOM  
6:00-8:00 PM



CAMP SWATARA

2024 Camp [Calendar](#) of Events

CAMP WOODCREST

[Spring Senior Day](#) Mar 11

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\*Indicates a time change from the All Church Calendar



## ECOBMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Saturday, Mar 2 & 17  
7:00 am

[@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant](#)

RSVP to [ryan@ecob.church](mailto:ryan@ecob.church)

## 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](mailto: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

## ECOBMEN'S MASTER CLASS - CAR MAINTENANCE

Saturday, Mar 9 | 7:00 am  
@ECOB - Teens and older  
Contact [Ryan](#) with questions.

live.

## PRIME TIME OLDER ADULT SIGHT & SOUND - DANIEL

Tuesday, May 14 | 3:00 PM

@Sight and Sound

Ticket prices are \$71 and 26 seats are available. Call or talk to Vivian Killian - (717) 279-1057. Deadline is April 1, 2024.

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](mailto:carol@ecob.church).

## ECOB 2024 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET

Tuesday, Apr 9 | 6:00-8:00 pm

@Weaver's Banquet Facility, 2610 N. Reading Rd., Denver, PA.

Through the blessing of an anonymous donation, we are excited to offer a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet this year, to bless and encourage those that have volunteered with ECOB in 2023 or are currently serving. This special event is for our Volunteers of all ages. **Seating is limited, RSVP required by March 21 [HERE](#) or at the Welcome Desk March 10 & 17.** Each Volunteer will need to fill out a form.

## 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) DISTRICT WOMEN'S SPRING FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Saturday, Mar 16 | Reg at 8:45 am  
@Lititz Church of the Brethren  
Speaker: Donna Parcell. Childcare provided (ages 3-8). \$20/person (includes lunch). Register [HERE](#) by Mar 1.

## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE BALLOT

The Nominating Committee of the Standing Committee of district delegates to the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference has a final ballot for the 2024 Conference taking place in Grand Rapids, Mich., on July 3-7. Read more [HERE](#).

## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN CORNER



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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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