

News & Events

Mar 28-Apr 10, 2024

ECOB 125TH ANNIVERSARY REFLECTION

By Jill Martin

ECOB has been a significant part of my life since childhood. As a young girl I attended Sunday School, sang in the cherub choir and enjoyed VBS. While a teen, I participated in youth group and went to Camp Swatara. It was there that I asked Jesus into my heart. I made friendships that have lasted into my adulthood

When my boys came along, it was important to me that they have meaningful connections with a church family. Their time with our youth ministry was so impactful. We're so blessed that ECOB provides a strong foundation for the next generation!

Today I am grateful for a community of believers that have been with me throughout my faith journey. They have helped shape me into the person I am today. I cherish the many connections and the memories while looking forward to many more. I find joy in sharing my gifts as I serve and grow as a disciple of Jesus along side my ECOB church family.

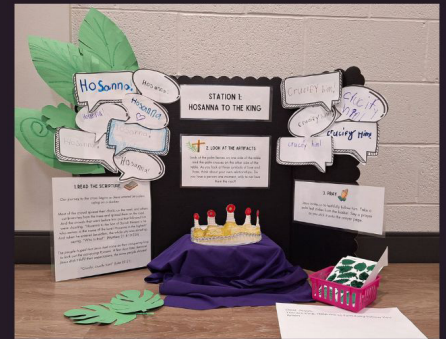
EASTER @ECOB

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
- (No ECOBKIDS Church due to 5th Sunday.)

Holy Week Prayer Walk

March 24-31 9:00am-8:00pm
Community Room (Under the Jesus Pictures)



Sunday, Mar 31

Series: Resurrection Sunday

Title: New Beginnings

Scripture: [2 Corinthians 5:17-18](#)

Focus: You are something new, something amazing, and something worth saving.
Pastor Brian, speaking

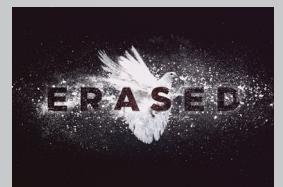
Sunday, Apr 7

Series: Erased

Title: Here for a Reason

Scripture: [John 16:5-15](#)

Focus: The Holy Spirit is sent for a purpose, a reason. We are called to lean upon it and learn from it.
Pastor Ryan, speaking



connect.

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)
Updated as of Mar 27, 2024

CARE:
Marian Groff, outpatient surgery 3.26

TRUSTEE WORK DAY
Saturday, Apr 13 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
@ECOB
All are welcome to help!

ECOB MEMBERSHIP CLASS
Sunday, Apr 14 & 21 | 9:45 am
If you are interested in Membership at ECOB or just want to learn more, we invite you to attend two sessions during the Life Group hour! Being a member at ECOB means that you desire to connect your discipleship with this community of believers and that you covenant in the core values and godly principles that direct the ECOB body of believers. Questions? Contact Carol Bowman, carol@ecob.church or register [HERE](#).

SUMMER CAMP SUPPORT
ECOB has a long history of encouraging children and youth to participate in a camping experience. If your family regularly attends ECOB, and you would not otherwise be able to send your child to biblically-based Camp Swatara or Camp Woodcrest, you may qualify for partial reimbursement (up to 50% cost of camp). Please note there are a few new guidelines, and the form is different and can be found [HERE](#). Applications are due by April 15 at 5:00 pm. Families will be notified by May 1 if they are approved. Reimbursements will be distributed after ECOB receives confirmation the child has completed camp. To see the complete list of Camp Tuition Assistance Requirements, please contact michelle@ecob.church.



radiate.

Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)



CITY GATE

Saturday, Apr 20 | 9:30 am - 1:15 pm | @ECOB
Food prep is for all ages. Volunteers must be 13 or older to serve downtown at City Gate. Sign-ups will be in the Community Room on April 7 and 14. Contact [Stacey](#) with any questions.

2024 GLOBAL MISSION TRIPS REGISTRATION

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



MOUNTAINEERS' TABLE FOOD DRIVE

Sundays, May 5 & 12 | @ECOB
A list of specific items will be available in the second half of April to be collected. Sponsored by ECOBMISSIONS and ECOBPRIMETIME.

125th Anniversary Weekend Events

Friday April 26, 2024
7:00 PM Worship Service
followed by Ice Cream Social

Saturday April 27, 2024
4:00 - 7:00 PM ECOB Picnic

Sunday April 28, 2024
8:30 AM and 10:45 AM
Worship Services,
Paul Munday Preaching



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 March 31st to register for the choir.



kids through grade 4



students in grades 5-12

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. **NO KIDS CHURCH MAR 31.**

ECOBKIDS TOT LOT

Tuesdays, Apr 2 & 16 | 9:30-10:30 am

@ECOB Community Room

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

ECOBKIDS HOLY WEEK PRAYER WALK

March 24 through 31 | 9:00am-8:00pm

@ECOB Community Room under Jesus Paintings
The children have been busy creating nine interactive stations. Scripture, artifacts, and prayer prompts will allow you to reflect on the events leading up to Jesus's resurrection. Stations are self-explanatory, and you may walk through at your own pace.

UPCOMING ECOBYOUTH HS EVENT

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, 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

Get your tickets [HERE](#) by April 1!

Sun, Apr 7 - HS SNL, 6-8pm @ECOB

Sun, Apr 14 - YWAM Worship Night (HS & YA), 6-8pm

Sun, Apr 21 - Skyzone Night (IM/MS/HS), 6-8pm

Tues, Apr 23 - Engage (IM/MS), 6:30-8pm @ECOB

Sat, Apr 27 - Car Show & Milkshakes, 10am-1pm, @ECOB

Sun, Apr 28 - HS SNL, 6-8pm @ECOB



ECOB YOUNG ADULTS



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

CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, Apr 7

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



SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP

Join us in Room 101 for this intergenerational group.

ECOB YOUNG ADULTS WOMEN'S LIFE GROUP

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

Focus: The Chosen Series | Ephrata/Lititz area

Contact [Brigetta](#) for info and each location.

MONTHLY EVENTS

Sun, Apr 14 - YWAM Worship Night (HS & YA), 6-8pm

Wed, Apr 17 - Trivia Night @ORD, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Fri, Apr 19 - [The Book of Ruth](#), 7:00pm-1:00 am

ECOB YOUTH'S

Believer's Ball

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH
6PM-10PM
9TH-12TH GRADE
\$15 per ticket
Deadline is April 1st!



Buy your ticket today!
Also available in the
Community Room!



CAMP SWATARA

2024 Camp [Calendar](#) of Events

CAMP WOODCREST

[Benefit Golf](#) May 9

grow.



ECOBMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Saturday, Apr 6 & 20

7:00 am

@Gus's Keystone Family

Restaurant

RSVP to ryan@ecob.church

GRAHAM'S CAR/TRUCK/MOTORCYCLE SHOW

HOSTED BY

ECOBMEN

Saturday, Apr 27

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

@ECOB Parking Lot

PRIME TIME OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Apr 10 | 12-3 pm

@ECOB

Entertainment is [SweetLife musical duo](#).

RSVP by 4/7/24. Please contact Linda at 717-733-4414 or email lindafah@ptd.net

PRIME TIME OLDER ADULT SIGHT & SOUND - DANIEL

Tuesday, May 14 | 3:00 PM

@Sight and Sound

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

ECOBWOMEN'S MAKE A CRAFT NIGHT

Monday, Apr 22 | 6:00 pm

@ECOB

Jodi Mesher will lead us on how to make a sign (not a painting). We'll offer ALL levels of signs - so you can make your own, no matter if you are crafty or not. Sample signs available at the Welcome Desk. This event is for children age 10 and over.

First sign is \$10.00

2nd or more sign (from the same family): \$5.00 each.

Registration is required by April 14 for this event [HERE](#).

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125th ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

Starting this Sunday, Mar 24, a new ECOB timeline will be located on a table in the Community Room to mark important dates in the life of our church family over the last 125 years. Some dates are already included, but please add your dates like when you started attending, were baptized, got married, or other milestones in your life at ECOB.

ECOBWOMEN'S EXPO/ MAKER'S MARKET

Saturday, May 11

9:00 am - 12:00 pm @ECOB

Vendor registration deadline: April 27th. Register [HERE!](#)

Contact: Carol Bowman at carol@ecob.church.



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST

DISTRICT (ANE)

OLDER ADULT SPRING LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 1 | 12:00 pm

@Yoder's Restaurant & Buffet

Join us for a celebration of

fellowship, food and fun. \$23.00/

person. Entertainment: Singer, Vickie Kissinger. Registration [HERE](#) by

April 24.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

July 3-7, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Annual Conference provides an opportunity for the body of Christ known as the Church of the Brethren to come together to hear the voice of God as revealed by the Holy Spirit within and among us.

Registration is now open [HERE!](#)

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN CORNER



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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](#).

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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