

News & Events

Apr 11-24, 2024

TRUSTEE WORK DAY

Saturday, Apr 13 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
@ECOB

All are welcome to help clean the inside and outside of the church grounds depending on what is needed as we prepare for the 125th celebration weekend. There may also be miscellaneous repairs requires.

Contact [Tom Strubel](#) with for info.

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



Our ECOB 125th Anniversary celebration begins on Friday, Apr 26, 2024, with a Worship Service at 7:00 pm, followed by an Ice Cream Social. Past and current members and guests are welcome to celebrate all that God has done in and through ECOB and its members. Friday worship will feature a choir made up of past and present members, an inspirational message, and times of celebration and encouragement from local, district, and denominational representatives.

On Saturday, Apr 27 from 4:00-7:00 pm, all ECOB families and guests are invited to participate in the All Church Picnic. A time of fun, celebration, games, and a special BBQ dinner. Bring your lawn chair!

Sunday morning during the 8:30 am Classic Service and 10:45 am Contemporary Service will be special music and guest speaker, Pastor Paul Munday. The HeBrews Hospitality station will be available between services, too.

Sunday, Apr 14

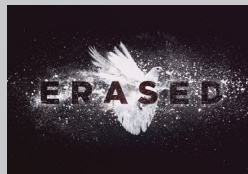
Series: Erased

Title: Wonder Working Power

Scripture: [Romans 8:1-11](#)

Focus: As we plug into the Holy Spirit's Power, God works to sanctify us.
Chris Reinford, speaking

Sermon Series



Series Study Guide [HERE](#)
or at Welcome Desk.

Sunday, Apr 21

Series: Erased

Title: Quench Your Thirst

Scripture: [1 Thessalonians 5:12-24](#)

Focus: As we seek the Lord, He fills us with His Spirit until we overflow.
Pastor Brian, speaking

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)
Updated as of Apr 10, 2024

CARE:

Jim Staub, Wellspring/Ephrata

THANK YOU for the cards and calls for my 100th Birthday. I was overwhelmed by all of the beautiful cards I received. Thank you!
Ruth Seppi

CONGRATULATIONS to Jared and Wendi Shetler on their marriage on Saturday, March 23.

SYMPATHY to Steve and Lori Hull and family, on the death of Steve's mother, Bettie Lou Hull.

BUDGET INFO MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 22 | 10:00 am & 6:00 pm
@Room 101

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

Wednesday, May 8 | 7:00 pm
@ECOB Sanctuary
The Congregational Forum is ECOB's business session. Congregation members vote on various items and hear reports from committees, Pastor Brian, and Leadership Team Chair.

ECOB MEET AND GREET

Sunday, May 5 | 9:30- 10:30 am
@ECOB Community Room
If you are new to ECOB or you've been attending a while, we'd love to meet you (or get to know you better) and you'll have a chance to meet ECOB Staff, a few members of the Leadership Team and the Deacon chair. Tours of ECOB will also be available. Join us for 15/20 minutes following the 8:30 service (around 9:30 and you'll still have time to get to Life Group) OR at 10:15 before the 10:45 Worship Service. We hope you'll stop by for a casual time to get to know you!

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 14. Contact [Stacey](#) with any 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.

ECOB STAFF NEWS

ECOB STAFF APPRECIATION

On Sunday, April 14, we will recognize our ECOB Staff during both of the services to thank them for the missionary work that they do to serve the church, our ECOB family, and beyond.

CHRIS REINFORD'S ORDINATION VOTE

Sunday, Apr 21 | All Morning
Chris Reinford, our Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, has been approved by the District Ministry Commission and the District Board to receive his ordination. As members of ECOB, we have the responsibility to vote on the ordination. This will not change his status as a Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at ECOB. Voting will occur before and after all worship services.

PASTOR BRIAN SABBATH CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 12 | 9:30-10:45 am
The ECOB Leadership Team invites you to a special time between services as we celebrate Pastor Brian and wish him a blessed time of Sabbath rest until he returns in August. The HeBrews Hospitality Station will be open for refreshments while we fellowship together and celebrate. A Love Offering Box will be available May 5 and 12 in the Community Room to share cards, notes, gift cards or cash/checks to bless Pastor Brian during his time of rest. For more information on this upcoming Sabbath read the recent [FAQs](#) that were shared by the Leadership Team.

STAFF RETREAT

This year's Staff Retreat will be taking place Apr 29 - May 3. The church staff will be away for their annual retreat. This is a time of rest, prayer, and team building. Please be in prayer for the staff during this time. The church office will be closed this week but the phone messaging system will be checked daily.



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.

ECOBKIDS TOT LOT

Tuesdays, Apr 16 & May 7 | 9:30-10:30 am
@ECOB Community Room
Free play for babies and preschoolers with an adult
present. Coffee and Conversation for the adults.

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, Apr 13 - Believer's Ball, 6-8:30 pm Sign-up [HERE!](#)
Sun, Apr 14 - YWAM Worship Night (HS & YA), 6-8 pm
Sun, Apr 21 - Skyzone Night (IM/MS/HS), 6-8 pm
Sign-up [HERE!](#)
Tues, Apr 23 - Engage (IM/MS), 6:30-8 pm @ECOB
Sat, Apr 27 - Car Show & Milkshakes, 10am-1pm, @ECOB
Sun, Apr 28 - HS SNL, 6-8 pm @ECOB
Sun, May 5 & 12 - HS SNL, 6-8 pm @ECOB
Sun, Tues, May 14 - Engage (IM/MS), 6:30-8 pm @ECOB

PARENT & CHILD
dedication

SUNDAY, MAY 12
8:30 OR 10:45

Register here by April 28.



Registration link [HERE!](#)



ECOBYOUNGADULTS



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

CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, May 5
@Javateas Pavilion, 9:45-10:30 am



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Conversations
ECOB YOUNG ADULTS

SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP

Join us in Room 101 for this intergenerational group.

ECOBYOUNGADULTS 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), 6-8 pm
Wed, Apr 17 - Trivia Night @ORD, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Fri, Apr 19 - [The Book of Ruth](#), 7:00pm-1:00 am

Deadline to register is April 15.

CAMP SWATARA
2024 Camp [Calendar](#) of Events

CAMP WOODCREST
Father Son [Camp-out](#) 5/31-6/1

grow.



ECOBMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Saturday, Apr 20 & May 4
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

ECOBPRIMETIME OLDER ADULT BREAKFAST

Wednesday, May 8 | 8:30 am

@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant

Register by May 6 to Sam Frankhouser
(safh@ptd.net or 717-669-5720)

MOUNTAINEERS' TABLE FOOD DRIVE

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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](#).

live.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We ended our third quarter 2023-2024 Fiscal Year with Income (Giving) exceeding Expenses by +\$21,384.40; even though March 2024 was below average giving. Please continue to lift ECOB up in your prayers as we strive to follow God's direction for our church. Financial summaries are available upon request.

Rich Bealer, Treasurer.

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)

NEW MEN'S MINISTRY INITIATIVE

Saturday, May 4 | 8:30 am

@Lancaster CoB

Interested in being part of starting this district ministry? RSVP to join the first meeting & breakfast by Apr 19.

gbachman75@gmail.com Info [HERE](#).

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

L.E.A.D. (Listen - Equip - Adapt - Disciple) Conference

Nov. 15-17, 2024 @ECOB sponsored by the CoB Discipleship and Leadership Formation Dept. This will be a leadership development conference for congregational leaders such as pastors and church board members.

More 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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