

News & Events

Sept 12-25, 2024

BEYOND THE BUILDING CAMPAIGN

We are currently in the last months of the Beyond the Building Campaign – a campaign that was developed to help us fund the needed renovations to the church in 2020. Here is the great news – in the 5 years of this campaign, we have paid over \$1,000,000 off in our expenses, leaving us with a little under \$2,000,000 left to go. Yes, that is over 1/3 the way there! Praise God – we celebrate God’s faithfulness, and your faith-filled sacrificial generosity to accomplish a milestone. As we look to paying down the remainder of the loans we have, we will be giving the congregation an opportunity to give, above and beyond their normal tithes, to help close that mortgage as soon as we can. There will be more information to come in the next months; however, we want to encourage you to begin praying for how we can, as a church, continue the amazing ministry we have currently – and – lower our mortgage moving forward. We will be revealing how you can participate in a variety of ways in the newsletters and mailings to come. In the meantime, know that God is doing amazing things here, as one person shared, “The Holy Spirit is moving at ECOB – how you have opened your church, share your gifts, and been a blessing in Ephrata is inspiring.” May God continue to be praised and may we continue to bear fruit for the kingdom both here and around the world.



MEET OUR NEW ECOB INTERN

My name is Braden Murphy and I’m an intern here at ECOB. I will be helping out with ECOBYOUTH. I am a senior at Ephrata and plan to continue my academic and athletic career at Lancaster Bible College in Fall 2025. I’m going to study Youth and Young Adult Ministry while playing baseball. I’m excited for what this internship will bring for me and how I can help this community. I’m looking forward to growing my faith and moving into the next step. I thank God for getting me to where I am today and leading me through this time.

Sunday, Sept 15

Title: The Fig Tree

Scripture: [Luke 13:6–9](#)

Focus: We should not take advantage of God’s mercy. Instead, we should repent of our sins and submit to God.

Pastor Brian Messler, speaking

SERMON SERIES



(Study Guide [HERE](#))

Sunday, Sept 22

Title: The Lost Coin

Scripture: [Luke 15:8–10](#)

Focus: To live in the kingdom, we must learn to care deeply about people who are lost and rejoice with them when they are found.

Pastor Brian Messler, speaking

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)
Updated as of Sept 11, 2024
None Reported.

ALL IN

All In is a new way of doing life together. On the first Sunday of each month, in Pastor Brian's office from 9:45-10:30am, we will challenge one another to be "all in" for Christ. All In is for those who truly desire a deeper level of accountability in their walk with Jesus – you will be challenged. A short devotional and then intentional time of sharing and reflection will occur at each meeting. Are you All In for Jesus?

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Starting Tuesdays, Sept 24 for 9 weeks
6-7:30pm @ECOB
ECOB is excited to offer a Financial Peace University (FPU) session this year! FPU teaches simple, commonsense principles that work. Open for 10 individuals or couples. One lesson a week for nine weeks taught by Mike Young. Get more information or register [HERE!](#)

POP-UP LIFE GROUPS

Join us for a new Life Group that meets for a short time.

Groups:

- Disciples Go! Lead by Cody & Brigetta Heagy
- For Young Adults (ages 18-30) Lead by Chris Reinford
- Working Moms Lead by Olga Sass
- Old Testament Stories Lead by Amy Church

More details on these four available options can be found [HERE](#) or at the table in the Community Room. Contact [Ryan](#) with questions.

Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)

MANAGING MOTHERHOOD DRIVE

Sunday, Sept 15 & 22

All Morning

Managing Motherhood, a ministry of Salem Lutheran Evangelical Church, aims to assist women, mothers and young children in need with necessary supplies. We are collecting Pull Ups sizes 3T/4T and 4T/5T, regular tampons and regular female hygiene pads. Contact [Stacey](#) or [Ryan](#) for information.



BDM DISASTER REBUILDING NATIONAL MISSION TRIP

Sunday, Sept 29- Saturday, Oct 5

Letcher County, Kentucky

ECOB has 7 open spots to serve with Brethren Disaster Ministries to rebuild homes damaged by deadly flooding in July 2022. To sign-up, contact [Dean](#)

VOLUNTEER ACCELERATOR

Guiding you into a place of ministry!

Volunteer Accelerator is a Discovery Tool – a way of connecting your unique talents, skills and gifts with the many serving opportunities of ECOB. Volunteer Accelerator utilizes a series of questions asking you where your passions are. The whole survey only takes a few minutes and you will have results immediately. Don't overthink the questions – go with your gut reaction. Your results will show you opportunities that may be a great fit just for you! Check out the areas on your list and use the associated link to contact the staff person to see if it's something you want to explore. We look forward to helping you connect to ECOB.

One of the questions on Volunteer Accelerator will ask you what your Spiritual Gift is. If you don't know, that's OK, it will not skew your results but if you would like to explore what your Spiritual Gift is (and we hope you do) take this short spiritual gift inventory to help you [HERE](#). It's a short quiz and you will see your results immediately.

Take the next step! Take the VA survey [HERE](#). Our prayer is that the Volunteer Accelerator helps us match your unique self with ways you can grow in faith and serve God. Contact [Carol](#) with questions or for info.



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, Sept 17 & Oct 1 | 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 PUMPKIN PARTY
Thursday, Oct 17 | 6:30-8pm
@ECOB

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, Sept 14 - Uprise Festival
@Shippensburg Fairgrounds, 11am-1am
Sign-up [HERE!](#)
Sun, Sept 15, 22, 29 - Sunday Nights @ECOB
Engage (IM/MS) 5-6:30pm, Elevate (HS) 6-8pm
Sat, Sept 21 - Child Protection Vol Training, 8:30am-12pm
Tues-Fri, Sept 24-27 - Milkshakes @ The Fair
Sign-up [HERE!](#)
Sat, Oct 5 - Homecoming Dinner (HS), 5:30pm @ECOB
Sun, Oct 13, 20, 27 - Sunday Nights @ECOB
Engage (IM/MS) 5-6:30pm, Elevate (HS) 6-8pm
Sun, Nov 3, 17 & 24 - Sunday Nights @ECOB
Engage (IM/MS) 5-6:30pm, Elevate (HS) 6-8pm
Sun, Nov 8-10 - HS Fall Retreat, @The Poconos
Sat, Nov 23 - Engage Event (IM), 12-3pm @ECOB

ECOB Child Protection Volunteer Training

Saturday, September 21
8:30AM-12:00PM

Mandatory for all current and future **ECOBKIDS** and **ECOBYOUTH** volunteers



ECOBYOUNGADULTS



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

CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS
Sunday, Oct 6
@Javateas Pavilion, 9:45-10:30 am



SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP
Join us in Room 101 for this intergenerational group.

MONTHLY EVENTS
Wed, Sept 18 - Trivia Night @ORD, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Open to all ages!

CAMP SWATARA
Fall Festival Sat, Sept 14

CAMP WOODCREST
Fall Family Fun Fest Sept 14-15





ECOBMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Sat, Sept 21 & Oct 5 | 7 am
@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant
RSVP needed to ryan@ecob.church

TRUSTEE WORK DAY

Saturday, Sept 14
8 am-12 pm
@ECOB
All are welcome to join the Trustees to help with work needed around the church building.

ECOBPRIMETIME OLDER ADULT BREAKFAST

Wednesday, Oct 9 | 8:30 am
@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant
Contact Sam Frankhouser to sign-up at safh@ptd.net or 717-669-5720.

ANE DISTRICT OLDER ADULT COFFEE HOUSE

Tuesday, Oct 15 | 2-3:30pm
@Lancaster CoB
More Info [HERE](#)

ECOBWOMEN CITY GATE LUNCH SERVICE

Saturday, Oct 12 | 9:30 am-1:15 pm
Sign up to serve meals or donate food. For more info or questions, contact [Stacey Coldiron](#).



AUGUST 2024 FINANCIAL UPDATE :

Our Fiscal Year has started out with two (2) Months of losses. Year-to-Date we are running -\$17,500 below our income (giving) or -8.3%.

Praise God our expenses are running below budget by almost 2%. Summary reports are available upon request. Please continue to pray for ECOB as we work to follow HIS leading.

Rich Bealer, Treasurer




ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE) BRETHREN DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION

Friday, Sept 27 - 9 am – 9 pm
Sat Sept 28, 2024 - 7 am – 2 pm
Lebanon Valley Expo Center, 80 Rocherty Rd, Lebanon, PA 17042
More info [HERE](#). Booklets in ECOB Comm. Room.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN CHILDREN'S DISASTER SERVICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

September 27-28, 2024
Frederick Church of the Brethren
201 Fairview Ave.
Frederick, MD 21701
More info and to register [HERE](#).

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN CORNER


TITHE.LY
Innovative church giving
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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