

# News & Events

Sept 26 - Oct 9, 2024

## LOVE FEAST AND COMMUNION

Sunday, Oct 6 | 6:30 pm

@ECOB

Chicken & drinks provided.

Potluck by last name:

A to L - bring a dessert

M to Z - bring a side

Foot/hand washing &

Communion following with childcare for K and under.



## 125th ANNIVERSARY ARTICLE By Tom Strubel

Linda and I started attending ECOB in 2009 through a personal invitation from Brad and Mona Murphy. They were our neighbors and knew that we were struggling financially after I had been laid off from my job. We started attending a Financial Peace University class and little did we know that we would soon find our new church home. The people we met were real. They didn't put on a mask and try to pretend that everything was always perfect. We began to build relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Neither of us grew up in the Church of the Brethren heritage but quickly grew to love ECOB and the people that called this church their home. It gave us a new definition of what community was and is supposed to look like. We have been transformed by the love of Jesus through the community at ECOB.

As with any relationship we have seen many changes happen within our 15 years at ECOB. We have seen people come and go. We have seen changes in leadership. We have seen struggle. We have seen and shared in sorrow as beloved Brothers and Sisters have passed on. But there has been that one constant, Jesus has been at the center of it all. We have had our lives transformed and had front row seats to see the lives of others forever changed by the love of Jesus. I am so very thankful for that invitation 15 years ago to come see what ECOB was all about. Our lives have been forever changed by the people who call ECOB home.

**Sunday, Sept 29**

**Title:** The Rich Fool

**Scripture:** [Luke 12:13-21](#)

**Focus:** We should evaluate our emotional ties to possessions to make sure they are not taking greater priority than our relationship with God.

Pastor Ryan Burkholder, speaking

SERMON SERIES

**Sunday, Oct 6**

**Title:** The Persistent Widow

**Scripture:** [Luke 18:1-8](#)

**Focus:** We must be persistent in our prayers to God. He will answer.

Pastor Brian Messler, speaking



(Study Guide [HERE](#))

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)  
Updated as of Sept 25, 2024  
Marian Herr, now at home  
Jim Staub, Ephrata Wellspan

**Congratulations** to Susan Yingst and Glenn Huber who were united in marriage September 20, 2024.

**Congratulations** to Chris Strubel and Chloe Peuler who were married September 21, 2024.

## ALL IN

All In is a new way of doing life together. On the first Sunday of each month starting Sunday Oct 6, 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?

## POP-UP LIFE GROUPS

Join us for a new Life Group that meets for a short time. More details on these four available options can be found [HERE](#) or at the table in the Community Room. Contact [Ryan](#) with questions.

## ART OF MARRIAGE

Thursdays, Oct 10 (6 wks) | 6:45-8:15 pm  
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. To register, contact [Nancy Sensenig](#), 717-286-4715

## HEBREWS HOSPITALITY STATION

Sunday, Oct 13  
9:30-10:30 am (or while supplies last)  
ECOB Kitchen Window

Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)



## MANAGING MOTHERHOOD DRIVE UPDATE

A huge thank you to all who helped us collect 842 Feminine Hygiene pads, 792 Tampons, and 1,678 Pull-ups, that were requested. We also received 1,410 Diapers and 816 Liners. These were all delivered this week to Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church for their Managing Motherhood Program.

## COATS FOR KIDS

Saturday, Oct 26 | 8:00-10:00 am  
@ECOB

We are collecting NEW and GENTLY used coats for kids/teens now through Oct 20. Used coats can be dropped with our partners at Modern Cleaners for cleaning.

Sign-ups to serve at this event will be Oct 13 and 20. Contact [Stacey](#) with any questions.



**SOULED OUT**  
Prayer Time

WED NIGHT OCT 9  
6-6:30 pm in Pastor Brian's office

Join Pastor Brian on the second Wednesday of every month in his office to be in prayer for our congregation. The prayers will be inviting God to keep moving in mighty ways in and through our church, seeking His direction, vision, and power as we continue to live intentionally as innovative, adaptable, and fearless disciples. Our next prayer gathering will be on Wednesday, Oct 9.

## BRIGETTA HEAGY RESIGNATION

Brigetta Heagy handed in her resignation from her role of Youth/Young Adult/Hospitality Support – effective November 15, 2024. Brigetta's desire to care for her two little ones, and another coming shortly. The Leadership of ECOB, including staff, fully support her discernment in this direction and wish her the best. Brigetta was instrumental in helping Chris Reinford begin his ministry journey at ECOB, providing support and encouragement for youth and young adults, and providing ECOB with hospitality in the form of snacks and drinks each week. Brigetta, her husband, Cody, and kids will keep attending and serving at ECOB in various capacities and we look forward to what God will continue to do in their lives. Thank you, Brigetta for your faithful walk in your ministry!



# ECOBKIDS



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, Oct 1 & 15 | 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 5th SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Sunday, Sept 29 | 10:45 Service  
On 5th Sundays, we have a focused time for kids in our second service. **ECOBKIDS** Church for K-4 is not available so elementary aged kids can participate in worship. Regular groups for pre-k and Under will still be available.



**October 17**  
6:30-8:00 PM  
ECOBKIDS, ECOBCC, MOUNTAINEER'S TABLE FAMILIES  
ECOB PAVILION (RAIN OR SHINE)

**CAMP SWATARA**  
Closing Weekend - Oct 25-27

**CAMP WOODCREST**  
Youth Blacklight Dodgeball



# ECOBYOUTH



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

- Tues-Fri, Sept 24-27 - Milkshakes @ The Fair  
Sign-up [HERE](#)
- Sat, Oct 5 - Homecoming Dinner (HS), 5:30pm @ECOB  
Sign-up [HERE](#)
- Sun, Oct 13, 20, 27 - Sunday Nights @ECOB  
Engage (IM/MS) 5-6:30pm, Elevate (HS) 6-8pm
- Fri, Oct 25 - 5th Quarter Night, After Game-11pm @ECOB
- 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  
Sign-up [HERE](#)
- Sat, Nov 23 - Engage Event (IM), 12-3pm @ECOB
- Sun, Dec 1 - ECOBYOUTH Engage (IM/MS)  
Engage (IM/MS) 5-6:30pm, Elevate (HS) 6-8pm
- Fri-Sat, Dec 6-7 - All Nighter with a Purpose (IM/MS/HS)  
7pm-10pm (5-7 grade), 9pm-7am (8-12 grade) @ECOB



# ECOBYOUNGADULTS



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

## CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

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



**CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS**  
ECOB YOUNG ADULTS

## SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP

Join us in Room 101 for this intergenerational group.

## MONTHLY EVENTS

Wed, Oct 16 - Trivia Night @ORD, 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Open to all ages!

**grow.**



### ECOB MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Sat, Oct 5 & 19 | 7 am  
@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant  
RSVP needed to [ryan@ecob.church](mailto:ryan@ecob.church)

### TRUSTEE WORK DAY

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

### ECOB PRIMETIME OLDER ADULT BREAKFAST

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

### ANE DISTRICT OLDER ADULT COFFEE HOUSE

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

### ECOB WOMEN CITY GATE LUNCH SERVICE

Saturday, Oct 12 | 9:30 am-1:15 pm  
ALL women can help with this City Gate Lunch. Sign-ups to serve meals or donate food will be in the Community Room on Sept 29 and Oct 6. For more info or questions, contact [Stacey Coldiron](#).

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### ECOB MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

If you are interested in Membership at ECOB or just want to learn more, we invite you to attend these two sessions! 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. Contact [Carol Bowman](#) with questions. Please register by Sunday, Oct 6.

# MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Interested in ECOB membership?  
Attend these two classes to learn more!  
Sunday, Oct 13 & 20, 9:45-10:30am  
Register online, at the Welcome Desk or contact [Carol@ecob.church](mailto:Carol@ecob.church)



### 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 L.E.A.D. CONFERENCE

Friday-Sunday, Nove 15-17  
@ECOB | More Info [HERE](#)  
The CoB L.E.A.D. (Listen - Equip - Adapt - Disciple) Conference is being hosted at ECOB Nov 15-17, 2024, sponsored by the denomination's Discipleship and Leadership Formation department.

### 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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