

News & Events

Oct 10-23, 2024

SAVE THE DATES:

JERICO OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

Tuesdays, Nov 5, 12, 19 & 26 @ECOB
 Light supper @5:45, Classes @6:30-7:30
 Join us for a meal together with our ECOB family followed by multiple offerings of classes for all ages.

NEW ECOB CHRISTMAS SERVICES SCHEDULE COMING IN DECEMBER

Our Christmas Services will look a little different this year. Mark your calendars now to attend all the wonderful worship opportunities that will be available.

- Sunday, Dec 15
6:00 pm **ECOBKIDS** Children's Christmas Service @ECOB
- Sunday, Dec 22
5:00 pm Community Christmas Service @Ephrata Whistle Stop
- Tuesday, Dec 24 (Christmas Eve)
5:00 pm Contemporary Service @ECOB
7:00 pm Classic Service @ECOB

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Please find a way to share your gratitude and appreciation with Pastor Brian and Pastor Ryan.

Also, the personnel team has determined Sunday, Oct 27 as Pastor Appreciation Sunday. We will be recognizing our ordained and licensed ministers at the beginning of each service.



Sunday, Oct 13

Series: Kingdom Parables
Title: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
Scripture: [Luke 18:9-14](#)

Focus: Life in God's kingdom requires humility.

We should always remind ourselves that we are completely dependent on God's mercy.

Pastor Chris Reinford, speaking

Study Guide [HERE](#)

Sunday, Oct 20

Series: Wise Words from Sabbi
Title: What You Do Matters
Scripture: [1 Peter 4:7-11](#)

Focus: Our lives are fleeting, do not waste time focusing on things of little or no eternal value.

Pastor Brian Messler, speaking



Study Guide [HERE](#)

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)

Updated as of Oct 9, 2024

Hospitalized:

Marian Herr, now at home

Dennis Hornberger, now at home

Elaine Ream, Wellspan/Ephrata

THANK YOU for all of the cards, emails and calls for my eye surgery and recovery. Jay Crills

SYMPATHIES TO

- Jill (Wolf) & Troy Martin family, and Jane Wolf, on the death of Henry Wolf, Jill's father and Jane's Brother-In-Law.
- Family and friends of Ivan Horning, who passed away on Sept 25, 2024.
- Don & Sue Eisenberger and family, on the death of Don's son, Troy Eisenberger.
- Steve & Diane Graybill and family, on the death of Diane's mother, Dorothy Summy.

Dear ECOB Family,
What a summer we had together! I am appreciative. Special gratitude for the many cards of thanks you shared with me on my last Sunday as Interim Lead Pastor. I re-read them often, encouraged by your thoughtfulness. Looking forward to keeping in touch!
Warmly, in Christ, Paul

HEBREWS HOSPITALITY STATION

Sunday, Oct 13

9:30-10:30 am (or while supplies last)

ECOB Kitchen Window

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

Wednesday, Nov 13 | 7-8 pm @ECOB

All materials for the Forum will be in the Community Room on Oct 27. While there are no major decisions, there will be updates on our finances, congregational leadership, and standing committees.



Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)



CITY GATE LUNCH

Saturday, Oct 12 | 9:30 am-1:15 pm

ALL women can help with this City Gate Lunch. For more info or questions, contact [Stacey Coldiron](#).

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.



TRUSTEE WORK DAY

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

All are welcome to join the Trustees to help with work needed around the church building.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE DISASTER RESPONSE

With the recent hurricanes, Church World Service (CWS) is in desperate need of Clean Up Buckets and Hygiene Kits to send to families impacted by these events or future disasters. ECOB will be putting these buckets and kits together in the near future. Designated envelopes for CWS will be available on Sunday, for you to give money toward the purchase of the supplies needed for the buckets and kits.





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 12 & Nov 5 | 9:30-10:30 am
@ECOB Community Room
Free play for babies and preschoolers with an adult
present. Coffee and Conversation for the adults.

NEW ECOBKIDS SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

ECOBKIDS would like to provide a comfortable, safe
learning environment for children of varying abilities
and needs. We are searching for an adult who would
be willing to assist children of varying needs on
Sunday mornings and during special events. If you are
interested in serving in this way, or if you would like
more information, please contact [Michelle Nolt](#).



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](#)



students in grades 5-12

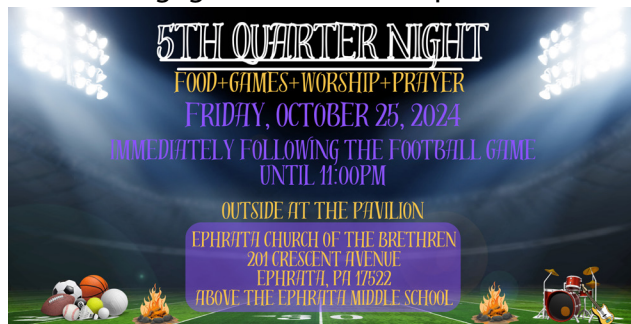
Contact: [Chris Reinford](#), Youth and YA Director

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, 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



ECOBYOUNGADULTS



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

CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, Nov 2
@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 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 19 & Nov 2 | 7 am
@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant
RSVP needed to ryan@ecob.church

MEN'S WORSHIP NIGHT

Tuesday, Nov 5 | 7-8 pm
@Javateas Pavilion

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, Nov 9 | 8 am-12 pm
@ECOB

ECOB PRIMETIME OLDER ADULT BREAKFAST

Wednesday, Nov 13 | 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](#)

ECOB WOMEN BREAKFAST & OUTREACH

Saturday, Nov 2 | 9 am
@ECOB
Join us for a delicious breakfast and a great time of fellowship together and connecting! For food planning, please sign up by Sunday, October 27th at the Welcome Desk. For info, contact [Carol](#).

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LIFE GROUP ROOM CHANGES

Our Life Groups are growing and we need to do a few classroom location changes. Our HomeMakers Life Group will now be meeting in room #106. The Redeemed Life Group will now be meeting in Room #104. Our Membership Class will be held in Room #101.

FRONT DESK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The front desk is in need of volunteers. Opportunities are available once a month, twice a month, or more! Duties include answering the phone, restocking the office hospitality station, completing miscellaneous projects for staff, writing and addressing birthday cards, etc. If you are interested in joining this group of wonderful volunteers, contact [Brigetta](#).



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE) FOR MY NEIGHBOR'S GOOD

Friday, Oct 11, 4-6 pm
@Mountville CoB
Join us for this Brethren Evangelism Training workshop prior to the District Conference Worship Service. More Info [HERE](#)

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN L.E.A.D. CONFERENCE

Friday-Sunday, Nov 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.



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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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