

News & Events

Oct 24 - Nov 6, 2024

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.

Opportunities to help:

Saturday, Oct 26 - 9-11 am Unpack/set up supplies (front office entrance)

Sunday, Oct 27 - 9:45-10:40 am Bucket assembly in the Gym

Sunday, Nov 3 - 9:45-10:40 am Hygiene Kit assembly in the Gym

Designated orange envelopes for CWS are available on Sunday to give money toward the purchase of the supplies. Contact [Dean Sensenig](#) by email or 717-314-4318 for info.



JERICO OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

Tuesdays, Nov 5, 12, 19 & 26 @ECOB

Light supper @5:45, Classes @6:30-7:30

SESSION OFFERINGS AVAILABLE:

1. Growing Healthy Middle and High Schoolers Adults
2. Preteen and Teen Study Glory for God
3. Difficult Conversations
4. Divorce care (Preregistration required.)
5. Jericho Kids (for children ages birth-4th grade only)

Find more info on menus and study topics [HERE](#)

Sunday, Oct 27

Series: Wise Words from Sabbi

Title: Whose Spirit Are You Following?

Scripture: [Romans 12:1-2](#)

Focus: What voices are we listening to, the worlds, or God's?

Pastor Brian Messler, speaking



Study Guide [HERE](#)

Sunday, Nov 3

Series: Wise Words from Sabbi

Title: What Kind of Tree Are You?

Scripture: [Matthew 12:33-37](#)

Focus: Are you bringing good fruit to this world or bad fruit? What you say and do reflects Christ in you.

Pastor Brian Messler, speaking

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)

Updated as of Oct 23, 2024

Brian Kurtz, outpatient surgery,
10/25/24

THANK YOU to everyone for the prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy following the death of Don's son. -Don & Sue Eisenberger

THANK YOU to everyone who gave me meals, calls and cards following my surgery. – Dennis Hornberger

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 each service.

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.

EPHRATA THANKSGIVING DINNER
Thursday, Nov 28 | 11 am - 3 pm
@Ephrata Business Center
All are welcome to attend or to help serve over 1,700 meals this Thanksgiving Day.
Get more information to share or sign-up to volunteer [HERE](#).

SOULED OUT PRAYER TIME
Wednesday, Nov 13 | 6-6:30 pm
@Pastor Brian's Office
Join Pastor Brian to be in prayer for our congregation.

Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)

Thank you to everyone who donated new or gently used coats for Coats for Kids! They are greatly appreciated. Please pray for this event on Saturday, Oct 26th.



FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

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

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

MITTEN TREE

Donate winter hats, scarves, socks, and gloves to be hung at the Whistle Stop and City Gate in downtown Ephrata between Thanksgiving and Christmas for those in need. Place your donations by the Mitten Tree in the Community Room beginning Sunday, Nov 3 through December 29.



REACHING BEYOND OURSELVES

In 2019, ECOB discerned, as a congregation, to move forward with much needed renovations. These renovations have revitalized and spurred us on to share the gospel in a number of different ways – not the least of which – deepening our engagement in Ephrata and surrounding communities. Our first campaign, “Beyond the Building” empowered us to look outside of a building program in order to be the hands and feet of Jesus – locally, nationally, and globally. This new endeavor, “Reaching Beyond Ourselves” challenges us to be actively engaged in something more, beyond our personal and congregational needs. The church leadership and staff have already started this process – because leaders need to lead. This small group of the church has already committed to cover over \$50,000 of mortgage payments/year – with more still being committed. This amount takes us almost 30% of the way there! In addition, over \$30,000 is being given as a one time, lump sum, to help reduce our debt immediately. We believe in what God is doing here and how we are being encouraged to move forward, boldly, in His name! Please be on the lookout for ways in which you can begin to engage in supporting the reduction of the mortgage as well as committing to reach beyond ourselves and into our communities.



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, Nov 5 & 19 | 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](#).



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

Fri, Oct 25 - 5th Quarter Night, After Game-11pm @ECOB
Sun, Oct 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
Sign-up [HERE](#)
Sat, Nov 23 - Engage Event (IM), 12-3pm @ECOB



Volunteer Appreciation Treat
Sunday, October 27
9:30-10:30 in the
ECOBKIDS Wing Kitchen



ECOB YOUNG ADULTS



Contact: [Chris Reinford](#), Youth and YA Director
CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS
Sunday, Nov 3
@Javateas Pavilion, 9:45-10:30 am



SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP

Join us in Room 101 for this intergenerational group.

MONTHLY EVENTS

Wed, Nov 20 - Trivia Night @ORD, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Open to all ages!

CAMP SWATARA
Host a Retreat Info [HERE](#)

CAMP WOODCREST
Year Rounding Jobs [HERE](#)





ECOB MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Sat, Nov 2 & 16 | 7 am

@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant

RSVP needed to ryan@ecob.church

MEN'S WORSHIP NIGHT*

Tuesday, Nov 5 | 7:30 pm

@ECOB

(*time and location change)

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.

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 or [HERE](#). For info, contact [Carol](#).

live.

SEPT/1ST QUARTER FINANCIALS

Although our giving was greater than our expenses in September, our Fiscal 1st Quarter has our expenses exceeding our giving by \$15,900. We are -9.7% behind our Giving budget. Our expenses are -2.4% under budget. Please continue praying for ECOB as we Radiate the transformative power of Jesus in our communities and beyond.

- Rich Bealer, Treasurer

ALL IN

Sunday, Nov 3 | 9:45-10:30am

Pastor Brian's Office

All In is a new way of doing life together. The first Sunday of each month, 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?

FRONT DESK VOLUNTEERS

Opportunities are available once a month, twice a month, or more to serve at the ECOB front desk. 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)

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH SERVICE

PROJECT TRIP

Friday-Saturday, Nov 22-24

@Washington, DC

Preparing and serving meals to deserving individuals in DC.

Register by Nov 1. More Info [HERE](#)

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN (CoB)

BRETHREN VOLUNTEER SERVICE PLACEMENT OPENINGS

Two CoB ministries—FaithX and Youth and Young Adult Ministries—seek individuals who are interested in volunteering with youth and young adult programming for a year through Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS). More Info [HERE](#)



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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](#).

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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