

News & Events

Dec 4-18, 2024

CHRISTMAS @ECOB

SUNDAY, DEC 15, 2024

6:00 pm Family Christmas Service

Kids/Youth Drama & music

@ECOB Sanctuary

SUNDAY, DEC 22, 2024

5:00 pm Community Service

Outdoors @Ephrata Whistle Stop

(Weather permitting)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

5:00 pm Contemporary Service

7:00 pm Classic Service

@ECOB Sanctuary

Candle lighting, cookies and hot chocolate at all services. Outdoor Community Service will also have pizza.

Take a card at the Welcome Desk this Sunday with all our Christmas information to give to someone to invite them to join us! There are opportunities to serve at each service, sign-up at the link [HERE](#).



Art by: Alina Kevorkov

ECOB Family Christmas Service

Sunday, Dec 15 @6:00 pm

201 Crescent Ave, Ephrata

Includes music and a drama from our ECOBKIDS and ECOBYOUTH, candle lighting, cookies and hot chocolate. ALL ARE WELCOME!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, Dec 8 | 6 pm

O come, all ye faithful, and join us as we spread the Good News through song that Jesus Christ was born! We will leave the community room at 6pm to sing Christmas Carols to those who need a blessing. Please bring a small gift to share and don't forget your flashlights and jingle bells. Please contact Dean Sensenig if you are planning to attend at [Dean](#) or (717-314-4318).

Sunday, Dec 8

Title: Simeon – Hope in Disappointment

Scripture: [Luke 2:25–35](#)

Focus: We will be hopeful people while we wait on God.

Pastor Brian Messler, speaking

Sermon Series:



Study Guide [HERE](#).

Sunday, Dec 15

Title: Elizabeth – Restoration & Encouragement

Scripture: [Luke 1:5–45](#)

Focus: We will strive to see God's movement in the world and in the promises he has given us.

Pastor Brian Messler, speaking

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)

Updated as of Dec 4, 2024

Kya Burkholder, outpatient surgery , 11.29
Charlie Mull, outpatient surgery, 12.4
Art Graybill, now at Brethren Village Rehab

CONGRATULATIONS to Cody & Brigetta Heagy and big brother's, Jackson & Elias, on the birth of Phoebe Louise, born November 23rd. Sign-up to provide a meal [HERE](#).

SYMPATHY TO:

Family and friends of Shirley Etsell who passed away on November 21st.

Tom & Linda Strubel, on the death of Tom's father, Ed Strubel, who passed away on November 22nd.

Cindy & Linford Zimmerman, Nick & Andrea Cage and Chelsea Zimmerman, on the death of Cindy's mother, Andrea & Chelsea's Grandmother, Lorraine Walker, who passed away on November 23rd.

Loretta Sauls and family, on the death of Pastor Al Sauls (former Pastor of ECOB), who passed away November 17th. Mail cards to: Loretta Sauls, The Blake, 12219 Panama City Beach Pkwy, Panama City Beach, FL 32407.

Darle Good & Ray and family, on the death of Darle's Son-in-law, Jimm Roland (former Director of Youth of ECOB), who passed away November 25th.

SOULED OUT PRAYER TIME

Wednesday, Dec 11 | 6-6:30 pm

@Pastor Brian's Office

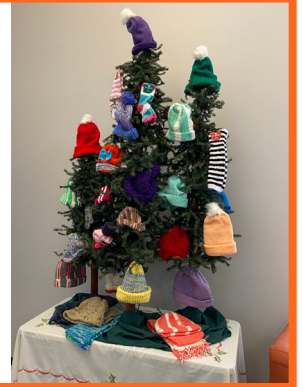
Join Pastor Brian to be in prayer for our congregation.

OFFERING ENVELOPES will be ready for pickup in the Community Room starting December 15th. Contact [Cindy](#) for information.

Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)

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 on the tree or in the basket in the Community Room through December 29.



BLESSING TREE FOR MOUNTAINEERS' TABLE

@ECOB Community Room
Help us bless each child in our Mountaineers' Table program with a Christmas gift for them. Please sign out each gift tag you take on the papers provided by the tree.

TRUSTEE WORK DAY

Saturday, Dec 14

8 am-12 pm

@ECOB

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



CHRISTMAS CHEER BAGS

These bags are given to those in our church family who we want to bless with some extra Christmas cheer. Pick up the list of names by the Welcome Desk. Place your cards in the bags located on the shelves in the Community Room **by Dec 15th at 9:30 am.**

If you can deliver any of these bags, sign the sheet on the shelf in the Community Room to pick-up on Dec 15th and deliver.





kids through grade 4



students in grades 5-12

Contact: [Michelle Nolt](#), Coordinator
Parents: Check in by Kid's Entrance **PRIOR** to Service

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

SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUPS

9:45-10:35 am
Class 1: Preschool walking-PreK | Class 2: grades K-4

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9:45-10:35am (Teacher must be present before students go downstairs)
Class 1: grades 5-8 | Class 2: grades 9-12

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.

UPCOMING ECOBYOUTH EVENTS

Fri-Sat, Dec 6-7 - All Nighter with a Purpose (IM/MS/HS)
7pm-10pm (5-7 grade), 9pm-7am (8-12 grade) @ECOB
Sign up [HERE!](#) Donate with "Youth All-Nighter" in the notes [HERE!](#)
Sun, Jan 5, 12, 19 & 26 - ECOBYOUTH
Engage (IM/MS) 5-6:30pm, Elevate (HS) 6-8pm

ECOBKIDS TOT LOT

Tuesdays, Dec 17 & Jan 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.



PARENT & CHILD DEDICATION

Sunday, Dec 8 | Both services
@ECOB
Parent and Child Dedication will take place at both 8:30 and 10:45 services depending which service each family attends.



ECOB YOUNG ADULTS



Participating Families:
8:30 Service
Alexander Jay Noble - parents Tim and Jenna Noble

10:45 Service
Cayla Grace Cage - parents Nick and Andrea Cage
Phoebe Louise Heagy - parents Cody and Brigetta Heagy
Charlotte Rose Teeples - parents Jesse and Kayla Teeples
Kaelyn Ruth Weaver - parents Logan and Emily Weaver

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

CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

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



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SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP

Join us in Room 104 for this intergenerational group.

MONTHLY EVENTS

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

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

CAMP WOODCREST
[Journey to Bethlehem](#)





ECOBMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Sat, Dec 7 & 21 | 7 am

@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant

RSVP needed to ryan@ecob.church

ECOBMEN'S CONFERENCE: BIBLICAL MANHOOD

Sat, Jan 18 | 8 am - 3 pm

@ECOB

More info and registration [HERE](#).

ECOBPRIMETIME OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Dec 11 | 12-2 pm

@ECOB

RSVP to Linda by Thursday, Dec 5 at 717-733-4414, lindafah@ptd.net, or at church.

ECOBWOMEN BREAKFAST & OUTREACH

Saturday, Jan 11 | 9 am

@ECOB

More details to follow. Contact [Carol](#) for more information.

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INDOOR CHRISTMAS BAPTISM

Sunday, Dec 22 | Both Services

If you have interest in baptism or you already know you would like to be baptized, please fill out [this form](#) by **Thursday, December 12th**. A Pastor will then be in contact with you.

ENGAGE SOUP DONATION

Our 5th and 6th graders gathered for an Engage event on Nov 23 to learn from some of our faithful adults how to make 90 servings of Chicken Corn Soup. The soup was available to the congregation the following Sunday by donation and \$1,000 was given! The **ECOBYOUTH** chose for the proceeds to support Children's Disaster Services (CDS), a ministry of the Church of the Brethren. **THANK YOU** for supporting our **ECOBYOUTH** and CDS!



Find out more about Children's Disaster Services and their work [HERE](#).



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST

DISTRICT (ANE)

OPEN POSITION:

SVMC DIRECTOR

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center is now accepting applications for the position of Director.

More info [HERE](#).

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN (CoB)

PLAYLIST: CHRISTMAS FAVORITES

When invited to share their favorite Christmas music, Church of the Brethren staff and volunteers responded enthusiastically. The playlist of their selections has over 50 songs. Find the Spotify and Youtube playlists [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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