

News & Events

Jan 30- Feb 12, 2025

LOVE BETTER,
EVERY DAY.



Sat
Feb 8
5-8 pm
@ECOB

featuring #1 New York Times best-selling authors, Les and Leslie Parrot

BETTER LOVE DATE NIGHT

\$30/couple includes meal, assessment and relationship enrichment event. Child care for 10 and under available.



ALL IN (ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP)

Sunday, Feb 2 | 9:45-10:30 am

@Pastor Brian's Office

All In is a new way of doing life together.

SOULED OUT PRAYER TIME

Wednesday, Feb 12 | 6-6:30 pm

@Pastor Brian's Office

Join Pastor Brian to be in prayer for our congregation.

TAKE YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO A NEW LEVEL WITH THE BETTER LOVE DATE NIGHT @ECOB

Guest speakers Les and Leslie Parrot share what to expect from the Better Love Date Night:

"We want to sink the roots of our relationship deep into love. We want to enjoy deeper connection and understanding. Deeper conversations and bonding. Deeper intimacy and passion. And that's exactly what Better Love can do for your relationship—whether you are dating, engaged, or have been married for decades. This [relationship enrichment event] is designed for use with the Better Love Assessment, to guide you through your customized results and take practical steps toward strengthening your relationship. It's for couples who want to move from bad to better as well as those moving from good to great and beyond. Each of the four sections of the report, Personality, Communication, Conflict, and Adaptability, are essential to deepening the relationship with lasting, positive results." Sign-up [HERE](#) today!

Sunday, Feb 2

Title: Thirsting for God

Scripture: [Psalm 63:1-4](#)

Focus: Having a heart for God is great but having a heart that aches for God is even better.

Pastor Brian, speaking

New Study Guide for this Sermon [HERE](#)

Sermon Series

Discipleship: Journeying Toward Sanctification



Sunday, Feb 9

Title: [Go, therefore!](#)

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

Focus: Jesus tasks his disciples with making disciples of all people groups.

Pastor Brian, speaking

Study Guide [HERE](#)

connect.grow.live.radiate.

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)

Updated as of Jan 29, 2025

Brian Kurtz, outpatient surgery Jan 23rd.

Lorie Zimmerman, outpatient surgery

Jan 31st.

SYMPATHY to family and friends of Arlene Rabold who passed away on January 21st.

Dear Ephrata Church of the Brethren family, Your kind expressions of sympathy are deeply appreciated by the family of Jimm Roland.

Beth Roland family, Darle Good, and Ray Leckrone

We are so grateful for all the special ways we've been blessed by our friends at ECOB. Most importantly, your prayers, all of the day-brightening cards we've received, the Christmas card gift bag and the prayer shawl which is a reminder of the power of prayer. Your continued prayers are deeply appreciated as the Lord continues to sustain us on this journey. HE is faithful!!

-Dwane and Priscilla Hostetter

THE DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONAL for March-May is now available in the Community Room.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Do you knit or crochet? Prayer shawls and lap blankets are needed for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. The shawls are prayed over by those making the shawls and are then given to people during an illness or recovery, after a loss, etc. to give the recipient comfort. The Deacons are 'renewing' this ministry and are in need of shawls. Shawls can be dropped off at the church office. If you have questions or need more information, please contact [Carol Bowman](#) or [June Summers](#), 717-669-9486.



Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)



ENGAGE CHILI AND CORNBREAD BY DONATION

Sun, Feb 9 | @ECOB

All morning (while supplies last)
Our 5th-6th grade youth will be making chili and cornbread that will raise money by donation to help purchase Easter hams for the Mountaineer's Table families.

2025 GLOBAL MISSION TRIPS INFO MEETING

Sun, Feb 9 | 9:45 - 10:15 am

Community Room

All are welcome to learn more about what the ECOB Global Missions teams will be doing this year, initial timeline and cost, and how to sign-up. Contact [Dean](#) with questions.



RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Sunday, Feb 23 | 3-8 pm

(4 shifts) @ECOB

We will pack meals that will be distributed to schools all over the world to ensure that children get at least 1 meal a day. Only for ages 4 and up. Sign-up in the Community Room on Feb 9th & 16th or online [HERE](#).

ECOB MISSIONS 2025 TRIPS



SAT-SAT, JUN 28-JULY 5
LOVE PERU (HS & UP)
SIGN-UP BY MARCH 16

NOTE:
CHANGE OF DATE

SAT-SUN, JULY 26-AUG 3
LOVE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
(RISING 6TH GRADE & UP)
SIGN-UP BY APRIL 27



SUN-SAT, OCT 26-NOV 1
BDM TRIP IN KY (14 & UP)
SIGN-UP BY OCT 1

CONTACT DEAN@ECOB.CHURCH FOR INFO.



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, Feb 4 & 18 | 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 & ECOBYOUTH FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, Feb 1 | 6 pm
@ECOB
Join us for a FREE movie night at the church with family and friends. We will be watching Inside Out 2. Movie snacks will be available.

ECOB Family Movie Night

Saturday, February 1st
Movie Starts @ 6:00pm
All Ages + Free Popcorn + Snacks



CAMP SWATARA
Mar 7 Pasta Dinner [Fundraiser](#)

CAMP WOODCREST
Mar 18 Ephrata [Night of Prayer](#)



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

- Sat, Feb 1 - ECOBKIDS & ECOBYOUTH Family Movie Night
- Sun, Feb 2 & 16 - ECOBYOUTH
 - Engage (IM/MS) 5-6:30pm, Elevate (HS) 6-8pm
- Sat, Feb 8 - Engage (IM) event, 12pm-3pm @ ECOB
 - Making chili and corn bread to support Mountaineers' Table and more. More info [HERE](#).
- Sun, Feb 9 - ECOBYOUTH Super Bowl Party (IM/MS/HS), 5:30pm - end of game @ECOB
 - This event is open to the whole family and your friends! RSVP [HERE](#)
- Tues, Feb 11 - 412 Tin Roof Night, 7 pm @ Tin Roof Cafe
- Fri-Sun, Feb 21-23 - Winter Retreat (MS/HS), @Kenbrook Bible Camp | Sign-up [HERE](#).
- Sun, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 - ECOBYOUTH
 - Engage (IM/MS) 5-6:30pm, Elevate (HS) 6-8pm



ECOBYOUNGADULTS



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

CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, Feb 2
@Javateas Pavilion, 9:45-10:30 am



SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP

Join us in Room 101 for this intergenerational group.

MONTHLY EVENTS

Wed, Feb 19 - Trivia Night @ORD, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Open to all ages!



ECOBMEN MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Sat, Feb 1 & 15 | 7 am
@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant
RSVP needed to ryan@ecob.church

ECOBMEN WORSHIP NIGHT

Tuesday, Feb 4 | 7-8 pm
@Javateas Pavilion
Contact [Ryan](#) with questions.

ECOBPRIMETIME OLDER ADULT BREAKFAST

Wednesday, Feb 12 | 8:30 am
@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant
Contact Sam Frankhouser to sign-up at safh@ptd.net or 717-669-5720.

live.

ECOBWOMEN CRAFT NIGHT

Wednesday, Feb 5 | 6:30 pm
@Art of Recycle
Join us for a fun night to connect with one another and make your own Jeweled Heart. Ages 12 and up with an adult. No child care available. Cost \$5. Register and pay electronically [HERE](#) or at the Welcome Desk on a Sunday morning (cash or check only).

2025 CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

We are in the process of making updates for the 2025 Church Directory. We need YOU to check your information and give us approval as listed or if changes/additions are needed. Stop by the table in the Community Room on Sunday to check your information, after which we will proceed with it as is. If you are unable to attend on Sunday and changes need to be made to your current listing, please email Carol@ecob.church with changes by February 10th. If you are fairly new to the ECOB church family and you wish to have your information included, we'd love to include your contact information! Please give us the needed info on the sheet provided on the table.

TRUSTEE WORK DAY

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

MOUNTAINEERS' TABLE FUNDRAISER (MT)

Saturday, Feb 22
7 am-9:30 pm | @Tin Roof Cafe
10% of sales all day go to MT



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE) ANE WOMEN'S SPRING FELLOWSHIP

Sat, Mar 15, 8:30 am- 2:30 pm
[Mountville Church of the Brethren](#)
Join us for fellowship and to listen and learn from Pastor Dave Weiss.
More info [HERE](#).

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN (CoB) NEW ARTICLE ABOUT EPHRATA CLOISTER

The Ephrata Cloister was featured in the most recent edition of the CoB's magazine, Messenger. Read the article here to learn more about history of the Brethren in Ephrata. Read more [HERE](#).

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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