

News & Events

Feb 13-26, 2025

21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING SERIES AND LENTEN GUIDE

On Sunday, February 16, we will be starting a new three-week sermon series focusing on 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting in preparation for Lent. Along with this series, there will be a Congregational Guide available that provides more information about the 21 days, a theme for each week, as well as 50 days of reading to start on March 1 and go through Easter. You can pick up both this Congregational Guide and the Rooted Study Guide at church or the links below in the Sermon Series section.



21 DAYS — OF PRAYER — AND FASTING

JERICHO IS COMING BACK!

Tuesdays, Mar 11, 18, 25, & Apr 1, 8 | @ECOB
5:45-6:30 pm Light Supper, 6:30 pm Study options

CLASS OFFERINGS FOR ADULTS AND ECOBYOUTH

- 1. Lenten Study** – He Choose the Nails by Max Lucado (8th grade and up)
- 2. Love Talk** - Marriage Study by Les & Leslie Parrott
- 3. Shape: Finding and Fulfilling Your Unique Purpose for Life** – with Carol Bowman (10th grade and up)
- 4. 5 - 7th Grade Study** - with Chris Reinford

CLASS OFFERINGS FOR ECOBKIDS

- 1. ECOBKIDS Easter Chime Choir** - (Grades K-4) Dean Sensenig is the director. PRE-REGISTRATION is required.
- 2. Easter for Littles** - (birth-preK) Each week we'll focus on a different part of the Easter story.
- 3. God Did That!** - (Grades K-4) Children will learn about the amazing world God created through STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math).
*Parents should plan to stay at Jericho and attend one of the adult sessions or hang out in the Community Room. Contact [Michelle](#) for more info.

Sunday, Feb 16

Title: The Good Portion

Scripture: [Luke 10:38-42](#)

Focus: The spiritual disciplines teach us to consistently turn our lives over to God and to be surprised by the ways he transforms our lives.

Pastor Brian, speaking

Sermon Series



Study Guide [HERE](#)

Congregational Guide [HERE](#)

Sunday, Feb 23

Title: Fasting

Scripture: [Matthew 4:1-11](#)

Focus: Fasting teaches us to depend on God, perhaps most powerfully of all the spiritual disciplines.

Pastor Ryan, speaking

connect.

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)
Updated as of Feb 12, 2025
None reported.

ENGAGE CHILI AND CORNBREAD BY DONATION

Sun, Feb 16 | @ECOB (while supplies last)
Our 5th-6th grade youth made chili and cornbread to raise money by donation to help purchase Easter hams for the Mountaineer's Table families. It will be available again on Feb 16 while supplies last.

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

ECOB MELTING POT

Sunday, Mar 2 | After 10:45 Worship @ECOB
All are welcome to stay for a Potluck meal after second service. Sign-up [HERE](#) by February 25 for the dish you will bring to share. Contact [Michelle](#) with questions.

ECOB MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sundays, Mar 23 & 30 | 9:45 am @ECOB
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](#) for info. Register by Sunday, March 16th [HERE!](#)

TRUSTEE WORK DAY

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

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Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)



RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Sunday, Feb 23 | 1:30-9 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](#).

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVOR BAGS

Sun, Mar 23 | Before noon
Community Room

We will be collecting items to make bags for human trafficking survivors for Zoe International. These bags will be given to a woman when she is rescued from trafficking. Please pick up a tag with the item needed in the community room on March 9th and 16th. All items must be returned by Sunday, March 23rd. The youth at Elevate will be putting these bags together that night.



COMMUNITY MEAL

Thurs, Mar 20 | 4 -7 pm

@Trinity Lutheran Church
ECOB will be preparing and serving this meal with opportunities for you to help volunteer or donate food. Serving will be during 2 time shifts. Contact [Linda](#) to sign-up.

☩ 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
SIGN-UP BY OCT 1

Trip Full
Join Waitlist

CONTACT DEAN@ECOB.CHURCH FOR INFO.



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

Sun, Feb 16 - ECOBYOUTH *Special Times
Engage (IM/MS) 5-7pm, Elevate (HS) 6-8pm
ECOBYOUTH Praise Band is leading worship
Fri-Sun, Feb 21-23 - Winter Retreat (MS/HS),
@Kenbrook Bible Camp
Sign-up [HERE](#).

ECOBKIDS TOT LOT

Tuesdays, Feb 18 & Mar 4 | 9:30-10:30 am
@ECOB Community Room
Free play for babies and preschoolers with an adult present. Coffee and Conversation for the adults.

Sun, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 - ECOBYOUTH
Engage (IM/MS) 5-6:30pm, Elevate (HS) 6-8pm
Sat, Mar 22- Skyzone Invite-A-Friend Night 8-10 pm
@SkyZone in Lancaster
More info [HERE](#).
(30 Hr Famine is cancelled)
Sun, Sun, Apr 6, 13 & 27 - ECOBYOUTH
Engage (IM/MS) 5-6:30pm, Elevate (HS) 6-8pm
Sat, Apr 26 - Car Show & Milkshakes, 10am-1pm, @ECOB

ECOBKIDS TOT LOT TUESDAYS

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
9:30-10:30 am
@ECOB Community Room
201 Crescent Ave, Ephrata

Free play for babies and preschoolers with an adult present. Coffee and conversation for the adults. Enter building from back parking lot. Open to the community!



ECOBYOUNGADULTS



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

CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

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



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ECOB YOUNG ADULTS

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!

CAMP SWATARA

Summer 2025 Registration [OPEN](#)

CAMP WOODCREST

Mar 18 Ephrata [Night of Prayer](#)





ECOB MEN MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

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

GRAHAMS CAR & TRUCK SHOW

Saturday, Apr 26 | 10 am-1 pm
@ECOB Parking Lot
\$10/truck or car | \$5/motorcycle
Proceeds benefit ECOB MISSIONS

ECOB PRIMETIME OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Mar 26 | 12-2 pm
@ECOB
Please contact Linda at 717-733-4414, by email, or at church.
RSVP by Sunday, Mar 23.

ECOB WOMEN SELF DEFENSE CLASS

Friday, Mar 7 | 6:30-8 pm
@ECOB
Paul Mimidis, owner of Mimidis Karate will teach a self-defense class for ladies ages 12 and up (youth with parents). No child care available. Cost is \$5.00 to register by Sunday, March 2nd. This class is limited to 25 people, so register [HERE](#) now! Contact [Carol](#) for info.

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, Mar 5 | 7pm
@ECOB
Series: I AM: Jesus In His Own Words
Title: "I am the Bread of Life"
Scripture: [John 6:32-51](#)
Focus: Jesus alone sustains us spiritually.
Pastor Rob, speaking

Mountaineers' Table Fundraiser
Saturday, Feb 22
7:00am - 9:30pm
Tin Roof Cafe n' Sweets
108 N Reading Rd, Ephrata

10% of sales that day will go to the Mountaineers' Table weekly food distribution program at ECOB



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) 2025 CoB ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2025 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference takes place in Greensboro, N.C., on July 2-6. Registration will open at 1 pm ET/12 pm CT on Wednesday, March 5. Registering as a virtual nondelegate will also be an option. More info and registration [HERE](#).

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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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