

# News & Events

Feb 27 Mar 12, 2025

## ECOB MELTING POT

Sunday, Mar 2 | After 10:45 Worship  
@ECOB

Are you feeling like you have been at ECOB for a while, but you still haven't really connected? Maybe you see people on a Sunday morning that you don't recognize. Maybe you are struggling to get your hangry kids out the door and to lunch before the meltdowns happen. We see you. We invite you to join us for this potluck lunch served in the Community Room following the 10:45 service. This lunch is for everyone! There's no agenda, other than connecting with others. If you plan to attend, please sign up [HERE](#) by February 28 for the hot or cold dish you will bring to share. Contact [Michelle](#) with questions.

## 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 Eshelman, speaking



## JERICHO IS COMING BACK!

Tuesdays, Mar 11, 18, 25, & Apr 1, 8 | @ECOB  
5:45-6:30 pm Light Supper, 6:30-7:30 pm Studies

### CLASS OFFERINGS FOR ADULTS AND ECOBYOUTH

- Lenten Study** – He Chose the Nails by Max Lucado (8th grade and up)
- Love Talk** - Marriage Study by Les & Leslie Parrott
- Shape: Finding and Fulfilling Your Unique Purpose for Life** – with Carol Bowman (10th grade & up)
- 5 - 7th Grade Study** - with Chris Reinford
- Treasured** - 4-7th grade girls and their moms (Limited room - pre-register by Mar 3 with [Michelle](#))

### CLASS OFFERINGS FOR ECOBKIDS

- ECOBKIDS Easter Chime Choir** - (Grades K-4) Dean Sensenig is the director. PRE-REGISTRATION is required.
- Easter for Littles** - (birth-preK) Each week we'll focus on a different part of the Easter story.
- 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 and attend one of the adult sessions or hang out in the Community Room. Contact [Michelle](#) for more info.

## Sunday, Mar 2

**Series:** 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting

**Title:** Prayer

**Scripture:** [Matthew 6:9-13](#)

**Focus:** Prayer is our fundamental response to God; it shapes us in his image as we practice it faithfully and consistently.

Pastor Brian, speaking

## Sermon Series



Study Guide [HERE](#)

**Congregational Guide to start reading Mar 1** [HERE](#)

## Sunday, Mar 9

**Series:** I AM: Jesus In His Own Words

**Title:** "I am the Gate"

**Scripture:** [John 10:1-10](#)

**Focus:** Jesus alone provides access to eternal life, as well as freedom and protection, to those who enter through him.

Pastor Brian, speaking

# connect.

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)  
Updated as of Feb 26, 2025  
Liz Umstead, surgery 2.26.25  
Dennis Howe, surgery 2.27.25

**SYMPATHY** to Dennis & Connie Fink and family on the death of Connie's mother, Alma Trego, who passed away February 14th.

**SYMPATHY** to family and friends of Beverly Flickinger, who passed away February 15th.

**THANK YOU** for all of the cards and calls during my recent hospitalization and recovery. I appreciate your love and encouragement. Jane Wolf

**THANK YOU** to those who helped support the ECOBYOUTH Engage Chili by donation to enable the purchase of Easter Hams for our Mountaineers' Table families. With the Chili donations and another outside donation, \$1,500 was raised! A big Thank You to our awesome church family!

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

### 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.

### SOULED OUT PRAYER TIME

Wednesday, Mar 12 | 6-6:30 pm  
@Pastor Brian's Office  
Join Pastor Brian to be in prayer for our congregation.

### CHILDREN'S CENTER SUNDAY

Sunday, Mar 16 | 10:45 Service  
@ECOB



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Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)

## 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.

## MOUNTAINEERS' TABLE FUNDRAISER @

10% of meal and drink sales that day will go to the Mountaineers' Table weekly food distribution program at Ephrata Church of the Brethren

**FRIDAY  
MARCH 21  
7 AM-9 PM**



**11 LONG AVE,  
EPHRATA, PA  
17522**

## ONE WAY TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Did you see it, are you aware? There is a large shipping container in the church parking lot. This container is going on a one way trip to the DR this summer in order to help fill their garages with much needed and updated items. Since 2019, we have been partnering with Lighthouse Ministries and have decided to take on this huge task of filling the container. Churches from all over the US and Canada will be shipping things to us to put in the container, and then, we will ship it out to our friends in the DR, hopefully in time for us to unload it when we go on our mission trip in July. More information will be coming about how you can contribute to this project; however, for now, be in prayer that all of the organizations stateside can fill this much needed container. For more info or with questions, contact [Jeremy Jones](#) or [Pastor Brian](#).



# ECOBKIDS



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, Mar 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.

A STUDY TO CONNECT MOMS AND TWEEN DAUGHTERS

# Treasured

ABOUT ISSUES THEY CARE ABOUT:

- \*IDENTITY
- \*BODY
- \*EMOTIONS
- \*FRIENDSHIPS
- \*TECHNOLOGY
- \*FAITH

GRADES 4-7

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

CONTACT MICHELLE NOLT

**TREASURED:** Girls in grades 4-7 and their moms are invited to join Treasured, a small group study, during Jericho. This biblically based study focuses on. This faith-based study is designed to help moms and daughters connect. There will be short lessons, crafts, discussion, and fun games! RSVP to [Michelle](#) by March 3.

## CAMP SWATARA

Summer 2025 Registration [OPEN](#)

## CAMP WOODCREST

Mar 18 Ephrata [Night of Prayer](#)

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# ECOBYOUTH



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, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 - ECOBYOUTH

Engage (IM/MS) 5-6:30pm, Elevate (HS) 6-8pm

Thurs, Mar 6 - Winter Jam 2025, 5-10 pm in Reading, PA  
More Info and Registration [HERE](#).

Sat, Mar 22- Skyzone Invite-A-Friend Night 8-10 pm  
@SkyZone in Lancaster. More info [HERE](#).



**Want to learn how to lead worship?**

**Our Youth Praise Band is waiting for you!**

Contact **Pastor Brian**, [brian@ecob.church](mailto:brian@ecob.church) or **Chris**, [chris@ecob.church](mailto:chris@ecob.church), if you have any interest!



# ECOBYOUNGADULTS



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

## CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, Mar 2

@Javateas Pavilion, 9:45-10:30 am



**CAFFEINATED Conversations**  
ECOB YOUNG ADULTS

## SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP

Join us in Room 101 for this intergenerational group.

## MONTHLY EVENTS

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



### ECOB MEN MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Sat, Mar 1 & 15 | 7 am  
@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant  
RSVP needed to [ryan@ecob.church](mailto: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](mailto:Linda) at 717-733-4414, by email, or at church.  
RSVP by Sunday, Mar 19.

### 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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### FINANCIAL UPDATE

ECOB's Fiscal Year results as of 01/31/2025 show that our giving is under budget by - (\$1,006.90) or -0.2%. Our expenses are running over budget by + \$26,553.87 or +6.3%. The overage comes from our recent mortgage refinance - Interest Expense and Closing Costs.

Please keep ECOB Financial journey in your prayers. Copies of the Financials are available upon request.

R A Bealer, Treasurer

### 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!](#)



### 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](#).

### 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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