

News & Events

Apr 24 - May 7, 2025

CELEBRATING PASTOR RYAN

Below, please find a letter of resignation from Ryan Burkholder, related to his role as our Associate Pastor of Discipleship. The Leadership Team has received and accepted Pastor Ryan's resignation.

[Ryan's Resignation Letter](#)

[ECOB's Response Letter](#)

[FAQs about Ryan's Transition](#)

Pastor Ryan's last day serving on the ECOB staff will be Sunday, May 4, 2025. Join us that day to share appreciation for Ryan and his family as we also celebrate the next step in God's call for his ministry.

9:30-10:45 am Continental breakfast

12 pm Food Truck Lunch & send off

Consider giving Ryan and his family a monetary gift to say "thank you" for his time and effort at ECOB by bringing a card to his celebration party on May 4, where a box will be located to collect any cards the congregation discerns to give.



3rd Annual
**Graham's
Car & Truck Show**
sponsored by ECOB MEN'S Ministry
Sat, April 26 10am - 1pm

\$10 per Car and Truck
\$5 per Motorcycle
free entry for spectators
proceeds benefit ECOB MISSIONS!
Food by Ephrata Lions Club
Milkshakes by ECOBYOUTH

Sunday, Apr 27

Series: Dining with Jesus: A Place At The Table For Sinners and Saints

Title: Making Time for Faith

Scripture: [Mark 2:23-28](#)

Focus: Once we step into God's calling, our place and purpose in creation become clear. Tom Strubel, speaking



Study Guide [HERE](#)

Sunday, May 4

Series: Dining with Jesus: A Place At The Table For Sinners and Saints

Title: Jesus is Everything

Scripture: [Luke 7:36-50](#)

Focus: Jesus takes us as we are and asks that we approach him for all that he is. Pastor Brian, speaking

connect.

Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)

Updated as of Apr 23, 2025
Mary Belle Graybill, now home
Marian Herr, Ephrata Wellspan
Rich Bealer, surgery 4.29.25
Jen Lindberg, surgery 4.29.25

COCALICO COFFEE CRAFTS (CCC) MT FUNDRAISER

We have received a check for \$250 from CCC. Thanks to everyone who supported Mountaineers' Table! Watch out for June 12 when Javateas will be the host for our next MT fundraiser.

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

Wednesday, May 14 | 7:00 pm
@ECOB Sanctuary

The Congregational Forum is ECOB's business session. Congregation members vote on the budget and hear reports from committees, Pastor Brian, and Leadership Team Chair, Jill Martin. Supporting documents will be available in the Community Room starting Apr 27.

SOULED OUT

Wednesday, May 14 | 6-6:30pm
Join Pastor Brian on the second Wednesdays of every month in his office to be in prayer for our congregation. The prayers will be inviting God to keep moving in mighty ways in and through our church, seeking His direction, vision, and power as we continue to live intentionally as innovative, adaptable, and fearless disciples.

REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM

Do you wish you could give more to ECOB but money is tight? You can with the Redner's Save-a-Tape program! Here's what you do:

1. Get a Redner's Reward card.
2. Use your Reward Card at checkout.
3. Save the receipt and put it in the black boxes in the Community Room at ECOB. Redner's gives us 1% and it doesn't effect your cash points or gas discounts.

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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

radiate.

Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)

TRUSTEE WORK DAY

Saturday, May 10

8 am- 12 pm

@ECOB

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



CITY GATE LUNCH

Saturday, May 10

9:30 am-1:15 pm

Food prep is for all ages. For serving downtown you must be 13 or older. Sign ups will be in the Community Room on April 27 and May 4. Contact [Stacey](#) with any questions.

NATIONAL MISSION TRIP: KENTUCKY FLOOD RECOVERY

Sun, Oct 26-Sat, Nov 1

@Letcher County, Ky.

Join us to serve with Brethren Disaster Ministries to rebuild homes for families impacted by the deadly 2022 flooding. Minimum age is 15 (or 14 with a parent.) No cost to volunteer. To sign-up, contact [Dean](#).



INDOOR BAPTISM

SUN, MAY 18 BOTH SERVICES

If you would like to be baptized, complete this form by Sun, May 4.



SCAN ME



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, May 6 & 20 | 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, MAY 11
8:30 OR 10:45



REGISTER HERE BY APRIL 27.

CHILD/ PARENT DEDICATION

Sunday,
May 11 | @Both
Services
Contact [Michelle](#)
Sign-up [HERE](#).



CAMP SWATARA

Camp Tuition Assistance open March 15-April 15 [HERE](#).

CAMP WOODCREST



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, Apr 27 & May 4 - ECOBYOUTH
Engage (IM/MS) 5-6:30pm, Elevate (HS) 6-8pm
Sat, Apr 26 - Car Show & Milkshakes, 10am-1pm, @ECOB
Sign-up [HERE!](#)
Sun, May 18 - ECOBYOUTH
Grad Sunday & Party 12pm @Pavilion - Sign-up [HERE](#)
Engage (IM/MS) 5-6:30pm, Jesus Rally (MS/HS) 6-8pm



WORSHIP (Led by ECOBYOUTH) - ANNOINTING
TESTIMONIES - TEACHING - FOOD & MILKSHAKES



ECOBYOUNGADULTS



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

CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, May 4 - CANCELLED FOR PASTOR RYAN'S CELEBRATION BREAKFAST

MONTHLY EVENTS

Wed, May 21 - Trivia Night @ORD, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Open to all ages!

grow.



ECOBMEN MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Sat, May 3 & 17 | 7 am

@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant

RSVP needed to ryan@ecob.church

ECOBMEN WORSHIP NIGHT

Tues, May 6 | 7-8 pm

@Javateas Pavilion,



ECOBPRIMETIME OLDER ADULT BREAKFAST

Wednesday, May 21 | 8:30 am

@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant

Register by May 19 to Sam Frankhouser (safh@ptd.net or 717-669-5720)



ECOBWOMEN/KID'S ICE CREAM FOR BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 3 | 9-10 am

@ECOB (Drop in anytime)

This is a mother & child Breakfast but it is for ALL ladies!

Ladies, bring your mothers!

Mothers, bring your children or grandchildren - boy or girl, any age.

RSVP by Apr 27 [HERE](#).

live.

Financial Update:

March 31, 2025, was the end of our Third Fiscal quarter for 2024-2025. The adjusted financial number for March has Income (Giving) exceeding our Expenses by + \$ 6,326.37. Year-to-Date, Income (Giving) Exceeds our Expenses by + \$705.38. We are running below our income budget by -1.3% and over budget in Expenses by less than 1.0%. Any questions, please contact Rich Bealer, Treasurer.

New Designated Offering Envelopes

Want to designate your offering to a specific fund? Use the new envelopes located on the side of the Gifts Boxes in the Community Room.

My Designated Offering for:

- General Fund
- Deacon Fund
- Missions/Radiate
- Other: _____
- Building Fund/Reaching Beyond Ourselves

Name: _____

Amount: _____

Contact Info: _____



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE)

OLDER ADULT SPRING LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 14 | 12 pm

@Yoder's Resturant | \$25 /person

Entertainment by musician Mike Miskie. Register by May 6 [HERE](#) or

with Sue Eisenberger at ECOB.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN (CoB)

NATIONAL OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE (NOAC)

Sept 1-5, 2025 | Lake Junaluska, NC

NOAC general registration will open online May 1. Those with mobility issues needing to stay in the closest lodging, may register online April 21-28.

Register [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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