

News & Events

May 22- Jun 4, 2025

STAFFING UPDATES FOR ECOB

As we seek to discern the best direction for ECOB, the following staff changes have been made:

Stacey Coldiron will be adding 5 hours to her role. She will cover all missions opportunities: local, national, global. She will also support Pastor Brian and the Leadership Team.

Michelle Nolt will be adding 5 hours to her role. She will provide deeper connections with the Children's Center and local opportunities to reach and support kids in the Ephrata community.

Dean Sensenig is moving from Director of Worship and Witness to Director of Spiritual Formation. He will over see our worship and discipleship ministries.

Shaun Mendenhall (Men), Cody Heagy (Curriculum), Sharon Myers (Admin), Lauren Musser (Facility), and Kyle Emery (AV) will be Volunteer Staff. These are people who dedicate 5-10 hours of their time each week to a specific ministry.

Search Process: We are searching for a Contemporary Worship Coordinator (Worship Leader). More on this role will be shared soon.

If you have questions/comments/concerns, please contact Pastor [Brian](#).



Sunday, May 25

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

Title: Broken and Poured Out

Scripture: [Matthew 26:20-29](#)

Focus: Being in communion with Christ is not a historical event; it is an activity that takes a lifetime.

Cody Heagy, speaking



Study Guide [HERE](#) or at
Welcome Desk.

Sunday, June 1

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

Title: Love Others as Jesus Loves You

Scripture: [John 21:9-22](#)

Focus: The most important thing we can do in our spiritual walk is treat others as Christ has treated us.

Pastor Brian, speaking

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Contact: [Carol Bowman](#)

Updated as of May 21, 2025

Lynnaire Foltz, Ephrata Wellspan

SYMPATHY to Kim & Charlie Mull and family, on the death of Kim's mother, Barbara Adkins, who passed away May 17th.

SYMPATHY to Gary & Janelle Burkholder and family, on the death of Gary's father, John Burkholder, who passed away May 17th.

ECOB OFFICE CLOSURE

The ECOB Office will be closed on Monday, May 26 for the Memorial Day Holiday.

SUMMER POP-UP LIFE GROUPS

Last day to sign-up is Sunday, May 25 in the Community Room after each service. All groups will meet at ECOB. Babysitting will be provided if needed.

1. Sundays after church @ECOB

(pot luck or order in) - June 1, July 6, August 3 - led by Chris Reinford

2. Mondays at ECOB, 6:30 - 8 pm

June 23, July 21, August 11
led by Pastor Brian

3. Tuesdays at ECOB, 6:30 - 8 pm

June 10, July 8, August 5
led by Dean Sensenig

LOST AND FOUND - Have you lost an item at ECOB? Check the Lost & Found - located on the top of the coat rack at the Community Room Entrance Lobby. Unclaimed items are donated monthly to a local charity.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with mulching the ECOB property. And thank you to everyone who helps with the weekly lawn care and helping to take care of the flower beds. We appreciate you and all you do to keep the ECOB property looking nice!



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radiate.

Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)

COLLECTION FOR UNLOCKED CLOSET

Sundays, June 1 & 8

ECOBPRIMETIME and Local ECOBMISSIONS will be having their collection drive for Unlocked Closet. There will be a bin in the Community Room for collection on both of those dates and throughout the week.

We are collecting:

- Swim Diapers - disposable and reusable ones in all sizes
- Kids socks
- Kids underwear sizes 3T-10/12



FOSTER & ADOPTIVE COMMUNITY RESOURCE



TRUSTEE WORK DAY

Saturday, June 14

8 am- 12 pm @ECOB

Join the trustees for any amount of time you can give to help us be good stewards of our building.

JULY 4TH COMMUNITY EVENT

Friday, July 4 | 5:30-8:30pm @ECOB

We have a great opportunity to show our community Biblical Hospitality by having this free family community event right here on our church property. Sign ups will be in the community room on June 15, 22, 29. Contact [Stacey](#) for info.



Mountaineers' Table Fundraiser Thursday, June 12



**Javateas Gourmet Coffee Cafe
1 Dutchland Ave, Ephrata**

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

MT is a weekly food distribution program designed to help families stretch their grocery money, prepare low-cost meals over the weekend, and have their children well-fed and ready to learn.

For more information, contact mountaineerstable@gmail.com



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 ****SUMMER CHANGE****

Starting May 25, one combined Life Group for ages walking to PreK-4th in the ECOB Gray Room.

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, Jun 3 & 17 | 9:30-10:30 am

@ECOB Life Group Parking Lot

Free play for babies and preschoolers with an adult present. Coffee and conversation for the adults.

(Community Room if rain)

ECOB VBS 2025 | THE AMAZING RACE: EPHRATA TO THE DR

July 15, 16, 17 - 6-8 pm @ECOB

Family Night - July 18, 6-8 pm @ECOB

For ages 3 years old through entering grade 5. Contact [Michelle](#) with questions.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP OPPORTUNITIES [HERE!](#)

MOVE UP SUNDAY

Sunday, June 1, 2025
Both Worship Services

Celebrating those entering Kindergarten, 5th Grade, & 9th Grade!

Sign up your child or teen!



 **KIDS**
 **YOUTH**

CAMP SWATARA
Summer Movie [Nights](#)

CAMP WOODCREST
Father & Son [Camp-out](#)

grow.



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

All Sign-ups are [HERE](#).

Fri-Sat, May 30-31 - HS Guys' Night Out

Fri-Sun, May 30-Jun 1 - HS Girls' Night Out

Sat, May 31- Milkshakes@Ephrata Youth Cheer, 10a -1pm

Sun, Jun 8 - Pool Party (MS/HS), 6:30-8:30pm, TBD

Fri-Sat, Jun 26-28 - Summer Serve Days



SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST 6pm-8:30pm



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

CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, Jun 1 -

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



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ECOB YOUNG ADULTS

MONTHLY EVENTS

Trivia Nights will be paused over the summer for June, July and August.



ECOBMEN MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

Sat, June 7 & 21 | 7 am

@Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant

RSVP needed to [Shaun Mendenhall](#)

ECOBMEN STORMER'S BASEBALL GAME & BUFFET

Wednesday, Jun 25

6:15 buffet/6:45 Game

Tickets: \$31 | Ages 16+

RSVP by Jun 8th to [Shaun](#).



ECOBPRIMETIME LUNCHEON

Wednesday, June 25 | 12-2 pm

@ECOB Pavilion

Picnic Lunch, Cornhole, Guessing Games, Bring lawn chairs. RSVP to [Linda](#) by June 18th at 717-733-4414 or see her at church.

MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET

Thursday, July 10 | 2 pm show

Cost \$25 - Cash or check payable to ECOB with Memo line ECOBPRIMETIME

Contact [Vivian Killian](#) (717) 279-1057

Sign-up at the Welcome Desk by June 8.

ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT WOMEN'S CAMP

Friday, Aug 15 to

Saturday, Aug 16

@Camp Swatara

Speaker: Naomi Kraenbring

Look for more information coming in July and mark your calendar.

live.

WE ARE HIRING

ECOB CHILDREN'S CENTER

Full-time
Toddler Teacher &
Full-time Preschool
Teacher

Childcare experience
is preferred but not
required.

Contact
lauren.cc@ecob.church



FINANCIAL UPDATE:

April 2025 was our lowest giving month since July 2024. Giving continues to run below budget by -2.6% or - (\$16,097.98) and Adjusted Expenses are running above budget but only by +0.8% or +\$4,886.68. In April, Adjusted Expenses exceeded Giving by \$7,830.99. Year-to-Date has Adjusted Expenses exceeding our giving by \$7,011.81. Additional information needed, contact Rich Bealer.

The ECOB 20205-26 Budget was voted on and passed by our members with a 99% approval.



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE)

ANE MINISTER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Friday, Jun 13 | @ECOB

Drop In 5-7:00pm

A free event for all ministers of the ANE District, and their families. More Info [HERE](#) and pray for all there.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN (CoB)

NATIONAL OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE (NOAC)

Sept 1-5, 2025 | Lake Junaluska, NC

NOAC general registration opened online

May 1. Register [HERE](#).

Get details about the ANE District Bus that is available [HERE](#). The deadline to sign-up for the bus is July 28.

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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