

News & Events

April 2026

EASTER @ECOB 2026

Thurs, Apr 2 - The Lord's Supper & Communion, 6pm

Fellowship dinner together at 6:00pm, followed by foot/hand washing & communion. Chicken & drinks provided. Last name: A to H - bring a dessert, Last name: I to Z - bring a side. Childcare for K and under available following the fellowship meal. (during footwashing/communion time) Deacons will have baskets for a "love offering". Donations go the Deacon Benevolent Aid Fund.

Fri, Apr 3 - Good Friday Tenebrae - Service of Shadows, 7pm

Tenebrae is the Latin word for darkness or shadows and this service is a representation of the darkness that covered the world at the death of Jesus. Come reflect on the weight of this moment and find hope in what is to come!

Sat, Apr 4 - Stations of the Cross, 8am-5pm

All are invited to the ECOB Sanctuary on Holy Saturday to walk through stations and meditate on The Seven Last Words of Christ. The Seven Last Words of Christ (which are more like "sayings" that contain more than a single word), recorded in the Gospels, are profound statements made by Jesus as He hung on the cross.

Sun, Apr 5 - Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service led by our ECOBYOUTH, 6:30am | Breakfast, 7:15am
Easter Services, 8:30 & 10:45am

Series: Turn: The Heart of Repentance - Study Guide [HERE](#) or at the Welcome Desk.

Sun, Mar 29 | Title: Mary Magdalene, **Scripture:** Luke 8:1-3; Colossians 3:1-4; Psalm 84:1-4, **Focus:** Believers can trust that when we turn to Christ in repentance, we are invited into a deeper awareness of God's activity in our lives. Pastor Chris

Sun, Apr 5 - Easter @ ECOB, Title: Raised to Life, **Scripture:** John 11:1-44, **Focus:** Believers' experience of being raised to life through Christ changes how they live out their faith in their work, relationships, and everyday actions. Pastor Brian

Series: God's Big Story

Sun, Apr 12 - Title: Midwives: Against All Odds, **Scripture:** Exodus 1:8-22, **Focus:** Faithfulness to God may require us to ignore what powerful influencers in our lives tell us to do, especially when their calls to action contradict God's Word. Pastor Brian

Sun, Apr 19 - Title: Obadiah: Laying It On The Line, **Scripture:** 1 Kings 18:1-19, **Focus:** No matter what environment we find ourselves in, we must serve God's people faithfully. Pastor Brian

Sun, Apr 26 - Title: Ruth: All In the Family, **Scripture:** Ruth 4:1-22, **Focus:** Because God includes us in his family, he can do great things through us. Tom Strubel





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

All Sign-ups are [HERE](#)

Sun, Mar 29 - ECOBYOUTH Sunday Nights

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

Sun, Apr 12, 19 & 26 - ECOBYOUTH Sunday Nights

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

Sat, Apr 18 - Sky Zone "FREE FRIEND" Night, @Sky Zone

Sun, May 3 & 17 - ECOBYOUTH Sunday Nights

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

Sun, May 17 - **Graduation Sunday**, both worship services

Followed by a Graduation luncheon for the graduates and their families.

Fri-Sun, May 29-31 - **Elevate Beach Retreat** (HS), TBD

Sun, May 31 - **Color Wars** (IM/MS/HS), 6-8:30pm @ECOB

ECOBKIDS TOT LOT

Tuesdays, Apr 21 | 9:30-10:30am
@ECOB Community Room
Free play inside for babies and preschoolers with an adult present. Coffee and conversation for the adults. Please check [Facebook](#) for any inclement weather updates.

CHILD/PARENT DEDICATION

Sunday, May 10 | @Both Services
Parent and Child Dedication at both 8:30 and 10:45 services depending which service family attends. RSVP by April 19. Contact [Michelle](#) for info.



ENGAGE
Games-Lesson-Activities-Dinner
Sunday Nights | 5:00-6:30pm
Intermediate & Middle School Youth
5th-8th Grade



ELEVATE
sunday nights
6:00-8:30pm
high school youth (9th-12th)
bible*games*worship*smallgroups*dinner

Camper Tuition Assistance

Is your child attending Camp Swatara or Woodcrest Retreat this summer? Your family may be eligible for summer camp tuition assistance. Assistance is available for regularly attending ECOB families who would **not otherwise** be able to afford camp.



Applications accepted between March 15 and April 15.



ECOB YOUNG ADULTS



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

CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, Apr 5 | 9:45-10:30am
@[Javateas Pavilion](#)



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CAMPFIRE CONVERSATIONS

Saturday, Apr 11 | 6pm @The Reinford's

CAMP SWATARA
Summer & FT [Jobs](#)

CAMP WOODCREST
Laughter & S'mores

grow.



ECOBMEN BREAKFAST

Saturday, Apr 4 | 7am

@Gus's RSVP to [Shaun Mendenhall](#)

ECOBMEN THE HELM

Tues, Apr 7 & 21 | 7pm

@ECOB

For more info contact Shaun,
shaun@ecob.church, 717-333-6869

ECOBMEN BREAKFAST & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Saturday, Apr 18 | 7am

@Gus's RSVP to [Shaun Mendenhall](#)

ECOBPRIMETIME OLDER ADULT BREAKFAST

Wednesday, Apr 8 | 8:30 am

@Gus's [Keystone Restaurant](#)

Contact Sam Frankhouser to sign-up at safh@ptd.net or 717-669-5720.

ECOBWOMEN EXPO/ MAKER'S MARKET

Saturday, Apr 25 | 9am-12pm

The ECOBWOMEN's Ministry will be hosting vendors selling various crafts and goods, most handmade or designed by our talented makers. This will be a great day to shop for Mother's Day Gifts!

If you would like to be a vendor for this event, complete the form [HERE](#).

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ECOB STAFF RETREAT & OFFICE CLOSURE

This year's Staff Retreat will be taking place Apr 6-9. The church staff will be away for their annual retreat. This is a time of rest, prayer, and team building. Please be in prayer for the staff during this time. The church office will be closed the whole week but the phone messaging system will be checked daily.

STAFF APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Sunday, Apr 12 | Both Services

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

February 2026 had a loss of -(\$29,955.31). Year-to-Date, however, shows a profit of +\$86,795.00. Fiscal Year budget has our Total Giving 7.3% over budget or +\$35,946.87. Expenses are over budget by 5.7% or +\$31,884.82. Please be in prayer as the 2026-2027 Fiscal Budget is in preparation. Financial Reports are available upon request. Blessings- Rich Bealer, Treasurer



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE)

OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 6 | 12pm

@Yoder's Restaurant,

New Holland, PA

\$27/person

Register & info [HERE](#) by April 26.

Contact Delores Huber for info.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN (CoB)

L.E.A.D. CONFERENCE

ECOB will be the host for the Church of the Brethren's L.E.A.D. Conference on May 1-3. This is a leadership development program designed for pastors, board members, and deacons to enhance local ministry skills. Info or sign-up [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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