

News & Events

July 2026

BREAD AND CUP COMMUNION

Sunday, July 19 | Both Services

We will be offering Bread & Cup Communion at both worship services.

OUTDOOR BAPTISM

Sunday, July 19 | 12:00 pm

We will be holding an Outdoor Baptism following the 10:45 service this day. If you'd like to be baptized or you'd like to talk to someone about baptism, please fill out the form [HERE](#) by Friday, July 3.

STAYING CONNECTED THIS SUMMER

Even if you are away during the summer, you can still participate in our Online Worship Live on Sunday mornings to keep up with the worship and teaching that continues to build in our Sermon Series. This is available through [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), or [Vimeo](#) or anytime on the [Media page](#) on our website.

Even while away, you can also continue your spiritual discipline of presenting your tithes and offerings to support the ministries of your church. This is available online on our [Giving page](#) or checks can be mailed to ECOB at 201 Crescent Ave, Ephrata, PA 17522.



Series: Luke: Jesus For Everyone | Get the Sermon Study Guide [HERE](#).

Sunday, Jul 5 - Title: Cast the Nets, **Scripture:** [Luke 5:1-11](#), **Focus:** You might not feel like you have much to offer God, but He wants to use you to share His love with others. Pastor Brian, speaking

Sunday, Jul 12 - Title: Blessings and Woes, **Scripture:** [Luke 6:20-26](#), **Focus:** When you make yourself the lord of your life, your reward will only be temporary; Christ's rewards, as outlined in this passage, are not only eternal but also allow us to reveal the glory of our Creator. Pastor Chris, speaking

Sunday, Jul 19 - Title: Saving Grace, **Scripture:** [Luke 7:36-50](#), **Focus:** When we reflect on Jesus' forgiveness, like the woman in this story, we should be compelled to sacrifice our most precious things in life to Him. Pastor Brian, speaking

Sunday, Jul 26 - Title: Who Is My Neighbor?, **Scripture:** [Luke 10:25-37](#), **Focus:** Finding opportunities to serve God, even when it may be challenging to do so, is a mark of an obedient disciple. Tom Strubel, speaking

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Contact: [Kim Mull](#)

Check your ECOBNOW Email for Care Updates.

CONGRATULATIONS to Micaela (Sensenig) and Zayne Arnell, who were married on June 13th.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,
I want to thank all of you for prayers, cards, calls, rides, and other help during my struggle with several health difficulties. I am on the mend and will have back surgery this summer, so I still need your prayers! God is Good!
Katy Roark

Thank you everyone for all of the prayers, cards, calls, meals, and visits during my recent illness. I very much appreciate all of the kindnesses and especially the prayers.
Viv Garman

CARD SHOWER for Dennis Hornberger
Springcreek Rehab Center
1205 S. 28th St, Harrisburg, PA 17111

NATIONAL MISSIONS SAVE THE DATE
ECOB is planning a National Mission Trip for flood recovery in North Carolina, Sept 6-12, 2026. More info coming soon!

COOLING COMMUNITY ROOM

The ECOB Community Room is open from 8 am to 8 pm each day as a welcoming and cool place for anyone needing a break from the heat. Please share this and feel free to cool off there if you need to as the summer temperatures stay high.



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Contact: [Stacey Coldiron](#)

TRUSTEE WORK DAY

Saturday, Jul 11 | 8 am - 12 pm @ECOB
Join the trustees for any amount of time you can give to help us be good stewards of our property.



DR MISSION TRIP

July 25-Aug 1

The shipping container filled with equipment and supplies is on the way to our partners in the DR and our team will leave in July. Learn more about our partners at Lighthouse Projects [HERE](#).

BACK TO SCHOOL FREE HAIRCUTS FOR MT STUDENTS

Thursday, Aug 27 | 10 am - 1 pm and 3-7 pm
We will be offering free haircuts for kids in the Mountaineers' Table Program only who are entering Kindergarten through senior year. Sign ups to help at this event will come out in August - stay tuned.
For any questions, contact [Stacey](#).



JULY 4th
COMMUNITY
FUN NIGHT

FOR INFO: WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/EPHRATA4TH

5:30 PM FOOD OPENS
6-8:30 PM MUSIC & FUN
9:30 PM FIREWORKS

ALL ARE INVITED TO BRING A DONATION FOR THE MOUNTAINEERS' TABLE FOOD PROGRAM. (ITEMS NEEDED - PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED TUNA & CANNED CHICKEN)

MODIFIED ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR:

FOOD TRUCKS SALES - MILKSHAKES, LIONS CLUB, KINGS BBQ, VIVA MEXICO TACO TRUCK, SOFT PRETZELS

TWO BANDS AND JUGGLERS ENTERTAINMENT

BIBLE SCAVENGER HUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FAMILIES WITH KIDS 12 & UNDER

GAGA BALL PIT

LINCOLN FIRE CO TRUCK
(PARKING BY DONATION)



REGULAR EVENT
UPDATES

SUMMER POP-UP LIFE GROUPS

Summer Pop-Up Life Group Focus: Grounded in Faith

Missed the June Summer Pop-up Life Groups? You can still join Jone in July and August. JULY THEME - Seeking Direction in the Midst of Noise

When: 2nd Sundays @12:30 pm (Jul 12, Aug 9)

OR 3rd Tuesdays @6 pm (Jul 21, Aug 18)

Where: ECOB Pavilion **Food:** Provided! (Burgers, hotdogs, picnic fare)

Childcare: Provided for Preschool-4th grade

There is no prep needed. Dean will lead us in Scripture reading and discussion there. Come connect and grow with others from ECOB. Sign up at the orange table so that we know how much food we need. Contact [Dean](#) for info.



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.

BACKYARD VBS

Throughout the Summer (Dates and Times Vary)
VBS this summer is all about being Jesus in the neighborhood, so instead of hosting one VBS at ECOB, we are hosting many Backyard Bible Schools in the community! There are several options in Ephrata, Akron, and Lititz. Find a VBS near you [HERE!](#)

BACKYARD VBS FAMILY NIGHT

Friday, Aug 14 | 6-8 pm

Backyard VBS Family Night is a time to celebrate what we learned at VBS. Come enjoy dinner and fellowship together. This event is rain or shine. (Pavilion if weather is nice, Community Room if rain.) Everyone who attends a Backyard VBS this summer is invited to attend Family Night. Contact [Michelle Nolt](#) to serve.



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](#)

Sat, Jul 4 - **Community Event Milkshakes**, 4:30-9pm
@ECOB Sign-up [HERE](#).

Sat, Jul 11 - **Dorney Park Day (HS)**, 9am-10pm

Sun, Jul 12 - **Mt. Gretna Lake Day (IM/MS)**, 2pm-8pm

Sat, Aug 8 - **Engage Event (5-7 grades)**, 10am-2pm

Sun, Aug 9 - **Guppy Gulch Day (IM/MS\HS)**, 4-8:30pm



The ECOBYOUTH 412 Discipleship Program exists to build up the next generation of leaders in our church to lead today. Through opportunities to lead, a relationship with an adult mentor, and serving with their peers, we hope that they will learn how God has gifted them and where God is calling them to serve.

Incoming 9th-12th graders who are interested in joining 412 can reach out to [Stacey](#) or [Chris](#).



CAMP SWATARA
Glow Mini Golf [Night](#)

CAMP WOODCREST
Alumni [Picnic](#)

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

CAFFEINATED CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, Jul 5 | 9:45-10:30am

@[Javateas](#) (If rain, in Chris's office Rm 105)





ECOBMEN BREAKFAST

Saturday, Jul 4 & 18 | 7 am

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

ECOBMEN THE HELM

Tuesday, Jul 7 & 21 | 7 pm

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For more info contact, Shaun

shaun@ecob.church, 717-333-6869

BROS & BBQ

Saturday, Aug 15 | 12 pm

@ECOB

ANE OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON ARTICLE

Learn more about the Atlantic Northeast District's Older Adult Luncheon that happened in May 2026 through the article [HERE](#) written by ECOB member, Sam Frankhouser.



ANE DISTRICT WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CAMP

Friday- Saturday, Aug 14-15

@Camp Swatara

Theme: Our Comeback Stories (based on the book of Ruth)

Prereading found [HERE](#).

Start on July 16 to finish the day before camp!

Speaker: Marie Monville

Register [HERE](#) by Aug 3.

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MOUNTAINEERS' TABLE HELP

Mountaineers' Table, our weekly food distribution program, is in need of several more people to help with distribution. Jobs include putting boxes of groceries or bags of produce into cars or offering bread or beverages from our carts. Volunteers must be 18 years of age. Shifts are on Thursdays from 11:50 am - 1:05 pm, 3:45-5:00 pm and 5 pm - 6:30 pm. If you can help or would like more information, please contact [Sharon Myers](#).

Mountaineers' Table is also in need of plastic shopping bags. Please save yours and put them outside the MT closet (behind the Welcome Desk).



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE)

CAMP SWATARA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH

Camp Swatara is seeking a mission-driven leader to serve as its next Executive Director. The position will ideally begin in August, 2026. More info can be found [HERE](#).

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN (CoB)

2026 VIRTUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Put your faith into action! Donate locally and join the Annual Conference Blood Drive effort. Make an appointment with your local blood service to donate blood between June 1 and July 31. Don't forget to tell us you donated so we can add you to our list! More info [HERE](#).

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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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