



# Announcements & Upcoming Events

**APRIL 7-14, 2024**

## Worship Services

All are welcome to join us every Sunday @ 10:30 am in-person or via [livestream](#)! Contact the church office with any questions.

- **April 7-28**—From the Dust of the Ground

Our Sunday worship services are livestreamed to YouTube every Sunday and recorded for later viewing. The front of the sanctuary and the first few rows may be visible on camera. Please see an usher for assistance if you prefer seating that is off camera.

## Faith Formation Hour

Every Sunday from 9:15-10:15 am

- **Children & Youth Faith Formation**—Ages 0—12th grade
- **Adult Faith Formation April 7**
  - **Discovery Class**, *Around the World in 60 Minutes* with David Radcliff, rm 102 & zoom
  - **Bible Exploration** with David Leiter, rm 106
  - **Young Adults**, Parlor
  - **Chalkboard Chat**, rm 110
  - **Sip N' Chat**, Memorial Lobby

## Lunch Bunch

All are welcome to join in this time of fellowship after worship. Contact Suzanne Taylor with questions.

- **April 7**—Hennigan's
- **April 14**—Amato's Pizza

## Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life service for Joe Whitmore will be held on **Sat, April 20 @ 11:30 am** in the sanctuary and via livestream. Click or scan the QR code to view our new Celebration of Life web page.



## Chicken BBQ 2024

**Sat, April 13, 3-5 pm**, Etown CoB. All proceeds benefit The Haiti Medical Project and CCEPI. No need to purchase a ticket, the meal is by donation and includes half a chicken, baked potato, baked beans, pepper slaw, roll, applesauce and cookies. Pick up meals between 3-5 pm or until sold out under the portico. A special thank you to our cookie bakers and volunteers for all of your hard work!

## Calling all Graduates!

On **Sunday, June 2nd** we would like to honor and recognize all high school graduates, college graduates, post-grad certifications, PHD's, etc... If you are graduating we would like to share in your celebration by recognizing your accomplishment. Please provide a picture and your graduation info to the church office by **April 15th** for publication in the newsletter.

## Newsletter Articles

**May-June 2024 Newsletter** articles are due to the church office on **Mon, April 15**. Please submit all articles to [info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org).

## Highlights...

Calling All Graduates!

Newsletter Articles Due—April 15

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner—April 27

Family Dinner—April 28

ANE Older Adult Spring Luncheon—May 1

Etown CoB Spring Clean Up—May 4

Potluck Renovation Celebration—May 5

Birding Adventure—May 9

Roller Skating Event—May 26

Etown CoB Camp Swatara Weekend—June 14-16

## Fellowship Garden Plots

Fellowship Garden plots will soon be ready. Contact Lowell West (717-361-5615) if you are interested in selecting a garden plot to plant, maintain, and harvest this planting season, alongside garden plots of other community members.

## Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

**Sat, April 27 @ 5:30 pm**,

locations vary. Sign up in person in Memorial Lobby or click or scan the QR code to register online or contact the church office. Registration ends **April 7**.



## Family Dinner

**Sun, April 28 after worship**, fellowship hall. This event will be held every 4th Sunday

## WEEKLY/MONTHLY ONGOING EVENTS

Visit our online [events calendar](#) for locations and updates of each event.

### Adult Faith Formation

**Sundays @ 9:15 am**

A new speaker every week, visit the [events calendar](#) for details. Click [here](#) to view previously recorded Faith Formation classes.

### CROP Table

**Sundays**, under the church portico

Donations can be made at time of pick-up with cash or check made out to "Etown CoB" with "CROP" in the memo line or [online giving](#) select "CROP".

### Men's Coffee & Conversation

**Tuesday, May 7 @ 8 am**, Garman's

All men are invited for coffee and conversation. Questions or transportation, contact Barry Garman, Ben Hoffman, George Snavelly or Jim Hoffer.

### Women's Bible Study

**MARCH 19  
-MAY 21**

**Tuesdays @ 10 am**,

presented by Chris Bucher.

Topics vary. Contact [JulieAnn Keith](#) or [Chris Bucher](#) with questions.

### Yoga

**CANCELLED  
APRIL 16**

**Tuesdays @ 6:30**

**pm**, rm 101

Contact [Peggy Shaffer](#) with questions.

### Quilters

**Wednesdays @ 9:30 am**, rm 230

Quilting Coordinator: Peg Over

Contact the [church office](#) with questions.

### Racial Justice Working Group

**2nd Wednesday @ 7 pm**, zoom

All are welcome! Contact [JulieAnn Keith](#) with questions.

### Memory Loss/Caregivers Support Group

**1st Thursday @ 9:30 am**, parlor & zoom

Contact [Barb Sweigart](#) with questions.

### Chair Yoga

**CANCELLED  
APRIL 18**

**Thursdays @ 10:30 am**, rm 101

Contact [Peggy Shaffer](#) with questions.

### Memorial Bell Practice

**Thursdays @ 6:15 pm**,

Contact [Ron Bellamy](#) with questions.

### Knitting/Fiber Arts Group

**Last Saturday @ 10 am**,

Eisenbise home. All are welcome! Contact [Becky Eisenbise](#). Sponsored by the Nurture Commission.

### Climate Crisis Action Committee

**Thurs, May 23 @ 7 pm**, zoom. All

are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for information.

### Etown CoB Spring Clean Up

**Sat, May 4 @ 8 am** until

done. Come help us with weeding, mulching and trimming around the Church grounds. Bring rakes, shovels, hedge trimmers, pitch (mulch) forks, etc.

Donuts and coffee provided. Click or scan the



## Jr/Sr High Youth Events

- **April 7**—First Sunday Hangout
- **May 19**—Governor Dick Hiking & Ice Cream
- **May 26**—Roller Skating at Mt Gretna Roller Rink

QR code or contact the Church Office to let us know that you are available to help.

## Potluck Renovation Celebration

**Sun, May 5th after worship**, fellowship hall. All are welcome to help us celebrate the new renovations to our building. Please feel free to bring a hot or cold dish, desserts, etc. to share.

## Birding Adventure

**Thurs, May 9 @ 9 am**, Old Trolley Line Park, Etown. All are welcome to join in this bird watching 2-hour Prime Time sponsored event. Contact Gina Strouse at 717-341-0712 or [gastrouse@comcast.net](mailto:gastrouse@comcast.net) to register.

## Roller Skating Event

**Sun, May 26 from 5-7 pm**, Mt Gretna Roller Rink. Cost of admission is FREE. Skate rentals will cost \$5. Friends and families are welcome!

## Etown CoB Camp Swatara Weekend

**June 14-16**

All are welcome to join us for a weekend of fun! Cost is \$170 for a large cabin that sleeps 9 and \$150 for a small cabin that sleeps 5. Cabins are limited. RSVP to Pastor Jason by **Wed, May 1**.

of the month. This is an informal opportunity to share in food and conversation and allow children to play together. While created with young families in mind, the Family Dinner is open to all ages and is an intergenerational opportunity to fellowship, all are invited! Bring along a dish to share, hope to see you there!

## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN/AFFILIATES EVENTS

### ANE at Camp Swatara

Sat, April 27, 9 am-2 pm,

Camp Swatara. Click or scan the QR code to register by April 9th



or contact Kelly Bernstein at 717-367-4730.

Cost is \$10 per person, \$50 max per family.

### ANE Older Adult

#### Spring Luncheon

Wed, May 1 @ 12 pm,

Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland. Special

music by Vickie Kissinger. Cost is \$23 per

person. Click or scan the QR code to register

by April 24th or contact Kelly Bernstein at 717-367-4730.



### ANE Men's Ministry Initiative

All men who are interested in men's ministries to help establish a foundation upon which a new district-wide men's organization could be built of service, outreach and fellowship are invited to a breakfast at Lancaster CoB on Sat, May 4 @ 8:30 am. This is a free event. RSVP to Greg Bachman at 717-793-1767 by April 19.

### BHA 2024 Golf Tournament

Fri, May 31 @ 6:30 am,

Fairview Golf Course, 2399 Quentin Rd, Lebanon. Proceeds benefit

single parents and their children experiencing homelessness. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration or contact Jessica Vinton at jvinton@bha-pa.org or 717-233-6016 ext. 819.



### Camp Swatara

#### Summer Camp Registration

Are you excited for Summer Camps?! You're invited to explore the program guide and find camps



that you want to take part in this summer.

Don't miss out on what camp has to offer.

Join in the fun at Camp Swatara. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration or call 717-933-8510.

## MESSIAH UNIVERSITY

### Schrag/Peace Lectures

Peacefully Resolving Conflict in Our Polarized Society, Tues, April 9 @ 9

pm, Frey 110, Messiah University. Join Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz and Jim S. Amstutz as they draw on their experiences in conflict resolution. Free and open to the public. No tickets are required.

## PARISH RESOURCE CENTER

Etown CoB is a member of PRC which has many learning opportunities with a large variety



of topics. With Etown CoB's membership our congregation qualifies for discounted pricing for all of the seminars and webinars that they offer. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration or call 717-299-1113.

## COMMUNITY

### Gretna Music

Summer Season—June 9-Sept 7

Click or scan the QR code for summer line up details, view special pricing, purchase online tickets or download a mail-in order form or call 717-361-1508 with questions.



### 2024 Learning Tours

#### New Community Project

- Ecuadorian Jungle—June 1-7
- Dineh Navajo Reservation, NM—June 20-26
- Denali/Kenai Fjords, Alaska—July 27-August 4



## Worship Attendance

### Sunday, March 31

In-Person: 282 Livestream: 52

## Gifts Given

### Cash, Checks & Square— March 25-April 1

General Fund: \$15,155.50

Designated Gifts: \$37,899.95

CROP: \$229.00

### Hollinger's ACH—March 1-31

General Fund: \$4,742.00

### Breeze ACH—March 1-31

General Fund: \$6,685.54

Designated Gifts: \$2,402.78

Capital Campaign: \$505.30

- Arctic Village, Alaska—August 4-12
- Click or scan the QR code for details or call 540-855-1199 with any questions.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Graduate Sunday—June 2
- Spring Church Council Mtg—June 2
- Pastor Jason's Sabbath Rest—June 9-August 24
- Lancaster Pride—June 15
- York County Pride—June 22
- Classical Concert—June 28
- Lititz Pride—June 29
- Annual Conference—July 3-7
- VBS—August 13-16
- Etown Fair—August 19-24
- Church Picnic—August 25
- Brethren Disaster Relief Auction—Sept 27-28
- ANE District Conference—Oct 11-12

Mark your calendars and watch for details and updates! You can find these events on the online events calendar.

# ETOWN COB COMMUNITY CORNER

## E-motion Showcases

We celebrate our Etown College students, Emma Sager and Faith Morrow who will be in the E-motion (Etown College's Dance Club) showcases on **April 19 & 20 at 7 pm** in Leffler Chapel. Tickets are \$8 for community, \$5 for students/faculty/staff.

Please join us in praying for the  
**Lampeter CoB**  
congregation for the week of  
**April 7th.**

## Church Office Holidays:

Mon, May 27—Memorial Day  
Thurs, July 4—Independence Day  
Mon, Sept 2—Labor Day  
Nov 28 & 29—Thanksgiving Break  
Dec 24 & 25—Christmas Break  
Dec 31—Closing at 12:30 pm - New Year's Eve

Event **Packets** can be found under "Forms" on the church [website](#) or contact the Church Office for a printed copy. Regular Commission/Group meetings do not need to fill out an event packet.

If help is needed to register for any event please contact the Church Office at [info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org) or call 717-367-1000. Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Subject to change for holidays, vacation time or inclement weather.

## Pastoral Team:

Jason Haldeman

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Naomi Kraenbring

[pastornaomi@etowncob.org](mailto:pastornaomi@etowncob.org) | 717-367-1000 ext. 3 | Mon, Wed-Fri, 8:30 am—4:30 pm

Liz Bidgood Enders

[pastorliz@etowncob.org](mailto:pastorliz@etowncob.org) | 717-367-1000 ext. 5 | Mon, Thurs, 8:30 am—4:30 pm

## Support Staff:

Kim Glass, Music Coordinator/Accompanist | [kim@etowncob.org](mailto:kim@etowncob.org) | 717-367-1000 ext. 4

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Ron Bellamy, Memorial Bells Director | [ringinron@gmail.com](mailto:ringinron@gmail.com)

Crystal Crater, Office Administrator and Marketing & Communications Coordinator  
[crystal@etowncob.org](mailto:crystal@etowncob.org) | 717-367-1000 ext. 0 | Mon-Fri, 8:30 am—4:30 pm

Brooke Bish, Administrative Assistant

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Amy Zimmerman, Facilities Manager

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## CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 7

**Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am**

**Worship @ 10:30 am**, sanctuary & livestream

**Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am**, Hennigan's  
**Jr/Sr High Youth 1st Sunday Hangout @ 12 pm**, rm 108

### Monday, April 8

**Church Board Mtg @ 6:45 pm**, rm 102 & zoom

### Tuesday, April 9

**Women's Bible Study @ 10 am**, zoom

**Yoga @ 6:30 pm**, rm 101

### Wednesday, April 10

**Quilters @ 9:30 am**, rm 230

**Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm**, choir rm

**Racial Justice Working Group Mtg @ 7 pm**, zoom

### Thursday, April 11

**Chair Yoga @ 10:30 am**, rm 101

**Memorial Bell Rehearsal @ 6:15 pm**, sanctuary

### Saturday, April 13

**Chicken BBQ @ 3 pm**

### Sunday, April 14

**Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am**

**Worship @ 10:30 am**, sanctuary & livestream

**Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am**, Amato's Pizza

### Tuesday, April 16

**Women's Bible Study @ 10 am**, zoom

### Wednesday, April 17

**Quilters @ 9:30 am**, rm 230

**Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm**, choir rm

**Nurture Commission Mtg @ 7 pm**, Pastor Jason's Study & zoom

### Thursday, April 18

**Memorial Bell Rehearsal @ 6:15 pm**, choir rm