



# Announcements & Upcoming Events

**APRIL 27-MAY 4, 2025**

## Worship Services

All are welcome to join us every Sunday @ 10:30 am in-person or via [livestream](#)!

- **April 27-June 8**—Worship Series: What's Next?

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 27**

- **Discovery Class, BIPOC Student History at Etown College** with Library Archivist Rachel M. Grove Rohrbaugh and students Jordyn Dutko and Kalen Tendo, rm 102 & Zoom
- **Bible Exploration** with David Leiter, rm 106 & Zoom
- **Young Adults**, Parlor
- **Chalkboard Chat**, rm 110
- **Sip N' Chat**, Memorial Lobby

## Lunch Bunch

All are welcome! Contact Suzanne Taylor with questions.

- **April 27**—TJ Rockwell's
- **May 4**—Mangia Mangia

## Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life service for Barbara Maris will be held on **May 25 @ 1 pm** in the sanctuary.

## Welsh Mountain Nature Preserve Hike

**Tues, April 29 @ 9:45 am.** The Masonic Village hiking club and our own Prime Time committee invites you to join us for a guided two mile hike (easy to moderate skill level). A shorter, fully accessible hike is also available. Cost is \$5.00 per person. We will carpool from the church at 8:30 am. Rain date, Thurs, May 1. Sign-ups will be available in the Memorial Lobby on Sundays in April or by contacting Gina Strouse at 717-341-0712, [gastrouse@comcast.net](mailto:gastrouse@comcast.net).

## Spring Clean Up

**Sat, May 3 @ 8 am**, Etown CoB Grounds. We'll be weeding, mulching and trimming. Bring rakes, shovels, hedge trimmers, pitch (mulch) forks, etc. Donuts and coffee provided. Contact the church office ([info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org)) to sign up.

## Ron Bellamy & Linda Lorgus Handbell Concert

**Fri, May 16 @ 7 pm**, Etown CoB Sanctuary. The Concert Committee presents a Ron Bellamy & Linda Lorgus concert. This event is FREE and open to the public. Come enjoy an evening of music.

## Highlights...

Welsh Mountain Hike—April 29  
Spring Clean Up—May 3  
Renewal and Comfort Retreat—May 4  
ANE Older Adult Luncheon—May 14  
Ron Bellamy & Linda Lorgus Concert—May 16

## Baseball Game Tickets

**Thurs, May 22 @ 11 am**, Clipper Magazine Stadium, Lancaster. Our Prime Time group is sponsoring a fun afternoon! You are invited for a Lancaster Stormers game. Bring a friend or family member. Contact Deb Ziegler by **May 5th** for your free tickets at 717-575-4637.

## Spring is here!

Cleaning your attic, basement or closets? Please consider donating your unused household items, clothes, appliances, kids' toys, books, at a later time to the Holiday Celebration in Nov 2025. Look for future announcements for more ways to be involved in this worthy activity. Thank you!

## ANE DISTRICT

### Older Adult Luncheon

**Wed, May 14 @ 12 pm**,  
Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland.

Special music by Mike Miskie.

Cost is \$25 per person. Click or scan the QR code to register by **May 6th** or contact Kelly Bernstein at 717-367-4730.



## WEEKLY/MONTHLY ONGOING EVENTS

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

### 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

**Tues, May 6 @ 8 am**, Garmans' home. All men are invited for coffee and conversation. Questions or transportation, contact Barry Garman, Ben Hoffman, George Snively or Jim Hoffer.

### Women's Bible Study

**Tuesdays @ 10 am**, Zoom Topics vary. Contact [JulieAnn Keith](#) or [Chris Bucher](#) with questions.

### Yoga

**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.

### Memory Loss/Caregivers Support Group

**Thur, May 1 @ 9:30 am**, parlor & Zoom.  
Contact [Barb Sweigart](#) with questions.

### Chair Yoga

**Thursdays @ 10:30 am**, rm 101. Contact [Peggy Shaffer](#) with questions.

### Memorial Bell Rehearsal

**Thursdays @ 6:15 pm**, choir rm. Contact [Ron Bellamy](#) with questions.

### LGBTQ+ Working Group

**Thurs, May 1 @ 7pm**, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Rose Baer](#) with questions.

### Prism Youth Group

**Fridays @ 6:30 pm**, Youth Room 108. All youth grades 6-12. Gatherings are open to everyone—regardless of gender identity or church affiliation. Volunteers, click or scan QR code to sign up.



### 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 1 @ 7 pm**, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for info.

### Immigration Support Group

**Mon, Apr 28 @ 7 pm**, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for info.

### Racial Justice Working Group

**All are welcome!** Contact [JulieAnn Keith](#) for date and time and with any questions.

## MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

### Renewal and Comfort Retreat

**Sun, May 4 @ 12 - 4 pm**, Westminster Church of the Brethren, Westminster, MD. Brethren Peace Fellowship and The Westminster Peace & Justice Forum invite you for lunch and an afternoon featuring prayer for our country, music,



## Hymn Sing

**Sun, June 1 @ 3 pm**, Bucher Meeting House, 376 Schaeffer Rd, Lebanon. All are welcome! The hymn sing will be led by Bob Kettering.

## Jr/Sr High Youth Events

### Grades 6-12

- **May 4**—First Sunday Hangout
- **May 18**—Gov. Dick Hike & Ice Cream



### Grades 6-8

- **June 20-22**—National Youth Junior High Conference

### Grades 9-12

- **July 18-23, 2026**—National Youth Conference

and discussion. Click or scan the QR code to register or call 410-848-8090. Contact Sue Wagner Fields to carpool 717-421-0314. (A lovely 90 minute ride!)

## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

### National Jr High Conference

**June 20-22**, Juniata College, PA. Junior High youth (completed grades 6 - 8) and their adult advisors are invited to this weekend of faith formation, friendship, and fun! Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



### Annual Conference

**July 2-6**, Greensboro, North Carolina. This years theme "Faith



Working Through Love" with supporting scriptures 1 Corinthians 13:4a and Galatians 5:6b. Registration is open. Advance discount registration closes on **June 10**. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.

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

## BRETHREN MENNONITE COUNCIL

### Fabulous Fierce & Sacred

**May 2-4, 2025**, West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship and Germantown Mennonite Church, cohosted with Ambler CoB. This retreat is led by and for LGBTQIA+ Anabaptists to celebrate queer & trans joy and belonging. This retreat is open to all ages. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



## PARISH RESOURCE CENTER (PRC)

### Learning Opportunities

PRC has a variety of topics of interest and with Etown CoB's membership our congregation qualifies for discounted pricing for all of their seminars and webinars. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration or call 717-299-1113.



## ETOWN COLLEGE

### Young Center Events

- **Now-May 16, High Library Idea Lab** is hosting an exhibit *Preserving the Stories of Etown Students and Alumni of Color*.
- **July 22-24, 2025 Anabaptist Conference; Early Anabaptism in Global Perspective.** This conference marking the 500th anniversary of the birth of the Anabaptist movement will revisit early Anabaptism and give special



attention to the global context in which it emerged and spread. Speakers will also consider how Anabaptist history has been received by churches and academics in more recent times and in varying contexts around the world. Click or scan the QR code for details of these events.

## NEW COMMUNITY PROJECT

### 2025 Learning Tours

- Borneo—May 12-20
- Ecuadorian Jungle—May 29-June 4
- Dineh Navajo Reservation, NM—June 20-26
- Denali/Kenai Fjords, Alaska—July 31-August 8



Click or scan the QR code for details or call 540-855-1199 with any questions.

## EVERENCE

### Free Medicare Workshop

**May 8 @ 6:30 pm**, Everence Financial, 960 E. Main St, Mount Joy. Join us for an educational evening of learning about Medicare and enjoying macarons. The seminar will cover enrollment, transitioning from current coverage, medical & drug coverage, and supplemental plans. Click or scan the QR code to register or call 717-653-6662.



## SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER (SVMC)

### Continuing Education

Click [here](#) for details or contact Karen Hodges at [KarenHodges@svmmccob.org](mailto:KarenHodges@svmmccob.org) or call 717-361-1450. CEU's available.

### Worship Attendance

#### Sunday, April 20

In-Person: 300      Livestream: 48

### Gifts Given

#### Cash, Checks & Square—

#### April 15-21

General Fund: \$7,342.50

Designated Gifts: \$1,895.00

CROP: \$132.30

## MT GRETNA EVENTS

### Mt Gretna Bible Festival

June—August! All programs are in the Historic Tabernacle. A freewill offering will be received at each program. Click or scan QR code for worship, speakers and concert details.



## LOOKING AHEAD

- Spring Council Mtg—June 1
- Lititz Pride—June 7
- York County Pride—June 14
- Family Camping Wkd—June 13-15
- Lancaster County Pride—June 28
- CoB Annual Conference—July 2-6
- Anabaptist Conference—July 22-24
- VBS—Aug 12-15
- Women's Camp—Aug 15-16
- Church Picnic—Aug 24
- NOAC Conference—Sept 1-5
- Brethren Disaster Relief Auction—Sept 26-27
- ANE District Conference—Oct 10-12

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

COMMUNITY CORNER

Student of the Month

Etown School District's students of the month for March were Steven McDonald and Haley DeStefano daughter of Michael and Kristin DeStefano. Congratulations, Haley!



Award Recipient

S.J. Popiel is the recipient of the Annie Sullivan Award through IU-13. Named after Helen Keller's lifelong teacher and companion, this award is presented to a professional who portrays exemplary care to students with disabilities, while going beyond the classroom to help those in the community at large. It's an incredible honor, and so well deserved!



Church Office Holidays:

May 26—Closed - Memorial Day

Please join us in praying for the  
**Lancaster CoB**  
congregation for the week of  
**April 27th**

**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.

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APRIL / MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 Faith Formation Worship Lunch Bunch	28 Immigration Support Comm Mtg	29 Welsh Mtn Hike Women's Bible Study Yoga	30 Quilters	May 1 Memory Loss Support Grp Chair Yoga Memorial Bell Rehearsal Climate Comm Mtg LGTBQIA+ Mtg	2 Prism	3 Etown CoB Spring Clean Up
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