

# Announcements & Upcoming Events

**MAY 18-25, 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**  
**May 18**

- **Discovery Class**, Video presentation and discussion of *Chesapeake Rhythms*, 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.

- **May 18**—Pavilion Info Session, afterwards Amato's Pizza
- **May 25**—Centerville Diner 2

## Celebration of Life

**Sun, May 25 @ 1 pm**, sanctuary. A Celebration of Life service for Barbara Maris. Click or scan the QR code to view our Celebration of Life web page.



## Farewell to Ron Bellamy

We are grateful for Ron's ministry as Memorial Bells Choir Director. Please join us for an opportunity to see Ron in action once more on **Sunday, June 1st during worship**, Ron will direct the Memorial Bells in playing "Move in our Midst," arranged by Cathy Moglebust, a piece commissioned in honor of his eighteen years of service as Memorial Bells Choir Director at Etown CoB.

## Church Pavilion Info Session

**Sun, May 18, directly after worship**, sanctuary. Join Kurt Sollenberger, Jeff Mummau, and Lisa Clemens for an informational meeting immediately following worship. Updated pavilion information and sketches will be presented, along with the opportunity to ask questions regarding this potential project. This session will be livestreamed/recorded for those unable to attend in person.

## Spring Church Council Meeting and Potluck Luncheon

On **Sun, June 1** after worship. All are welcome to join in this time that the church body gathers to go over corporate business. After worship we will gather in Fellowship Hall to enjoy a **potluck lunch**. Please feel

## Highlights...

Church Pavilion Info Session—May 18  
Celebration of Life for Barbara Maris—May 25  
Potluck Luncheon—June 1  
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

free to bring a hot or cold dish, desserts, etc. to share. The council meeting will start immediately after lunch. Commission reports due **Mon, May 19**, please send them to [info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org). Packets will be sent via email, hard copies available by Sun, May 25. On Sun, June 1st at 10 am an email will be sent with a packet and Zoom link.

## Resource Library Project

Jennifer Hummel is looking for volunteers, teens and adults, to help evaluate and catalog the church's library collection. Cataloging requires basic typing and computer skills. No experience necessary. Please contact Jennifer at [jhummel1313@gmail.com](mailto:jhummel1313@gmail.com) or 717-490-5901 if you are interested in helping.

## Bookmarks

The Climate Crisis Action Committee created bookmarks in honor of Earth Day. Click or scan the QR code to learn what we can do for our Mother Earth to make



## 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, June 3 @ 8 am**, Garmans' home. All men are invited for coffee and conversation. Questions or transportation, contact Barry Garman, Ben Hoffman, George Snavely 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. Cost is \$7 per session. 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, June 5 @ 9:30 am**, parlor & Zoom.  
Contact [Barb Sweigart](#) with questions.

### Chair Yoga

**Thursdays @ 10:30 am**, rm 101. Cost is \$7 per session. Contact [Peggy Shaffer](#) with questions.

### Memorial Bells Rehearsal

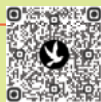
**Thursdays @ 6:15 pm**, choir rm. Contact [Ron Bellamy](#) with questions.

### LGBTQ+ Working Group

**All are welcome!** Contact [Rose Baer](#) for date and time and with any 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, Aug 21 @ 7 pm**, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for info.

### Immigration Support Group

**Mon, June 2 @ 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.

## 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.



## Jr/Sr High Youth Events

### Grades 6-12

- **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

## Annual Conference

**July 2-6**, Greensboro, North Carolina. This year's theme is "Faith Working Through Love" with supporting scriptures 1 Corinthians 13:4a and Galatians 5:6b. 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.



## ETOWN COLLEGE

### Young Center Event

- **July 22-24, 2025**  
**Anabaptist Conference; Early Anabaptism in Global Perspective.** This conference marks the 500th Anniversary of the birth of the Anabaptist movement. Speakers will consider how Anabaptist history has been received by churches and academics in varying



a difference. Bookmarks with the QR code are available in the Narthex.

## ANE DISTRICT

### 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.

contexts around the world. Click or scan the QR code for details of these events.

## NEW COMMUNITY PROJECT

### 2025 Learning Tours

- 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.

## 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.



## LANCASTER INTERFAITH COALITION

### Responding and Resilience in Troubled Times

Sat, May 31 @ 12:30-2:30

pm at Church of the Apostles, Lancaster. There will be short presentations from four speakers from Jewish, Christian and Earth centered backgrounds, as well as table conversation around lunch from Shah's Halal. Click or scan the QR code to learn more and to register.



## MEALS ON WHEELS

### Drivers Needed

Meals on Wheels drivers are needed for the second and fourth Mondays of each month, starting in June. This volunteer job takes just a few hours a day and makes such a difference to those who are homebound and unable to cook meals for themselves. If you,

or someone you know, might be interested or would like more information, please contact Dave Fritchman at [cpowvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:cpowvolunteers@gmail.com).

## UNITED CHURCHES OF THE ETOWN AREA

### Career Opportunities

The United Churches of the Elizabethtown Area (UCEA) is looking to fill two positions. The UCEA board of directors is searching for candidates to fill the position of **treasurer**. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please contact Bob Enck at [renck3@comcast.net](mailto:renck3@comcast.net).

The second position is that of a part-time **Clothing Barn director**. This is a paid position. Two of the responsibilities would be coordinating appointments for shoppers and scheduling volunteers. If you, or someone you know, is interested in the position, please contact Tammi Gwinn at [cpowvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:cpowvolunteers@gmail.com). The complete job description can be seen by clicking or scanning the QR code.



## COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

### Items Needed

The Community Cupboard is running low on certain items and may have to limit distribution because of low stock. Community Cupboard donations can be dropped off 24/7 in the white shed alongside the driveway at 61 E. Washington St., or during the business hours of the Cupboard which is Wednesday and Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm. Click or scan the QR code for a list of the needed items.



## Worship Attendance

### Sunday, May 11

In-Person: 199      Livestream: 38

### Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square—

May 6-12

General Fund: \$3,950.50

Designated Gift: \$2,965.09

Tenant R & S: \$512.90

CROP: \$237.00

## EVERENCE

### 2025 Benefits Conference

Jun 4-5 @ 1 pm, Zoom.

Empower, Equip, Encourage: Leadership's Role in Strengthening the Workforce. The Everence Benefits Conference 2025 is designed for HR professionals and organizational leaders seeking innovative solutions to strengthen their workplace. With dynamic keynotes, engaging panels, and insightful learning sessions, this event will provide tools and strategies to empower your workforce. Click or scan the QR code to learn more and to register.



## LOOKING AHEAD

- 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

## VBS Volunteers Needed

**Aug 12-15**, Etown CoB. This year the theme is “Waves of Wonder.” Lots of volunteers are needed. If you’d enjoy helping with these fun evenings of playing, singing, and learning alongside the children of our church and community, please contact Pastor Jason. Registration to open July 1.



## STAFF OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Naomi—May 16-24

Pastor Liz—May 17-22

### Church Office Holidays:

May 26—Closed - Memorial Day

Please join us in praying for the  
**Swatara Hill CoB**  
congregation for the week of  
**May 18th**

**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:

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## MAY/JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18 Faith Formation Worship Pavilion Mtg Lunch Bunch Youth Hiking & Ice Cream	19	20 Women's Bible Study Yoga Nurture Comm Mtg	21 Quilters	22 Memorial Bells Rehearsal	23 Young Adult Conference Prism	24 Young Adult Conference
25 Faith Formation Worship Lunch Bunch CoL for Barbara Maris	26 Memorial Day - Church Office CLOSED	27 Women's Bible Study Benevolence Subcomm Mtg	28 Quilters	29 Chair Yoga Memorial Bells Rehearsal	30 Prism	31 Knitting/Fiber Arts Group
June 1 Faith Formation Worship Potluck Lunch Church Council Mtg	2 Resources Comm Mtg Christ. Ed Mtg Immigration Comm Mtg Witness Comm Mtg	3 Men's Coffee & Conversation Women's Bible Study Yoga	4 Quilters	5 Memory Loss Support Grp Chair Yoga LGBTQIA+ Working Grp Mtg	6 Prism	7