



Announcements & Upcoming Events

MARCH 31-APRIL 7, 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.

- **March 31**—Embodied Unbound - Easter Sunday
- **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.

No Faith Formation Hour

Childcare available for Nursery & Shine during worship service

Visit [etowncob.org](#) for more information.

Please schedule all zoom meetings through the Church Office. Thank you!

Lunch Bunch

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

- **March 31**—Easter Sunday
- **April 7**—Hennigan's

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.



Easter Sunday



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Join us on **Sunday, March 31!** A **Sunrise Service** will be held at Reider Cemetery. Meet at the church to carpool at 6:45 am. Wear shoes appropriate for walking on uneven terrain. A **Continental Breakfast** will be served from 9:15-10:15 am in Fellowship Hall. There will be no Faith Formation hour. **Worship** will be at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary with childcare available for Nursery & Shine. An **Egg Hunt** will follow worship for children up to 3rd grade.

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.

Calling all Graduates!

On **Sunday, June 2nd** we would like to honor and recognize all high school graduates, college graduates, post-grad certifica-

Highlights...

- Easter—March 31
- Calling All Graduates!
- Fellowship Garden Plots
- Newsletter Articles Due—April 15
- ANE at Camp Swatara—April 27
- Guess Who's Coming to Dinner—April 27
- ANE Older Adult Spring Luncheon—May 1
- Etown CoB Spring Clean Up—May 4
- Birding Adventure—May 9
- Roller Skating Event—May 26
- Etown CoB Camp Swatara Weekend—June 14-16

tions, 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.

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

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, Apr 2 @ 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 2 & 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

The next meeting will take place in May. The date and time will be announced once decided. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for information.

season, alongside garden plots of other community members.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner



Sat, April 27 @ 5:30 pm,

locations vary. This dinner event will have hosts provide a main dish and beverage

while guests will bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. Reserve your spot by signing up in person in the Memorial Lobby or click or scan the QR code to register online or contact the church office. Registration ends **April 7**.

Jr/Sr High Youth Events

• April 7—First Sunday Hangout

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



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. Watch for details to come.

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**.

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.



FaithX Experiences Summer 2024

FaithX offers short-term service trip opportunities for Jr High through Older Adults. **Registration closes Mon, April 1.** Click or scan the QR code for details or contact Marissa Witkovsky-Eldred at 847-429-4337 or faithx@brethren.org.



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.



ETOWN COLLEGE

Kreider Lecture

Language Patterns among Lancaster County Anabaptists: Do the Amish and Groffdale Conference Mennonites use English and Pennsylvania Dutch Differently? **Tues, April 2 @ 7 pm**, Bucher Meeting-house. Click or scan the QR code for details or contact the **Young Center** at 717-361-1470 or youngctr@etown.edu.



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.



Meals on Wheels

There is an immediate volunteer opening for a driver on the 1st & 2nd Thursdays of each month. Drivers deliver approximately 10 meals per day. If interested contact Dave Fritchman at cpowvolunteers@gmail.com or 717-829-4733.

UCEA is Hiring!

United Churches of Elizabethtown is hiring! UCEA is looking for an Executive Director who will oversee the oper-



Worship Attendance

Sunday, March 24

In-Person: 219 Livestream: 53

Gifts Given

**Cash, Checks & Square—
March 18-25**

General Fund: \$13,161.93
Designated Gifts: \$4,510.07
CROP: \$81.00
Kitchen/FH Reno: \$500.00
Tenant R & S: \$593.72

ations of all UCEA programs. Click or scan the QR code for a full job description.

ECHOS of Hope Gala

Sat, April 13 @ 6 pm, Crossman Ballroom, Masonic Village. All proceeds benefit ECHOS' clients. Click or scan the QR code for details or call 717-361-0740.



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
- Lititz Pride—June 29
- Annual Conference—July 3-7
- VBS—August 13-16
- Etown Fair—August 19-24
- 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.

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
- Arctic Village, Alaska—August 4-12



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

CWS Training and Learning Opportunities

Partner With Us meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Click on the title for details.

Refugee Welcome Collective Lunch and Learn meets several times a month.

Click on the title for details.

Please join us in praying for the
Alpha and Omega CoB
congregation for the week of
March 31st.

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 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

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Liz Bidgood Enders

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Amy Zimmerman, Facilities Manager

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CALENDAR

Easter Sunday, March 31

Sunrise Service @ 6:45 am, Reider Cemetery

Breakfast @ 9:15 am, FH

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Egg Hunt @ after worship, church grounds

Monday, April 1

Witness Commission Mtg @ 6 pm, zoom

Christian Ed Commission Mtg @ 7 pm, Pastor Jason's Study

Resources Commission Mtg @ 7 pm, rm 108

Tuesday, April 2

Men's Coffee & Conversation @ 8 am, The Stables at Barry & Sandy Garman's

Women's Bible Study @ 10 am, zoom

Wednesday, April 3

Quilters @ 9:30 am, rm 230

Thursday, April 4

Memory Loss Support Group @ 9:30 am, parlor & zoom

Chair Yoga @ 10:30 am, rm 101

Memorial Bell Rehearsal @ 6:15 pm, choir rm

Sunday, April 7

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Jr/Sr High Youth 1st Sunday Hangout @ 12 pm, rm 108

Monday, April 8

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