

Announcements & Upcoming Events

AUGUST 24-31, 2025

Worship Services

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

- July 27-August 31—Sermon Series: Culturally Christian
- September 7-October 5—Sermon Series: Anabaptism at 500

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 August 24th
 - Discovery Class, No Class, rm 102& Zoom
 - Bible Exploration with David Leiter, rm 106 & Zoom
 - Young Adults, Parlor
 - Chalkboard Chat, rm 110
 - Sip N' Chat, Memorial Lobby

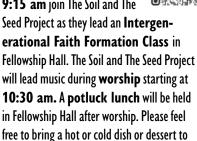
Lunch Bunch

All are welcome! Contact Suzanne Taylor with questions.

- Aug 24—Church Picnic
- Aug 31—TJ Rockwell's

The Walking Roots Band and The Soil and The Seed Project

Sun, Sept 14, Etown CoB. At 9:15 am join The Soil and The



Walking Roots Band in the church lawn (sanctuary in inclement weather). Donations will be received and all proceeds will support The Soil and The Seed Project. Click or scan the OR code to learn more.

share. At **1 pm** bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the musical concert by **The**

Pavilion Project Information Sessions

Led by Resource Commission Chair Kurt Sollenberger and Church Board Chair-Elect Amy Karr, this session will provide an overview of the origins of the Pavilion Project, a review of the current proposal and potential financing options, and will conclude with time for questions and discussion. We encourage all members and friends to attend one of the following sessions:

 Sunday, Sept 7 — After worship in the Sanctuary

Highlights...

Camp Swatara Auction—Aug 29-30
Applying for Asylum Webinar—Aug 29
NOAC Conference—Sept 1-5
Inquirers Class—Sept 7-Oct 12
Pavilion Project Info Session—Sept 7
COBYS Bike & Hike—Sept 7
Women's Bible Study—Sept 9-Nov 18
The Walking Roots Band—Sept 14
Brethren Disaster Relief Auction—
Sept 26-27

- Wednesday, Sept 10 In-person in Room 102 and via Zoom at 7 pm
- Sunday, Sept 21 During the Faith Formation hour

Your participation and feedback are important as we discern next steps together!

If you would like to learn more about this

Inquirers Class

church office.

congregation and discern whether church membership is right for you, please join us for the next Inquirers Class series, on Sunday mornings during the Faith Formation hour from **September 7 through October 12**. You may be new to the congregation or have been attending for some time and have not yet become a member. RSVP with the

WEEKLY/MONTHLY ONGOING EVENTS

Visit our online events calendar for locations and updates of each event.

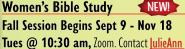
CROP Table

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, Sept 9 @ 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



Keith or Chris Bucher with questions.

Yoga

Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm, rm 101. Cost is \$7 per session. Contact **Peggy Shaffer** with questions.

Ouilters

Wednesdays @ 9:30 am, rm 230. Quilting Coordinator, Peg Over. Contact the church office with questions.

Memory Loss/Caregivers Support Group

Thurs, Sept 11 @ 9:30 am, parlor.

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. Contact leffrey **Clouser** with questions.

LGBTQ+ Working Group

3rd Monday @ 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact Rose Baer with any questions.

Prism Youth Group Sun, Sept 14 @ 4 pm, rm 108.

All youth grades 6-12. 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 28 @ 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact Damon Wagner Fields for info.

Immigration Support Group

Mon, Sept 29 @ 7 pm, rm 106 & 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.

2026 Gifts Discernment Nominations Needed Region

The Gifts Discernment Committee (GDC) is asking for suggestions to fill the roles listed on the Nomination Form (including yourself!) which can be found by clicking or scanning the QR code. Paper copies are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please fill out and return them to the church

office by Mon, Sept 8. Contact the church office with any questions.

Memorial Bells Seeks Volunteer(s)

If you are interested in ringing with the handbell ensemble please reach out to Jeff Clouser at handbells@etowncob.org. The Memorial Bells rehearse on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:30 pm and typically play during worship the first Sunday of the month

Ir/Sr High Youth Events

Grades 5-12

• September 20—Lincoln **Cemetery Service Project** (SOAL)



- October 5—First Sunday Hangout
- October 18—Cherry Crest Farms

Grades 9-12

- **September 7**—Informational Meeting for National Youth Conference
- July 18-23, 2026— **National Youth Conference**

October through June. Possible opportunities for small ensemble playing too.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Applying for Asylum

Fri, Aug 29 @ 6 pm, webinar. The Deportation Defense Response Team is inviting pastors, church leaders, allies, and brother and sister immigrants to the "Importance and Process of Applying for Asylum" webinar led by attorney Margaret Blot. For questions and to request the link to attend the webinar email ddrcobcoordinator@gmail.com or call 561-647-8981.

ATLANTIC NORTHEAST **DISTRICT (ANE)**

ANE District Conference

Oct 10-11. Please join us in sharing about District Ministries, learning, business, and fellowship. Click or scan the QR code for information and registration. Registration closes September 15.

BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES

Brethren Disaster Relief Auction



Sept 26-27, Lebanon Expo

Center. This auction raises money to support the work of Brethren Disaster Ministries serving in clean-up and rebuilding projects around the US and worldwide. Please scan or click the OR code to learn more about the auction and to volunteer.

CAMP SWATARA

Annual Auction

Aug 29 & 30 @ Camp Swatara. Benefits the Family Campground at Camp Swatara. Donations of new, gently used, or handmade items are greatly appreciated, please email communication@campswatara.org if you would like to donate

CHILDREN'S DISASTER **SERVICES**

Volunteer Training

October 17-18. Are you looking for a meaningful way to help children and families after disasters? Do you have a



warm heart, patience, team spirit, a sense of adventure, and time to give? Participants in the 25-hour training learn to create a safe, friendly environment that gives children the chance to engage in therapeutic play activities designed to relieve stress and calm fears. For more details and to register scan the QR code or speak with Sandy Brubaker, the training coordinator, at 717-598-5195.

COBYS

Bike & Hike

Sun, Sept 7 @ 12-4 pm, Lititz CoB. This event is open to all. Event routes end back at the church for the Incredible Ice Cream Celebration. All proceeds from the event support COBYS ministries. Click or scan the OR code for more information and registration.

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EMBRACE LANCASTER

Liz Fulmer Concert

Tues, Aug 26 @ 6:30 pm, St Matthew Lutheran Church, 700 Pleasure Rd, Lancaster. A summer concert on the lawn with Cupcakes by Casey food truck and lemonade. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Parking available at Lancaster Catholic HS.

EVERENCE

Confidence in Retirement

Thurs, Sept 11 @ 6:30 pm, 9 3 3 5 6 Neffsville Mennonite Church. Learn 🐇 🐠 more about Social Security, your 401(K), and how to avoid common retirement mistakes. Click or scan the OR code to register or call 717-653-6662.

Free Medicare Workshop

Thurs, Sept 18 @ 6:30 pm, 9 Eden Resort. Learn more about Medicare enrollment, medical & drug coverage, and supplemental plans. Click or scan the QR code to register or call 717-653-6662.

ON EARTH PEACE

Prayer Gathering

Thurs, Aug 28 @ 12 pm, Zoom. Julie Avila, an educator and organizer on the Deportation Defense



Sunday, August 17

Livestream: 40 In-Person: 182

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square-August 12-18

General Fund: \$15,228.02

Designated Gifts: \$206.60

Tenant R & S: \$2.487.57

CROP: \$125.00

Response Team, will be leading. You're invited to bring prayer requests, concerns, celebrations, poems, Scripture, and liturgy to share. You may also choose to come listen and pray silently with us. Click or scan the QR code to RSVP.

Kingian Nonviolence **Book Club**



Tues, Sept 23 @ 6pm, Zoom.

All are welcome to join the discussion-based series rooted in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s philosophy of nonviolence. Rather than a formal course, this is an open forum for learning, reflection, and connection. Sessions will be monthly. Click or scan the QR code for information and registration.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ANE District Conference—Oct 10-11
- Children's Disaster Services Volunteer Training—Oct 17-18
- Thinking Ahead Workshop—Oct 19
- Old-Fashioned Coffee House—Oct 24
- Receiving New Members—Oct 26
- Remembrance Sunday—Nov 2

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

COMMUNITY CORNER



We pray for safety, courage, and wisdom to students and teachers heading back to classrooms!

Pastoral Team:

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Amy Zimmerman, Facilities Manager

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Church Office Holidays:

Sept 1—Closed - Labor Day

Please join us in praying for the Palmyra CoB congregation for the week of August 24th.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:15 am Faith		6:30 pm Yoga	9:30 am Quilters	10:30 am Chair Yoga		10 am Knitting/Fiber
Formation				6:15 pm Memorial Bell		Arts Grp
10:30 am Worship				Rehearsal		
11:45 am Church Picnic				7 pm Climate Crisis		
				Action Comm Mtg		
31	Sept 1	2	3	4	5	6
9:15 am Faith	Church Office - CLOSED	NOAC	NOAC	NOAC	NOAC	
Formation	NOAC	6:30 pm Yoga	9:30 am Quilters	10:30 am Chair Yoga		
10:30 am Worship		7 pm Resources Comm	6:30 pm Witness Comm	6:15 pm Memorial Bell		
11:45 am Lunch Bunch		Mtg	Mtg	Rehearsal		

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.