



# 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 Seed Project as they lead an **Intergenerational Faith Formation Class** in Fellowship Hall. The Soil and The Seed Project will lead music during **worship** starting at **10:30 am**. A **potluck lunch** will be held in Fellowship Hall after worship. Please feel free to bring a hot or cold dish or dessert to share. At **1 pm** bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the musical concert by **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 QR code to learn more.



## Pavilion Project Information Sessions

Led by Resource Commission Chair Kurt Soltenberger 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!

## Inquirers Class

If you would like to learn more about this 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 church office.

## 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

**NEW!**

**Fall Session Begins Sept 9 - Nov 18**

**Tues @ 10:30 am**, Zoom. 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

**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 [Jeffrey 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

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](mailto: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

## Jr/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](mailto: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 QR 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](mailto: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 QR code for more information and registration.



## 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,** Neffsville Mennonite Church. Learn more about Social Security, your 401(K), and how to avoid common retirement mistakes. Click or scan the QR code to register or call 717-653-6662.



### Free Medicare Workshop

**Thurs, Sept 18 @ 6:30 pm,** 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



### Worship Attendance

**Sunday, August 17**

In-Person: 182      Livestream: 40

### 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!

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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.**

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 6

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24 9:15 am Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Church Picnic	25	26 6:30 pm Yoga	27 9:30 am Quilters	28 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bell Rehearsal 7 pm Climate Crisis Action Comm Mtg	29	30 10 am Knitting/Fiber Arts Grp
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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.