



Announcements & Upcoming Events

Week of December 12, 2022

Sermons

All are welcome every Sunday @ 10:30 am. Join us in-person or via [livestream](#)! Contact the church office with any questions.

- **Dec 11, 18, 25, Jan 1**—Light of the World
- **Dec 24**—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Faith Formation Hour

Every Sunday from 9:15-10:15 am

- **Children & Youth Faith Formation**—Ages 0–12th grade
- **Adult Faith Formation—Fellowship Hall**—Dec 4, 11, & 18—Advent Conversations

No Faith Formation Hour—Dec 25 & Jan 1

Holiday Office Hours

- Mon, Dec 26—Closed
- Thurs, Dec 29—Closing @ 3 pm
- Fri, Dec 30—Closed

Christmas Choir

All singers are welcome to join in this Christmas Choir. Rehearsals will be held on **Wed, Dec 14 @ 7 pm**, sanctuary. Contact Karen Ungemach or Craig Coble.

Seekers Christmas Party

Fri, Dec 16 @ 6 pm, Lisa & Dave Clemens' home. All adults are invited to this adult only event. Please bring a dish to share, and a white elephant gift if you'd like to participate. Some drinks will be provided, or you can bring a drink of your choice. Contact Kurt Sollenberger, Kevin Engle or Lisa Clemens with questions. Hope to see you there!

Blaze Singers

Sun, Dec 18 from 10:10-10:30 am

All K-5th grade children are invited to join in a fun time of singing together in Blaze classroom (Rm 3). We will be learning a Christmas song to sing in church on **December 18**. Lynne Hockley will be leading these fun singing sessions.

Along the Way Newsletter

Articles for the newsletter are due to the church office by **Mon, Dec 12**. Please send articles to info@etowncob.org.

Church Board Retreat

Sat, Jan 28 @ 9 am, Young Center, Etown College. All Church Board members are encouraged to attend this informative event.

Advent Devotional Forum

November 27th to January 6th (Epiphany). All are welcome to join in the discussion on the daily advent devotional! **This online forum is not a live zoom session**; this is an open online forum that can be visited and commented on at any time. Booklets are \$4.50 and available through [BrethrenPress.com](#). Visit etowncob.org for our [online discussion forum](#). Contact the church office with any questions.

Winter Walking Group

All are welcome to join Deb Ziegler under Etown CoB's portico for a walk on **Tuesdays @ 7 pm**. Bring along a flashlight. Contact Deb at (717) 575-4637 or debzotr@hotmail.com.

Holiday Movie Night

Wed, Dec 28 @ 6:30 pm, fellowship hall. All are welcome to join us to watch the classic movie "Elf" starring Will Ferrell. This is a FREE event! Visit etowncob.org for details.

Lunch Bunch

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

- **Dec 11**—Mangia Mangia
- **Dec 18**—Hennigan's

Jr/Sr High Events

Sun, Dec 18 @ 5 pm, Jr/Sr High Christmas Party, home of Jacob & Allison Mattern-Bradley



Highlights in this Edition...

No Faith Formation Hour—Dec 25 & Jan 1
Holiday Office Hours
Seekers Christmas Party—Dec 16
Holiday Movie Night—Dec 28
Newsletter Articles Due—Dec 12
Jr/Sr High Christmas Party—Dec 18
Church Board Retreat—Jan 28

Fundraising Book Sale!

We Have Walked in Each Other's Shoes, by Frank Ramirez w/Rebecca Dali. Proceeds go to CCEPI USA. Purchase for **\$15** in the church office. Make checks out to "Etown CoB" with "CCEPI USA" in the memo line. [Order online at brethrenpress.com](#).

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN/AFFILIATES EVENTS

ANE Bus Trip Hosts Needed

July 4-8, Cincinnati, OH. ANE Bus Trip to Annual Conference is in need of Bus Hosts. Bus Host gets a free trip to and from Annual Conference! For more information contact ANE District office at 717-367-4730.

2023 Learning Tours

New Community Project

- Nepal — Jan 11-22
- South Sudan — May 5-16
- Ecuadorian Amazon - Deep Jungle — June 1-7
- Diné (Navajo) Reservation, NM — June 22-28
- Yellowstone/Grand Tetons National Parks — July 20-27
- Denali/Kenai Fjords, Alaska — August 7-15

Visit www.newcommunityproject.info/learning-tours for details and registration.

CAMP SWATARA EVENTS

- **Dec 16-17**—Winter Camp
- **Dec 17**—Staff & Volunteer Christmas Reunion
- **Feb 11**—Camp Rep Gathering

Visit campswatara.org for all events and registration.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Susquehanna Chorale Concert

Sat, Dec 17 @ 7:30 pm, Candlelight Christmas, Leffler Chapel, Etown College. Visit etowncob.org for tickets and information.

ONGOING EVENTS

Visit our online [events calendar](#) for locations and updates of each event, some events take summer and holiday breaks.

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

Spring—Fall, 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”.

Women’s Together Circle

1st and 3rd Monday of the month @ 2 pm

A lively gathering of women (by Zoom). A time to share with other women on an issue of the day. All women are welcome. Contact the [church office](#) with questions.

Men’s Coffee & Conversation

1st Tuesday of the month @ 8 am, Garman’s

All men are invited for coffee and conversation. If you have any questions or are in need of transportation, contact Barry Garman, Ben Hoffman, George Snavelly or Jim Hoffer.

Women’s Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 10 am, presented by Chris Bucher

This group provides friendship and support as the participants seek spiritual guidance through studying scripture. Topics vary. Contact [Pat Leiter](#) or [Chris Bucher](#) with questions.

Quilters

Wednesdays @ 9:30 am,

Quilting Coordinator: Peg Over

Contact the [church office](#) with questions.

Racial Justice Working Group

2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7 pm via ZOOM

All are welcome! Contact [JulieAnn Keith](#) for more information.

Memory Loss/Caregivers Support Group

1st Thursday of the month @ 9:30 am

If you are unable to join in but have interest, contact [Peggy McFarland](#) or [Pastor Pam](#), co-leaders.

Memorial Bell Practice

Thursdays @ 6:15 pm, contact [Ron Bellamy](#) with questions.

Crafting Group

Last Saturday of the month @ 9:30 am, Eisenbise home

All are welcome! Contact Becky Eisenbise at [eisenbise1@gmail.com](#). Sponsored by the Nurture Commission.

Historic Ephrata Cloister Events

- Mon, Dec 12 @ 6:30 pm, Christmas at the Cloister “Lessons & Carols”
- Mon, Dec 12 @ 8 pm, Christmas at the Cloister “Lessons & Carols”
- Tues, Dec 13 @ 6:30 pm, Christmas at the Cloister “Lessons & Carols”
- Tues, Dec 13 @ 8 pm, Christmas at the Cloister “Lessons & Carols”

Each event is \$7 per ticket. Contact Deb Ziegler at (717) 575-4637 for tickets. Historic Ephrata Cloister, 632 West Main Street, Ephrata.

Handel’s Messiah

Sun, Dec 11 @ 4 pm, Donegal HS. Presented by music ministry of Chiques UMC. Featuring Amy Yovanovich, mezzo soloist. Tickets \$20. Tickets or information call 717-742-5254.

Concert

Sun, Dec 18 @ 3 pm, Church of the Apostles, 1850 Marietta Ave, Lancaster. Ron Bellamy and his wife, Linda Lorgus, will be performing. The concert

is open to the public and a free will offering will be collected to support their concert series. Please join us for a fun afternoon filled with Christmas music.

Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed

There is a need for two Meals on Wheels drivers starting in January. Contact Dave Fritchman, volunteer coordinator at [cpowvolunteers@gmail.com](#) if you are interested in becoming a driver.

Church World Service Events

Lunch and Learn Webinars

- Mon, Dec 12 @ 12 pm, School Engagement
- [Visit \[refugeewelcome.org\]\(#\) for details.](#)

Understanding Asylum **NEW!**

Thurs, Jan 12 @ 7 pm, webinar. Join Griffin Durling, CWS Lancaster Legal Services Coordinator, for an educational webinar on People, Policy and Process: Asylum as a Legal Right. [Click here for details & registration.](#)

CALENDAR

Monday, December 12

Church Board Mtg @ 7 pm, zoom

Tuesday, December 13

Winter Walking Group @ 7 pm, portico

Wednesday, December 14

Christmas Choir Practice @ 7 pm, sanctuary
Finance Committee Mtg @ 7 pm, fellowship hall
Racial Justice Group Mtg @ 7 pm, zoom

Thursday, December 15

Memorial Bell Rehearsal @ 6:15 pm, sanctuary

Friday, December 16

Seekers Christmas Party @ 6 pm, home of Lisa and Dave Clemens
Camp Swatara Winter Camp @ 7 pm, Camp Swatara

Saturday, December 17

Camp Swatara Staff & Volunteer Christmas Reunion @ 5:30 pm, Camp Swatara
Camp Swatara Winter Camp @ 7 pm, Camp Swatara
Candlelight Christmas @ 7:30 pm, Leffler Chapel, Etown College

Sunday, December 18

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am, Etown CoB
Blaze Singers Rehearsal @ 10:10 am, rm 3
Worship Service @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream
Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am, Hennigan’s
Ron Bellamy and Linda Lorgus in Concert @ 3 pm, Church of the Apostles, 1850 Marietta Ave, Lancaster
Jr and Sr High Christmas Party @ 5 pm, the home of Jacob and Allison Mattern-Bradley

Monday, December 19

Women’s Together Circle @ 2 pm, zoom

Tuesday, December 20

Winter Walking Group @ 7 pm, portico

Wednesday, December 21

Quilters @ 9:30 am, home of Suzanne Taylor
Ensemble Practice @ 7 pm, sanctuary

Thursday, December 22

Memorial Bell Rehearsal @ 6:15 pm, sanctuary

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 7 pm, sanctuary, fellowship hall, livestream

Worship Attendance

Sunday, December 4

In-Person: 210 Livestream: 66

Gifts Given to Our Church Ministries

Cash, Checks & Square—November 29-5

General Fund: \$5,856.00
Designated Gifts: \$250.00
Capital Campaign: \$60.00
Crop Table: \$90.25
SERRV: \$576.51
Tenant R&S: \$5,376.00



[Click here for Calendar of Events.](#)

All are welcome to any event unless stated otherwise. Events that require a fee or RSVP are marked with pertinent information.