

Announcements & Upcoming Events

MAY 4-11, 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 4**
 - **Discovery Class**, *Discovering the Difference in Care: Importance of child welfare and mental health care* presented by COBYS, 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 4**—Mangia Mangia
- **May 11**—Mother's Day

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.



Ron Bellamy & Linda Lorgus Handbell Concert

Fri, May 16 @ 7 pm, Etown CoB Sanctuary. The Concert Committee presents a Ron Bellamy & Linda Lorgus concert. This event is FREE and open to the public. Come enjoy an evening of music.

Church Pavilion Info Session

Sun, May 18, directly after worship, sanctuary. Please join Kurt Sollenberger, Jeff Mummau, and Lisa Clemens for an informational meeting in the sanctuary 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 and recorded for those unable to attend in person.

Etown CoB Choir to Visit Tabernacle Baptist Church

Sun, May 18 @ 10 am. Come join us for a morning of worship at Tabernacle Baptist Church (TBC) in Harrisburg, PA. The Etown CoB Choir travels to TBC to sing and worship. Members from Etown CoB are invited to attend there as well. Visit www.tabernaclebaptist.net to learn more about this congregation.

Highlights...

ANE Older Adult Luncheon—May 14
Ron Bellamy & Linda Lorgus Concert—May 16
Church Pavilion Info Session—May 18
Celebration of Life for Barbara Maris—May 25
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

Baseball Game Tickets

Thurs, May 22 @ 11 am, Clipper Magazine Stadium, Lancaster. Our Prime Time group is sponsoring a fun afternoon! You are invited for a Lancaster Stormers game. Bring a friend or family member. Contact Deb Ziegler by **May 5th** for your free tickets at 717-575-4637.

Spring Church Council Meeting

On **Sun, June 1** after worship. All are welcome to join in this time that the church body gathers to go over corporate business. Commission reports due **Mon, May 19**, please send them to 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.

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, May 6 @ 8 am, Garman's 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. 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. Contact [Peggy Shaffer](#) with questions.

Memorial Bell 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.

Spring is here!

Cleaning your attic, basement or closets? Please consider donating your unused household items, clothes, appliances, kids' toys, books, at a later time to the Holiday Celebration in Nov 2025. Look for future announcements for more ways to be involved in this worthy activity. Thank you!

Bookmarks

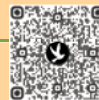
The Climate Crisis Action Committee created bookmarks in honor of Earth Day. Click or scan the QR code to learn what we can do for our Mother Earth to make a difference. Bookmarks with the QR code are available in the Narthex.



Jr/Sr High Youth Events

Grades 6-12

- **May 4**—First Sunday Hangout
- **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

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.

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.



Annual Conference

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



PARISH RESOURCE CENTER (PRC)

Learning Opportunities

PRC has a variety of topics of interest and with Etown CoB's membership our congregation qualifies for discounted pricing for all of their seminars and webinars. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration or call 717-299-1113.



ETOWN COLLEGE

Young Center Events

- **Now-May 16, High Library Idea Lab** is hosting an exhibit *Preserving the Stories of Etown Students and Alumni of Color*.
- **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 contexts around the world. Click or scan the QR code for details of these events.



NEW COMMUNITY PROJECT

2025 Learning Tours

- Borneo—May 12-20
- Ecuadorian Jungle—May 29-June 4
- 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.

EVERENCE

Free Medicare Workshop

May 8 @ 6:30 pm, Everence Financial, 960 E. Main St, Mount Joy. Join us for an educational evening of learning about Medicare and enjoying macarons. The seminar will cover enrollment, transitioning from current coverage, medical & drug coverage, and supplemental plans. Click or scan the QR code to register or call 717-653-6662.



MT GREтна 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



Worship Attendance

Sunday, April 27

In-Person: 224 Livestream: 44

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square—April 22-28

General Fund: \$1,424.00

CROP: \$104.25

Hollinger's ACH—April 1-30

General Fund: \$3,942.00

Breeze ACH—April 1-30

General Fund: \$6,911.49

Designated Gifts: \$1,227.52

Capital Campaign: \$505.30

table conversation around lunch from Shah's Halal. The hope is that there will be a sense of connection that can propel us forward together as we continue to seek spaces where we can dignify differences. 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

Congratulations to all
who are graduating from
Elizabethtown College on
May 10th.



Graduation Party

All are welcome to share in a graduation celebration for Micah Bidgood Enders (Bachelor of Music Education) and Brooke Seislove (M.Ed in Special Ed). There will be a drop-in celebration in the Fellowship Hall from 2-4 pm on **Saturday, May 10th**.

You are Invited!

You are invited to share with the office staff ideas for local and community highlights that feature participants in our congregation. Please submit items to share by 12 noon on Wednesdays to info@etowncob.org.

Church Office Holidays:

May 26—Closed - Memorial Day

Please join us in praying for the
Brooklyn First CoB
congregation for the week of
May 4th

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.

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MAY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 Faith Formation Worship Lunch Bunch Youth 1st Sunday Hangout	5 Resources Comm Mtg Christian Ed. Comm Mtg Witness Comm Mtg	6 Men's Coffee & Conversation Women's Bible Study Yoga	7 Quilters Choir Rehearsals	8 Chair Yoga Memorial Bell Rehearsal	9 Prime Time Mtg Prism	10
11 Faith Formation Worship Mother's Day	12 Church Board Mtg Racial Justice Mtg	13 Women's Bible Study Yoga	14 ANE Annual Older Adult Luncheon Quilters Choir Rehearsals	15 Chair Yoga Memorial Bell Rehearsal	16 Prism Ron Bellamy & Linda Lorgus Concert	17
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 Chair Yoga Memorial Bell Rehearsal	23 Young Adult Conference Prism	24 Young Adult Conference