



Announcements & Upcoming Events

APRIL 14-21, 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.

- **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.

Faith Formation Hour

Every Sunday from 9:15-10:15 am

- **Children & Youth Faith Formation**—Ages 0–12th grade
- **Adult Faith Formation**
April 14
 - **Discovery Class**, *An Engaging Garden Where Children and Wildlife Thrive* with Lisa Doseff, rm 102 & zoom
 - **Bible Exploration** with David Leiter, rm 106
 - **Young Adults**, Parlor
 - **Chalkboard Chat**, rm 110
 - **Sip N' Chat**, Memorial Lobby

Lunch Bunch

All are welcome! Contact Suzanne Taylor with questions.

- **April 14**—Centerville Diner 2
- **April 21**—Lucky Ducks

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.



Calling all Graduates!

On **Sunday, June 2nd** we would like to honor and recognize all high school graduates, college graduates, post-grad certifications, 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 season, alongside garden plots of other community members.

Family Dinner

Sun, April 28 after worship, fellowship hall. This event will be held every 4th Sunday of the month. This is an informal opportunity to share in food and conversation and allow

Highlights...

Calling All Graduates!

Newsletter Articles Due—April 15

Family Dinner—April 28

ANE Older Adult Spring Luncheon—May 1

Etown CoB Spring Clean Up—May 4

Potluck Renovation Celebration—May 5

Birding Adventure—May 9

Roller Skating Event—May 26

Etown CoB Camp Swatara Weekend—June 14-16

children to play together. While created with young families in mind, the Family Dinner is open to all ages and is an intergenerational opportunity to fellowship, all are invited! Bring along a dish to share, hope to see you there!

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.



Potluck Renovation Celebration

Sun, May 5th after worship, fellowship hall. All are welcome to help us celebrate the

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, May 7 @ 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 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

Thurs, May 23 @ 7 pm, zoom. All

are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for information.

new renovations to our building. Please feel free to bring a hot or cold dish, desserts, etc. to share.

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. Contact Gina Strouse at 717-341-0712 or gastrouse@comcast.net to register.

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!

Jr/Sr High Youth Events

- **May 19**—Governor Dick Hike & Ice Cream
- **May 26**—Roller Skating at Mt Gretna Roller Rink

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 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.



ANE Men's Ministry Initiative

All men who are interested in men's ministries to help establish a foundation upon which a new district-wide men's organization could be built of service, outreach and fellowship are invited to a breakfast at Lancaster CoB on **Sat, May 4 @ 8:30 am**. This is a free event. RSVP to Greg Bachman at 717-793-1767 by **April 19th**.

National Young Adult Conference

May 24-26, Camp Shepherd's Spring, Sharpsburg, MD. **Theme: Transformed by God.** Ages 18-35. Registration



is open. Early bird cost is \$275 before **April 30**. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration or call 847-429-4385

BHA 2024 Golf Tournament

Fri, May 31 @ 6:30 am, Fairview Golf Course, 2399 Quen-tin Rd, Lebanon. Proceeds benefit single parents and their children experiencing homelessness. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration or contact Jessica Vinton at jvinton@bha-pa.org or 717-233-6016 ext. 819.



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.



Annual Conference

July 3-7, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Registration is now open. Advance discount registration closes on **June 10**. Click or scan the QR code for details.



Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center (SVMC)

Continuing Education for clergy and laity 2024 schedule. Click [here](#) for details or contact Karen Hodges at KarenHodges@svmcob.org or call 717-361-1450. CEU's available. A schedule is available on the community bulletin board in the Narthex.

EVERENCE

Free Medicare Workshop

May 9 @ 6:30 pm, Neffsville Mennonite Church, 2371 Lititz Pike, Lancaster. Join this seminar to learn more about Medicare enrollment, medical & drug coverage, and supplemental plans. Click or scan the QR code to register or call 717-653-6662.



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.



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.



Worship Attendance

Sunday, April 7

In-Person: 173 Livestream: 57

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square—April 2-8

General Fund: \$15,238.50
Designated Gifts: \$1,145.00
CROP: \$70.10
Tenant R & S: \$7,354.61

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.

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
- Classical Concert—June 28
- Lititz Pride—June 29
- Annual Conference—July 3-7
- VBS—August 13-16
- Etown Fair—August 19-24
- Church Picnic—August 25
- 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.

ETOWN COB COMMUNITY CORNER

E-motion Showcases

We celebrate our Etown College students, Emma Sager and Faith Morrow who will be in the E-motion (Etown College's Dance Club) showcases on **April 19 & 20 at 7 pm** in Leffler Chapel. Tickets are \$8 for community, \$5 for students/faculty/staff.

Please join us in praying for the
Green Tree CoB
congregation for the week of
April 14th.

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

jason@etowncob.org | 717-367-1000 ext. 2 | Mon-Thurs, 8:30 am—4:30 pm

Naomi Kraenbring

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Liz Bidgood Enders

pastorliz@etowncob.org | 717-367-1000 ext. 5 | Mon, Thurs, 8:30 am—4:30 pm

Support Staff:

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Crystal Crater, Office Administrator and Marketing & Communications Coordinator
crystal@etowncob.org | 717-367-1000 ext. 0 | Mon-Fri, 8:30 am—4:30 pm

Brooke Bish, Administrative Assistant

brooke@etowncob.org | 717-367-1000 ext. 1 | Mon-Fri, 9 am—2 pm

Amy Zimmerman, Facilities Manager

amy@etowncob.org | 717-367-1000 ext. 6 | Mon-Fri, 8 am—3 pm

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 14

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am, Centerville Diner 2

Tuesday, April 16

Women's Bible Study @ 10 am, zoom

Wednesday, April 17

Quilters @ 9:30 am, rm 230

Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm, choir rm

Nurture Commission Mtg @ 7 pm, Pastor Jason's Study & zoom

Thursday, April 18

Memorial Bell Rehearsal @ 6:15 pm, choir rm

Executive Committee Mtg @ 7 pm, rm 102 & zoom

Saturday, April 20

Joe Whitmore's Celebration of Life @ 11:30 am, sanctuary

Sunday, April 21

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am, Lucky Ducks

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Women's Bible Study @ 10 am, zoom
Yoga @ 6:30 pm, rm 101

Wednesday, April 24

Quilters @ 9:30 am, rm 230

Thursday, April 25

Chair Yoga @ 10:30 am, rm 101
Memorial Bell Rehearsal @ 6:15 pm, choir rm

Saturday, April 27

Knitting/Fiber Arts Group @ 10 am, home of Becky & Jeff Eisenbise