



# Announcements & Upcoming Events

**AUGUST 17-24, 2025**

## Worship Services

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

- **July 27-August 31**—Worship Series: Culturally Christian
- **September 7-October 5**—Worship 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 to resume  
August 24th @ 9:15-10:15 am

- Children & Youth Faith Formation—Ages 0–12th grade
- Adult Faith Formation
  - Discovery Class
  - Bible Exploration
  - Young Adults
  - Chalkboard Chat
  - Sip N' Chat

## Lunch Bunch

All are welcome! Contact Suzanne Taylor with questions.

- **Aug 17**—Lucky Ducks
- **Aug 24**—Church Picnic

## Children's Disaster Services Volunteer Training

**October 17-18, 2025**

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?



**Training Coordinator:**  
**Sandy Brubaker**  
**717-598-5195**

For more details and to register scan the QR code or speak with Sandy.

[www.brethren.org/cds/](http://www.brethren.org/cds/)

## Church Picnic

**Sun, Aug 24**, directly after worship, Etown CoB. All are welcome to join us for this Nurture Commission sponsored afternoon of fellowship, food and fun! Feel free to bring along a side, snack or dessert to share, and a place setting, lawn chair and a game to play.

## 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.



## Highlights...

Pizza with the Pastors—Aug 17  
Etown Fair—Aug 18-23  
Church Picnic—Aug 24  
Camp Swatara Auction—Aug 29-30  
NOAC Conference—Sept 1-5  
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

Please fill out and return them to the church office by **Mon, Sept 8**. Contact the church office with any questions.

## 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.

## 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 **Intergen-**



## 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

**Summer Break**. 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

**Fri, Aug 22 @ 6:30 pm**,

rm 108. All youth grades 6-12.

Volunteers, click or scan QR code to sign up.

**CANCELLED  
AUG 18**



### 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, Aug 18 @ 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.

**erational 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.

### Kids' Club Help Needed!

Want to get to know some of the awesome kids in our congregation? In order to continue our Kids' Club program we need some additional help during worship. Please contact Pastor Jason for more information.

## Jr/Sr High Youth Events

### Grades 5-12

- **August 17**—White Cliffs of Conoy & Ice Cream
- **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



## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

### National Older Adult Conference (NOAC)

**Sept 1-5**, Lake Junaluska, NC. NOAC is a Spirit-filled gathering of adults 50 and older. This year an exhibit on the Etown College alumni of color and Etown CoB Racial Justice Working Group will be on display. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration. Registration closes **Aug 19**.



## ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE)

### Employment Opportunities

ANE District is seeking to fill the staff opening of [Director of Finance](#). Qualified candidates are invited to send a cover letter with a resume to The Atlantic Northeast District Office at [pkontra@ane-cob.org](mailto:pkontra@ane-cob.org).

### 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.

## BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRIES

### Brethren Disaster Relief Auction



**Sept 26-27, Lebanon Expo Center.** This is a family-friendly benefit auction raising money to support the work of Brethren Disaster Ministries — serving in clean-up and rebuilding projects around the US and worldwide. The Auction Food Committee is asking for monetary donations for food and for volunteers to help during the auction. Please scan or click the QR code to learn more about the auction and to volunteer.

## CAMP SWATARA

### Annual Auction

Children’s auction is **Fri, Aug 29 @ 7 pm**, main auction is on **Sat, Aug 30 @ 9 am**, 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.

## COBYS

### Bike & Hike



**Sun, Sept 7 @ 12-4 pm**, Lititz CoB. This signature fundraiser and fellowship 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

### Older Adult Events



- Confidence in retirement  
**Thurs, Sept 11 @ 6:30**, Neffsville Mennonite Church. Here are a few things you’ll learn: when to retire, when to begin collecting Social Security, ways to translate your 401(K) into retirement income, and how to avoid common retirement mistakes.
- 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.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

### Drivers Needed

Meals on Wheels has a need for a delivery driver on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Monday of each month. If you are interested in being a delivery driver please contact Dave Fritchman at [cpowvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:cpowvolunteers@gmail.com) or 717-829-4733.

### Worship Attendance

#### Sunday, August 10

In-Person: 185      Livestream: 47

### Gifts Given

#### Cash, Checks & Square— August 5-11

General Fund: \$9,275.50

Designated Gifts: \$325.00

Tenant R & S: \$5,426.90

CROP: \$75.00

## 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

Elizabethtown Fair Week  
August 18 -23

The Elizabethtown Fair is one of 109 Pennsylvania State Fairs. There will be animal, agricultural, competitive and commercial exhibits. Free barnyard, free nightly entertainment, contests for all ages, rides and lots of great food! Each August the Elizabethtown Fair provides an opportunity for the show-casing of agriculture in Lancaster County and surrounding counties.

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Church Office Holidays:

Sept 1–Closed - Labor Day

Please join us in praying for the  
**Parker Ford CoB**  
congregation for the week of  
**August 17th.**

AUGUST 17 - 30

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
17 9 am Know Your Rights Training 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Pizza with the Pastors 11:45 am Lunch Bunch 1 pm Youth Hike & Ice Cream	18 7 pm Immigration Support Comm Mtg	19 6:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Finance Comm Mtg 7 pm Nurture Comm Mtg	20 9:30 am Quilters	21 10:30 am Chair Yoga	22 6:30 pm Prism	23
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

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.