



# Announcements & Upcoming Events

**APRIL 21-28, 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
- May 5-26—Espiritu

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 21**
  - **Discovery Class, Membership** *Changes in the CoB* with Jason Haldeman, 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 21**—Lucky Ducks
- **April 28**—TJ Rockwell's

## Spring Church Council Meeting & Lunch

All are welcome to join in this time that the church body gathers to go over corporate business. On **Sun, June 2** after worship we will gather in Fellowship Hall to enjoy a Youth Fundraising Meal and then commence with the council meeting.

Commission reports are due **Wed, May 15**. Please send reports to the church office at [info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org). Packets will be sent via email and hard copies will be available by **Sun, May 26**. A zoom option is available for those who cannot come in person. The link will be sent via email that morning.

## 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 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!

## Highlights...

- Guess Who's Coming to Dinner—April 27
- Family Dinner—April 28
- ANE Older Adult Spring Luncheon—May 1, RSVP by April 24th
- Etown CoB Spring Clean Up—May 4
- Potluck Renovation Celebration—May 5
- Birding Adventure—May 9
- All Church Roller Skating Event—May 26
- Graduate Sunday—June 2
- Spring Church Council Mtg—June 2
- Etown CoB Camp Swatara Weekend—June 14-16, RSVP by May 1st

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

## 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

**Tuesdays @ 10 am**,

presented by Chris Bucher.

Topics vary. Contact [JulieAnn Keith](#) or [Chris Bucher](#) with questions.

### Yoga

**Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm**, rm 101

Contact [Peggy Shaffer](#) with questions.

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### 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

**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.

### 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](mailto: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!

### 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.

## Jr/Sr High Youth Events

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

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.



### 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 Quentin 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](mailto: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@svmcobb.org](mailto:KarenHodges@svmcobb.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.

## SAFE COMMUNITIES

### Golf Outing Fundraiser

**Fri, April 26 @ 8 am**, Honeybrook Golf Club, 1422 Cambridge Rd, Honey Brook. Help support Safe Communities mission of protecting kids and supporting survivors by joining in a game of golf. Cost to play \$140 per player. There are opportunities for non-players and volunteers to participate. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



## COMMUNITY

### Lancaster County National Day of Prayer

**Thurs, May 2 @ 6:15 pm**, Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Rd, Lancaster. Special music guest: Charles Billingsley, Christian music artist. Visit [lancasterndp.com](http://lancasterndp.com) for more information.

### 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-Aug 4
- Arctic Village, Alaska—Aug 4-12

Click or scan the QR code for details or call 540-855-1199 with any questions.



## Worship Attendance

### Sunday, April 14

In-Person: 202      Livestream: 48

### Gifts Given

#### Cash, Checks & Square— April 9-15

General Fund: \$8,611.00  
Designated Gifts: \$642.87  
CROP: \$33.14  
Chicken BBQ: \$12,715.00

## CWS Training and Learning Opportunities

**Partner With Us** meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Click on the title for details.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Pastor Jason's Sabbath Rest—June 9-August 24
- Lancaster Pride—June 15
- Grove UMC Youth Choir Community Concert—June 21
- 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
- Holiday Celebration—Nov 23
- Susquehanna Chorale—Dec 13

Mark your calendars and watch for details and updates! You can find these events on the online events calendar.

## ETOWN COB COMMUNITY CORNER

### Rotary Etown HS Student of the Month

Olivia Nilsen, daughter of Hyung Ku Nilsen and Amy Nilsen of Etown, has exemplified outstanding academic and leadership qualities throughout her high school career. She was inducted into the T.H. Ebersole Chapter of the National Honor Society, demonstrating her commitment to scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Olivia's academic excellence was also recognized with awards in AP Calculus. Click or scan the QR code for the full article.



Please join us in praying for the  
**Indian Creek CoB**  
congregation for the week of  
**April 21st.**

#### 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](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.

#### Pastoral Team:

Jason Haldeman

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Liz Bidgood Enders

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#### Support Staff:

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Ron Bellamy, Memorial Bells Director | [ringinron@gmail.com](mailto:ringinron@gmail.com)

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## CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 21

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am, Lucky Ducks

### Tuesday, April 23

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

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner @ 5:30 pm, location varies

### Sunday, April 28

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Family Dinner @ 11:45 am, fellowship hall

Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am, Lucky Ducks

### Monday, April 29

Immigration Support Committee Mtg @ 7 pm, zoom

### Tuesday, April 30

Women's Bible Study @ 10 am, zoom

Yoga @ 6:30 pm, rm 101

### Wednesday, May 1

Quilters @ 9:30 am, rm 230

### Thursday, May 2

Memory Loss Support Group @ 9:30 am, parlor & zoom

Chair Yoga @ 10:30 am, rm 101

Memorial Bell Rehearsal @ 6:15 pm, choir rm