



# Announcements & Upcoming Events

## FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 3, 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.

- **Feb 18-March 24**—Embodied
- **Feb 21-March 20**—Wednesday Lenten Taizé Services

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**  
February 11

— **Discovery Class**, Isabel Castillo, YWCA Lancaster, Director of the Center for Racial & Gender Equity, rm 102 & zoom

— **Bible Exploration** with David Leiter, rm 106

— **Young Adults**, Parlor

— **Chalkboard Chat**, rm 110

— **Sip N' Chat**, Memorial Lobby

Visit [etowncob.org](http://etowncob.org) for more information.

### Event Packets

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.

### Lunch Bunch

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

- **February 25**—Amato's Pizza
- **March 3**—Centerville Diner 2

### Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life service for Gerald Hamme will be held on **Thurs, Feb 29 @ 11 am** in the Sanctuary.

### 2024 Fellowship Directory

The Church Office is starting to work on updating the Fellowship Directory. Please send all changes and updates to [info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org) by **Mon, Feb 26**. We would like to release the directory by mid-March.

### Lenten Devotionals

Contact the church office if you would like the the Lenten themed devotional “embodied” along with the coloring calendar.

### Gun Violence Prevention

#### Working Group

**NEW GROUP**

If you are interested in being part of a new Gun Violence Prevention Working Group here at Etown CoB, please contact Karen Ungemach. The first opportunity will be to gather with other Church of the Brethren friends at an organizing meeting on **Sat, Mar 2 @ 1 pm**, Zoom.

### Highlights...

Kitchen & FH Reno—through March 25

Celebration of Life—Feb 29

2024 Fellowship Directory

Wednesday Taizé Service @ 6:30 pm

ANE Women's Fellowship Spring Luncheon—March 16

ANE at Camp Swatara—April 27

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner—April 27

ANE Older Adult Spring Luncheon—May 1

Etown CoB Community Corner

### Women's Bible Study

March 19-May 21

This session will focus on the book *God's Steadfast Love in the Psalms*

by Chris Bucher. Contact JulieAnn Keith for more information or to join the group. Copies of the book are available in the church office.

### Chicken BBQ 2024

**Sat, April 13, 3-5 pm**, Etown CoB. All proceeds benefit The Haiti Medical Project and CCEPI. No need to purchase a ticket, the meal is by donation and includes half a chicken, baked potato, baked beans, pepper slaw, roll, applesauce and cookies. Pick up meals between 3-5 pm or until sold out under the portico.



## 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, Mar 5 @ 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.

**MARCH 19  
-MAY 21**

### 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

**March 21 @ 7 pm**, zoom

All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for information and meeting date.

to register online or contact the church office. Registration ends **April 7**.

## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN/AFFILIATES EVENTS

### ANE Women's Fellowship

#### Spring Luncheon

**Sat, March 16, 9 am-3 pm**,

Lititz CoB, 300 W Orange St.

## Jr/Sr High Youth Events

- **March 3**—First Sunday Hangout
- **March 9**—Service Project - Central PA Food Bank, RSVP by March 3
- **March 16-17**—One Night Retreat, RSVP by February 29



Speaker is Donna Parcell, Indian Creek CoB. Theme is Joy, John 15:11. Special music by the Alpha & Omega Praise Band. Childcare is available for ages 3-8. Cost is \$20 per person. The offering will be given to *Give a Girl a Chance*. Click or scan the QR code to register by **March 1st** or call Karen Hackett at 302-540-6729.

### ANE at Camp Swatara

**Sat, April 27, 9 am-2 pm**,

Camp Swatara. Join ANE for this district-wide event of fellowship and fun. Click or scan the QR code to register by **April 9th** or contact Kelly Bernstein at 717-367-4730. Cost is \$10 per person, \$50 max per family.



### ANE Older Adult Spring Luncheon

**Wed, May 1 @ 12 pm**, Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland. A celebration of fellowship, food and fun! 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.



### Annual Conference

**July 3-7**, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Registration of delegates and non-delegates opens on **Fri, March 1st**. Advance discount registration closes on **June 10**. Click or scan the QR code for details.



### Guess Who's

#### Coming to Dinner

**Sat, April 27 @ 5:30 pm**,

locations vary. This dinner event will have hosts provide a main dish and beverage while guests will bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. Reserve your spot by signing up in person in the Memorial Lobby beginning **Sun, March 3** or click or scan the QR code



## Christian Citizenship Seminar (CCS)



**April 11-16**, Washington DC.

The theme: Advocating for Immigration Policy. CCS provides youth in high school and 1st year of college (or age equivalent) the chance to explore the relationship between faith and a particular political issue. **Cost is \$500.** Click or scan the QR code for details and registration or contact Becky Naugle at 847-429-4385 or [bullomnaugle@brethren.org](mailto:bullomnaugle@brethren.org).

## FaithX Experiences Summer 2024



FaithX experiences are short-term service trips. Opportunities for Jr High through Older Adults is available. **Registration closes Mon, April 1.** Click or scan the QR code for schedule, details and registration or contact Marissa Witkovsky-Eldred at 847-429-4337 or [faithx@brethren.org](mailto:faithx@brethren.org).

## Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center (SVMC)

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

## National Young Adult Conference



**May 24-26**, Camp Shepherd's

Spring, Sharpsburg, MD. **Theme: Transformed by God.** NYAC offers people ages 18-35 a chance to enjoy fellowship and more with other young adults. 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.

## ETOWN COLLEGE



Click or scan the QR code for details and registration or contact the Young Center at 717-361-1470 or [youngctr@etown.edu](mailto:youngctr@etown.edu) for the following events.

### Young Center Banquet

**Thurs, March 14 @ 6 pm**, reception @ 5:30, Susquehanna Rm, Myer Hall. Registration required.

### Durnbaugh Lecture

**Thurs, March 14 @ 7 pm**, Susquehanna Rm, Myer Hall.

### Durnbaugh Seminar

**Fri, March 15 @ 9:30 am**, Bucher Meetinghouse.

### Kreider Lecture

**Tues, April 2 @ 7 pm**, Bucher Meetinghouse.

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

Free tax assistance sponsored by Etown College to individuals who need assistance with basic income tax return preparation. Income limit of \$70,000 or less. Appointments are limited so call now at 717-361-3752. Times will be available **Mon-Fri, Feb 5th through March 27th.** Leave a message.

## COMMUNITY

### ECHOS of Hope Gala



**Sat, April 13 @ 6 pm**, Brossman Ballroom, Masonic Village.

All proceeds benefit ECHOS' clients. Enjoy cocktails and a delicious dinner, as you show your support for ECHOS and our vision for the greater Etown area. Click or scan the QR code for details and tickets or call 717-361-0740.

## Worship Attendance

### Sunday, February 18

In-Person: 174      Livestream: 61

## Gifts Given

### Cash, Checks & Square—Feb 12-19

General Fund: \$4,505.10

CROP: \$66.00

Immigration Support: \$150.00

## Church World Service Events

### Larry & Joe with Special

### Guests Vinegar Creek

### Constituency Concert, Fri,

**Mar 15 @ 7:30 pm**, West Art, 816

Buchanan Ave, Lancaster. Proceeds benefit CWS Lancaster. Tickets cost for jam session & concert is \$50, concert only \$30. Click or scan the QR code for details and tickets or call 717-381-2890.



## LOOKING AHEAD

- Love Feast—March 28
- Easter—March 31
- Prime Time Birding Adventure—May 9
- Spring Church Council Mtg—June 2
- Family Camping Weekend—June 14-16
- Lancaster Pride—June 15
- York County Pride—June 22
- Lititz Pride—June 29
- Annual Conference—July 3-7
- VBS—August 13-16
- 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

We celebrate the Etown CoB Youth, **Sarah Heinz, Ryan Siler, Julia Laszakovits, Noa Williams** and **Brenden Fritz** who are all involved in the Etown High School



Musical, *Mary Poppins*, this coming weekend Feb 29—March 2! Tickets can be purchased online at [tinyurl.com/EAHSMaryPoppins24](http://tinyurl.com/EAHSMaryPoppins24) or at the door. Prices are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors, with cash and checks only at the door.

### Church Office Holidays:

Fri, March 29—Good Friday  
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

Please join us in praying for the  
**Drexel Hill CoB**  
congregation for the week of  
**February 25th.**

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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Naomi Kraenbring

[pastornaomi@etowncob.org](mailto:pastornaomi@etowncob.org) | 717-367-1000 ext. 3 | Mon, Wed-Fri, 8:30 am—4:30 pm

Liz Bidgood Enders

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

### Support Staff:

Kim Glass, Music Coordinator/Accompanist | [kim@etowncob.org](mailto:kim@etowncob.org) | 717-367-1000 ext. 4

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

Crystal Crater, Office Administrator and M&CC

[crystal@etowncob.org](mailto:crystal@etowncob.org) | 717-367-1000 ext. 0 | Mon-Fri, 8:30 am—4:30 pm

Brooke Bish, Administrative Assistant

[brooke@etowncob.org](mailto:brooke@etowncob.org) | 717-367-1000 ext. 1 | Mon-Fri, 9 am—2 pm

Amy Zimmerman, Facilities Manager

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## CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 25

**Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am**

**Worship @ 10:30 am**, sanctuary & livestream

**Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am**, Amato's Pizza

### Monday, February 26

**Book Study w/Judith Gibble @ 10 am**, zoom

**Immigration Support Committee Mtg @ 7 pm**, zoom

### Tuesday, February 27

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

### Wednesday, February 28

**Quilters @ 9:30 am**, rm 230

**Lenten Taizé @ 6:30 pm**, sanctuary & livestream

### Thursday, February 29

**Chair Yoga @ 10:30 am**, rm 101

**Gerald Hamme's Celebration of Life @ 11 am**, sanctuary & Memorial Lobby

**Memorial Bell Rehearsal @ 6:15 pm**, choir rm

### Sunday, March 3

**Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am**

**Worship @ 10:30 am**, sanctuary & livestream

**Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am**, Centerville Diner 2

**Jr/Sr High Youth 1st Sunday Hangout @ 12**, rm 108

### Monday, March 4

**Meal Drop-Off for ECHOS**, Memorial Lobby

**Book Study w/Judith Gibble @ 10 am**, zoom

**Christian Ed Commission Mtg @ 7 pm**, Pastor Jason's Study

**Resources Commission Mtg @ 7 pm**, rm 108

**Witness Commission Mtg @ 7 pm**, zoom