



Announcements & Upcoming Events

AUGUST 3-10, 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

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

All classes are on summer break. Nursery and SHINE will be available during worship. Kids' Club will continue to dismiss during worship after Children's Time. Classes will resume as normal on **August 24th**.

Lunch Bunch

All are welcome! Contact Suzanne Taylor with questions.

- **Aug 3**—Amato's Pizza
- **Aug 10**—Centerville Diner 2

Short-Term Grief Support Group

Sun, August 3, 10, 17 @ 9:15 am, rm 106. These sessions are primarily for grief around death of a loved one, though anyone currently processing other grief is welcome. RSVP to the church office or Pastor Liz (pastorliz@etowncob.org or 717-366-4831).

Etown CoB Women's Retreat

Sat, Aug 9 @ 8:30 am -

3:30 pm, Camp Pine Woods, Anville. A beautiful setting just outside of Palmyra on 68 acres of wooded land. No cost, bring your own lunch. Snacks provided. Click or scan the QR code to register.



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/

Sept/Oct Newsletter

Articles for the upcoming Sept/Oct *Along the Way* Newsletter are due **Mon, Aug 11**.

Please send all articles to info@etowncob.org.

During the season of Epiphany, folks had an opportunity to randomly choose a personal **"Star Word,"** a word that might guide you

Highlights...

Short-Term Grief Support Group—Aug 3, 10, 17

Women's Retreat—Aug 9

Sept/Oct Newsletter Articles Due—Aug 11

VBS—Aug 12-15

Pizza with the Pastors—Aug 17

Etown Fair—Aug 18-23

Church Picnic—Aug 24

or become meaningful in unexpected ways during 2025. Has your Star Word revealed something to you or become significant to your journey this year? **We would love to read about it in the next church newsletter!** If you would like to share, please submit your story, in about 150-200 words, to the church office by **Mon, Aug 11**.

Vacation Bible School

Aug 12-15 @ 6 pm - 8:15 pm, Etown CoB. This year the theme is "Waves of Wonder." All

children ages 4-10 are invited to join us. Click or scan the QR code to register or contact the church office. Volunteers are still needed, please contact Pastor Jason if you are interested.



Pizza with the Pastors

Sun, Aug 17, directly after worship in rm 102. All new-ish attenders are welcome for an informal time to connect with the pastors

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, Aug 5 @ 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

Summer Break. 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, Aug 7 @ 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 8 & 22 @ 6:30 pm, rm 108. All youth grades 6-12. 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 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.

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.

and get to know one another. RSVP to the church office by **Wed, August 13th**.

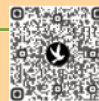
Church Picnic

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.

Jr/Sr High Youth Events

Grades 5-12

- **August 17**—White Cliffs of Conoy & GiGi's Ice Cream Bar
- **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

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 over the summer we need some additional help during worship. Please contact Pastor Jason for more information.

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. ANE is also providing bus transportation again this year. Limited space is available. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE)

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.



CAMP SWATARA

Annual Auction

Children's auction is **Fri, Aug 29 @ 7 pm**, main auction is on **Sat, Aug 30 @ 9 am**, Camp Swatara. The Annual Labor Day Auction benefits the Family Camp-ground at Camp Swatara. Donations of new, gently used, or handmade items are greatly appreciated, please email 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

Youth Savings Celebration

Aug 4-6, Everence Branch near you. Join us for this year's Youth Savings Celebration. Kids and teens can enjoy crafts, snacks and giveaways, while learning how to save for the future, share with others and spend responsibly. Click or scan the QR code to learn more.



Everence Appreciation Night

Sat, Aug 17 @ 6 pm, Long's Park. Don't miss this fun evening of fellowship, ice cream, music and door prizes. Harrisburg Jazz Collective will play at 7:30 pm. Please bring your own chairs or blankets. Rain or shine. RSVP online by **Aug 7**, click or scan the QR code to register. Email questions to central-penn@everence.com or call 717-653-6662.



OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

"White Light/Black Rain" Documentary

Aug 6 @ 7 pm, Zoetropolis Cinema Stillhouse, 112 N Water Street, Lancaster. The Peace Action Network of Lancaster is sponsoring a free public showing of "White Light/Black Rain," the 2007 documentary featuring archival footage and powerful recollections of the survivors of the atomic bomb that leveled Hiroshima on August 6, 1944. A discussion is to follow the showing and will focus on future antiwar efforts.

Lancaster CoB's 'Evening of Stories & Songs'

Sat, Aug 9 @ 6:30 pm, Lancaster CoB. Local musician Matt Wheeler to perform. Proceeds benefit the Lancaster CoB's refugee ministry and the Parish Resource Center's newly created position of Welcome Commu-

Worship Attendance

Sunday, July 27

In-Person: 169 Livestream: 50

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square—

July 22-28

General Fund: \$27,543.00

Designated Gifts: \$50.00

CROP: \$150.75

nity Coordinator. Water and popcorn will be provided. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. In case of bad weather, the event will be held in the church's Worship & Event Center.

Grandview Church Hosts Benefit Concert

Aug 16 @ 6 pm, 888 Pleasure Road, Lancaster. Grandview Church is hosting a benefit concert for immigration legal services and will give a portion of the donations to the Pennsylvania Immigration Advocacy Clinic (PIAC). Please come out and support this important mission in our community!

LOOKING AHEAD

- NOAC Conference—Sept 1-5
- COBYS Bike & Hike—Sept 7
- Walking Roots Band—Sept 14
- Brethren Disaster Relief Auction—Sept 26-27
- 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

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

COMMUNITY CORNER

Employment Opportunities with ANE

ANE District is seeking to fill staff openings: Director of Finance and Communications and Event Specialist. Qualified candidates are invited to send a cover letter with a resume to The Atlantic Northeast District Office at pkontra@ane-cob.org.

Pastoral Team:

Jason Haldeman | jason@etowncob.org | 717-366-4833
Naomi Kraenbring | pastornaomi@etowncob.org | 717-366-4836
Liz Bidgood Enders | pastorliz@etowncob.org | 717-366-4831

Support Staff:

Kim Tindall, Music Coordinator/Accompanist | kim@etowncob.org | 717-366-4837
Rachel Bucher Swank, Music Coordinator/Choir Director | rachel@etowncob.org | 717-366-4837
Jeffrey Clouser, Memorial Bells Director | handbells@etowncob.org | 717-366-4837
Crystal Crater, Office Administrator and Marketing & Communications Coordinator
crystal@etowncob.org | 717-366-4832 | Mon-Fri, 8:30 am–4:30 pm
Brooke Bish, Administrative Assistant
brooke@etowncob.org | 717-366-4834 | Mon-Fri, 9 am–2 pm
Amy Zimmerman, Facilities Manager
amy@etowncob.org | 717-366-4838 | Mon-Fri, 8 am–3 pm

STAFF OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Liz Bidgood Enders—August 6-8
Biblical Storytellers Conference

Please join us in praying for the
Iglesia Berith, Oasis De Esperanza
CoB congregation for the week of
August 3rd.

AUGUST 3 - 16

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 9:15 am Short-Term Grief Support Grp 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch	4 7 pm CE Comm Mtg 7 pm Witness Comm Mtg	5 8 am Men's Coffee & Conversation 6:30 pm Yoga	6 9:30 am Quilters	7 9:30 am Memory Loss Support Group 10:30 am Chair Yoga 5 pm Memorial Bells Picnic	8 12 pm Prime Time Mtg 6:30 pm Prism	9 8:30 am Etown CoB Women's Retreat
10 9:15 am Short-Term Grief Support Grp 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch	11 6:45 pm Church Board Mtg	12 6 pm VBS 6:30 pm Yoga	13 9:30 am Quilters 6 pm VBS	14 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6 pm VBS	15 6 pm VBS	16

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.