



Announcements & Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 9-16, 2025

Worship Services

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

- **Nov 9**—Let Your Gentleness Be Known
- **Nov 16**—All You Need Is Love, guest preacher David Radcliff

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**
November 9th
 - **Discovery Class**, 2025 ANE District Conference Reporting, rm 102 & Zoom
 - **Bible Exploration** with David Leiter, rm 106 & Zoom
 - **Young Adults**, Parlor
 - **Chalkboard Chat**, rm 110
 - **Sip N' Chat**, Memorial Lobby

Lunch Bunch

All are welcome! Contact Suzanne Taylor with questions.

- **Nov 9**—TJ Rockwell's
- **Nov 16**—Potluck lunch

Celebration of Life

A Memorial Service for **Loren M. Nedrow** will be held on **Sat, Nov 15 at 2 pm** at



Miller-Finkenbinder Funeral Home & Crematory, 130 N Market St, Etown.

A Celebration of Life for **Dr. J. Kenneth Kreider** will be held on **Sun, Dec 7 at 2 pm** in the sanctuary and via livestream. Click or scan the QR code to view our Celebration of Life web page.

November is Community Cupboard Donation Month

A table is available in the Narthex for the month of November to gather donations. A list of items needed is available on the table.



You can also donate via Amazon wishlist by clicking or scanning the QR code.

Fall Church Council Meeting

All are welcome during this time as the church body gathers to go over corporate business on **Sun, Nov 16. After worship** we will gather in Fellowship Hall to enjoy a **potluck luncheon** (you are welcome to bring a dish to share) and then commence with the council meeting. Packets will be available by **Sun, Nov 9**. A Zoom option will be available. An email with a Zoom link will be sent the morning of **Nov 16 at 10 am**.

Holiday Celebration

Sat, Nov 22, 10 am to 2 pm, Etown CoB. The event offers a festive time for

Highlights...

Fall Church Council Meeting—Nov 16
Youth District Service Project Weekend—Nov 21-23
Holiday Celebration—Nov 22
New Community Project Trip Mtg—Nov 23
Family Dinner—Nov 23
Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service—Nov 26

families with activities such as **arts and crafts**, a **Secret Santa**, a **Silent Auction**, a **scavenger hunt**, and a **balloonist**. **Peter's Chicken BBQ** will be available for takeout, and there will be an affordable lunch and baked goods for sale. The Witness Commission seeks **donations** for Secret Santa, Silent Auction, household goods, and baked goods by **November 20th**. Volunteers are needed for various tasks, including setup on **November 21st** and event assistance on **November 22nd**. Sign-up sheets are available in the Memorial Lobby.

New Community Project Learning Tour Meeting

Would you be interested in joining a New Community Project learning tour with other Etown CoB friends next year? If so, please plan to join an informational meeting with **David Radcliff** in the parlor or on Zoom after worship on **Nov 23**.

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."

PRISM Youth Group

Sun, Nov 9 @ 4 pm, rm 108.

All youth grades 6-12. Volunteers, click or scan QR code to sign up.



LGBTQ+ Working Group

3rd Monday @ 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Jim Beckwith](#) with any questions.

Men's Coffee & Conversation

Tues, Dec 2 @ 8 am, The Stables, 521 Rutts Rd, Etown. 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

Tuesdays @ 10 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, Dec 4 @ 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

Thursdays @ 6:15 pm. Contact [Jeffrey Clouser](#) 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, Dec 11 @ 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for info.

Immigration Support Committee

Mon, Dec 1 @ 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.

Family Dinner

Sun, Nov 23 after worship, in Fellowship Hall or outside by the playground, weather permitting. This **potluck meal** is an informal opportunity to share in food and conversation and allow children to play together. While created with young families in mind, all are invited! Pizza and drinks will be provided but you can bring along a dish to share. Hope to see you there!

- Learning Tour location: **Borneo, Malaysia**
- Dates: **June 16-24, 2026** (plus extra travel days)
- Estimated per-person cost: at least **\$2,500** (program + flights)



Zoom link



NCP website

Questions? Email Pastor

Naomi at pastornaomi@etowncob.org

YOUTH EVENTS

Grades 5-12

- **December 1**—Etown CoB Service Project, Washington DC
- **December 7**—X-mas Party & Gift Exchange



Grades 9-12

- **Nov 21-23**—District Weekend Service Project, Washington DC
- **July 18-23, 2026**—National Youth Conference

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wed, Nov 26 at 7 pm, sanctuary. You are invited to join the Elizabethtown community for a Thanksgiving Eve worship service.

Rev. Galen Russel from Christ UCC will provide the message, and community members are encouraged to join together for this special evening service. If you are interested in joining the **community choir** to sing during this service contact **Rachel Bucher Swank** at rachel@etowncob.org.

A Guide for Biblical Studies Group

Join us for a unique Bible study experience led by **John David Bowman**, featuring the winter edition of "**A Guide for Biblical Studies**" focused on the theme of **Enduring Beliefs of the Christian Faith**. The study will take place via Zoom every **Sunday from 1-2 pm**, starting on **December 14th**. To ensure you have your copy of the guide, please sign up by **November 30th** through the QR code or by contacting the church office. This class runs through **February 2026**, with a new

session beginning in **March**, co-authored by **Pastor Liz and Pastor Naomi**. Don't miss this chance to engage directly with the guide's authors!



Christmas Trivia Night

Sat, Dec 6 at 7 pm, Etown CoB. All are welcome to join **Prime Time** for a night of **Christmas Trivia**. Invite family or friends to make **teams of six**, or join a team when you arrive. Expect lots of holiday fun and prizes. Bring a **dessert or cookies** to share, beverages will be provided. Sign up in Memorial Lobby from **Nov 9-30**.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Intercultural Ministries Offers Webinars

Intercultural Ministries is offering **three webinars**. Presenters will be Rev. Founa A. Badet, Director of Intercultural Ministries for the Church of the Brethren, and Dr. Meredith Gould.



The webinar schedule is:

- **Nov 13**, 11 am to 1 pm—**Cultural Responsiveness**
- **Nov 20**, 11 am to 1 pm—**Privilege and Being an Ally**

Click or scan the QR code to for details and registration.

ETOWN COLLEGE EVENTS

Lecture

Tues, Nov 11 at 7 pm, Bucher Meeting-house. ***Living Our Song: The Music of Andy and Terry Murray*** presented by Rachel Bucher Swank. Rachel will explore the rich theological and storytelling legacy of the

Murrays' music, including a time of singing together from *Living Our Song: The Music of Andy and Terry Murray*, a new songbook collection featuring many of their original compositions.

Leffler Lecture

Thurs, Nov 13 at 7 pm, Leffler Chapel, Etown College.



We're All in This Together with Monique Coleman. She is known for her role in Disney's High School Musical. Monique is also a passionate advocate for youth and social justice, having served as the UN's first Youth Champion. The lecture will focus on her journey and provide practical steps for youth to address pressing issues and achieve their dreams. Click or scan the QR code to register.

Documentary Screenings

The Prospect for Freedom: W. Miller Barbour's Human Rights Journey, a documentary about Etown's distinguished 1932 alumnus, will be screened at two local theaters in November. ***The Prospect for Freedom*** was created by Etown students **Mechelle Johnson-Reeves '28** and **Ava Skye Barton '27**, working with faculty mentor **Jean-Paul Benowitz**, Director of Prestigious Scholarships and Public Heritage Studies, as part of Etown's Summer Creative Arts and Research Program. A post screening presentation and discussion will be had with the creators. Screen dates and times:

- **Sat, Nov 15 at 11 am**, Midtown Cinema, 250 Reily St, Harrisburg
- **Sat, Nov 22 at 2 pm**, Zoetropolis Cinema, 112 N Water St, Lancaster

Worship Attendance

Sunday, November 2

In-Person: 237 Livestream: 47

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square—October 28-November 3

General Fund: \$4,915.00
Designated Gifts: \$50.00
Tenant R & S: \$1,336.97
CROP: \$165.00
Pavilion Project: \$2,000.00
Hollinger's ACH—October 1-31
General Fund: \$3,942.00
Breeze ACH—October 1-31
General Fund: \$6,677.90
Designated Gifts: \$176.77
Capital Campaign: \$505.30

LOOKING AHEAD

- Christmas Trivia Night—Dec 6
- Etown CoB Youth Christmas Party—Dec 7
- A Guide for Biblical Studies Group—Dec 14-Feb 2026
- The Longest Night Service—Dec 20
- Susquehanna Chorale Candlelight Christmas Concert—Dec 21
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service—Dec 24
- Intergenerational Xmas Potluck Breakfast—Dec 28
- Christmas at the Organ—Dec 28
- Church Board Retreat—Jan 10

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

COMMUNITY CORNER

Cavalcade of Bands

Donegal High School Marching Band won the Cavalcade of Bands Independence Open division last Saturday. Cleo Nornhold is a senior in color guard, and Jonah Bidgood Enders is part of the pit ensemble.



STAFF OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Naomi Kraenbring—Oct 30-Nov 15

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Please join us in praying for the
Skippack CoB
congregation for the week of
November 9th.

NOVEMBER 9–29

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9 9:15 am Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 12 pm Lunch Bunch 4 pm PRISM	10 7 pm Christian Ed Mtg	11 10 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Yoga	12 9:30 am Quilters 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 10:30 am Chair Yoga 2 pm Prime Time Mtg 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal	14	15 2 pm Loren Nedrow Memorial Service
16 9:15 Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Potluck Lunch & Fall Church Council	17 7 pm LGBTQIA Working Grp Mtg	18 10 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Nurture Mtg	19 9:30 am Quilters 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	20 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal	21 Youth District Wkd Service Project	22 Youth District Wkd Service Project 10 am Holiday Celebration
23 Youth District Wkd Service Project 9:15 Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 11:40 am NCP Learning Tour Mtg 11:45 am Lunch Bunch 11:45 am Family Dinner	24	25 6:30 pm Yoga	26 9:30 am Quilters 7 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	27 Church Office Closed 	28 Church Office Closed	29 10 am Knitting/Fiber Arts Group

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.