



Announcements & Upcoming Events

AUGUST 9-16, 2026

Worship Services

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

- **Aug 2-30**—Sermon Series: **Summer Vacation: At the Beach**

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 Summer Break

May 31 through August 30 there will be **NO Faith Formation classes** during the **9:15-10:15 am hour**. **SHINE** and **Nursery** care will be available during the worship hour starting at **10:15 am**. Faith Formation will resume on **September 6!**

Lunch Bunch

All are welcome! Contact Suzanne Taylor with questions.

- **August 9**—Centerville Diner 2
- **August 16**—Mangia Mangia

Newsletter Articles Due

September-October 2026 newsletter articles are due to the church office on **Mon, Aug 10**. Please submit all articles to info@etowncob.org.

Food Drive

August 1-31. Lancaster County Chooses Love (LCCL) operates a Resource Center, which includes a Food Pantry and a Gender Affirming Clothing Closet. The Resource Center is open to everyone, with no barriers to entry and no income level restrictions. Anyone in need can access the Food Pantry. LCCL is **seeking donations of non-perishable food items, as well as first aid and hygiene products. Items can be placed on the table in the Narthex.** Monetary donations can be made at lancasterchooseslove.org.

-LGBTQIA+ Working Group

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

All children ages 4-10 are invited to join us

Aug 11-14 from 6-8 pm each night for VBS. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



Etown Fair Booth Volunteer Orientation

Sun, Aug 16, after worship in the parlor. Learn more about what is involved in volunteering to host at the Church Exhibit Booth at the Etown Fair August 24-29. See resources and ask questions. See **Etown CoB Booth at the Fair** and click or scan the QR code to volunteer as a booth host.

Highlights...

Vacation Bible School—Aug 11-14
ANE Women's Camp—Aug 14-15
Receiving New Members—Aug 23
Outdoor Baptism—Aug 23
Etown Fair—Aug 24-29
Church Picnic—Aug 30

Etown CoB Booth at the Fair

The Witness Commission is organizing a congregational exhibit booth at the Etown Fair from



Mon, Aug 24 through Sat, Aug 29.

Volunteers from the church are needed to serve as hosts to the thousands of visitors who will be passing by the table during fair week. Click or scan the QR code or see the Friday morning all-church email for a link to sign up for a time slot as a volunteer booth host.

Receiving New Members

Sun, Aug 23, during worship. If you have participated in an Inquirers Class and are interested in being received as a new member by reaffirmation of faith, letter of transfer or baptism, please contact one of the pastors or the church office by **Fri, Aug 14**.

Outdoor Baptism

Sun, Aug 23 at 1 pm, Little Chiques Park, 229 Park Ave, Mount Joy. All are invited to come and support those choosing to join our congregation through baptism.

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

Summer Break. This group will resume in the fall. All youth grades 6-12.

LGBTQ+ Working Group

Mon, Sept 14 at 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Jim Beckwith](#) with any questions.

Men's Coffee & Conversation

Tues, Sept 1 at 8 am, The Stables, 521 Rutts Rd, Etown. All men are invited! Questions? Contact Barry Garman, Ben Hoffman, George Snavelly or Jim Hoffer.

Women's Bible Study

Summer Break. Contact [JulieAnn Keith](#) or [Chris Bucher](#) with questions.

Yoga

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$7 per session. Contact [Peggy Shaffer](#) with questions.

Quilters

Wednesdays at 9:30 am, rm 230. Quilting Coordinator, Peg Over. Contact the [church office](#) with questions.

Memory Loss Support Group

Thurs, Sept 3 at 9:30 am, parlor. Contact [Barb Sweigart](#) with questions.

Chair Yoga

Thursdays at 10:30 am. Cost is \$7 per session. Contact [Peggy Shaffer](#) with questions.

Memorial Bells Rehearsal

Summer Break. Rehearsals will resume on **August 27** with a potluck meal. A handbell workshop will be available **Sept 6**. Contact [Jeffrey Clouser](#) with questions and to register for the workshop.

Knitting/Fiber Arts Group

Last Saturday at 10 am, Eisenbise home. All are welcome! Contact [Becky Eisenbise](#). Sponsored by the Nurture Commission.

Climate Crisis Action Committee

Thurs, Aug 20 at 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#).

Immigration Support Committee

Mon, Aug 17 at 7 pm, Zoom and rm 106. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#).

Racial Justice Working Group

All are welcome! Contact [JulieAnn Keith](#) for date and time and with any questions.

TransParent Email Support Group

A confidential email group for parents and adults to support their transgender loved ones of all ages. If you are in need, contact: TransParentSupport@EtownCoB.org.

Faithful Nonviolent Action Email Alert Group

If you would like to be a part of this email group, please send a note of interest to FaithfulAction@etowncob.org.

YOUTH EVENTS

Grades 5-12

- **August 16**—Sickman's Mill Tubing

Grades 11-12

- **September 26**—ANE Youth Service Project at the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction - see Pastor Jason



Save the Date!

Sermon Series: Come to the Table

September 6
through
October 4

Join us every
Sunday morning
at 10:30 am
in-person or
via livestream.

Join us every
Wednesday for
evening suppers.

Details to come.

Volunteer Training

Sun, Aug 30 from 9:15-

10:15 am, Etown CoB, fellowship hall. All volunteers and those



interested in volunteering to **work with our children and youth** are encouraged to join this training. The training will include an overview of our Child Protection Policy. Click or scan the QR code to view our policy and fill out the forms needed to volunteer.

Church Picnic

Sun, Aug 30, after worship, Etown CoB grounds. All are welcome to join in this time of fellowship. Feel free to bring along a side, snack or dessert to share, and a place setting, lawn chair and a game to play. Sponsored by the Nurture Commission.

Handbell Workshop for Inquiring/Inspiring Ringers

Sun, Sept 6, 9 am-10 am, choir room.

Whether you are new to handbells or want to strengthen your foundation, this session offers a hands-on exploration of the essential techniques every ringer age 12 and older needs to know. **Class is limited to 15 ringers.** Please email Jeff Clouser at handbells@etowncob.org to reserve your spot and indulge your curiosity.

Bluegrass Lawn Concert

Sun, Sept 13 at 12:30 pm, Etown CoB lawn. Etown CoB is delighted to host FLATpick Earth Society who features the flat-picking guitar duo—Jesse Eisenbise and Gavin Horn-ing. This is a **free** concert, open to the public. **Food trucks** will be available! Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy fine guitar picking and singing! A family friendly event!

CAMP SWATARA

On Call Hosts Needed

What better way to volunteer than as an On Call Host at our Retreat Center? We're seeking individuals or couples to host retreat groups for a weekend or more throughout the year. Training and housing are provided. If interested, contact info@campswatara.org or 717-933-8510. We need hosts for some weekends in 2026 and plan to expand in 2027.

EVERENCE EVENTS

Your Money and Your Purpose: Made Clear

Wed, Aug 19 at 2 pm, webinar. In this session, you'll explore the various ways to align your finances with purpose and live passionately toward your calling — with money as an ally, not an adversary. Explore the role of financial planning, charitable giving, estate planning, family-owned businesses, and intentional family conversations as tools to be used to pursue God's call. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



COBYS FAMILY SERVICES

Bike & Hike

Sun, Sept 13 at 12 pm, Lititz CoB, 300 W Orange St, Lititz. Come participate in the 30th anniversary of COBY's Bike & Hike. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



Worship Attendance

Sunday, August 2

In-Person: 158 Livestream: 49

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square—

July 28-August 3

General Fund: \$2,255.00

Tenant R & S: \$1180.00

CROP: \$199.50

Hollinger's ACH—July 1-31

General Fund: \$3,494.00

Breeze ACH—July 1-31

General Fund: \$5,482.46

Designated Gifts: \$161.82

LOOKING AHEAD

- Handbell Workshop—Sept 6
- Bluegrass Lawn Concert—Sept 13
- Pizza with the Pastors—Sept 20
- Brethren Disaster Relief Auction—Sept 25-26
- Atlantic Northeast District Conference—Oct 2-3
- Chicken BBQ—Oct 17

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

Online Fellowship Time
Sundays from 10 am-12 pm, via Zoom. All are welcome to join in this Zoom room anytime between 10 am and 12 pm for a time of greeting and conversation between in-person and online congregation participants. The Zoom cart will be in the Parlor for anyone who would like to stop by and say hello to our online friends. Scan the QR code to login from any device. A link is also provided in the Friday email.



STAFF OUT OF OFFICE
Liz—August 8-14
Crystal—August 17 & 28

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Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 8 am—4 pm, Fri, 8 am—2 pm.
Subject to change for holidays, vacation time or inclement weather.

Please join us in praying for the
Quakertown First CoB
congregation for the week of
August 9th.

August 9-29						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9 10 am Online Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch	10 7 pm Resources Mtg	11 6 pm Vacation Bible School 6:30 pm Yoga CANCELLED	12 9:30 am Quilters 6 pm Vacation Bible School	13 10:30 am Chair Yoga CANCELLED 6 pm Vacation Bible School	14 ANE District Women's Camp 6 pm Vacation Bible School	15 ANE District Women's Camp
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23 10 am Online Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch 1 pm Outdoor Baptism	24 Etown Fair	25 Etown Fair 6:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Nurture Mtg	26 Etown Fair 9:30 am Quilters	27 Etown Fair 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6 pm Memorial Bell Rehearsal and Indoor Picnic	28 Etown Fair	29 Etown Fair 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. Thanks to a recent upgrade **Guest Etown CoB** church wifi is now available for use without a password.