



Announcements & Upcoming Events

AUGUST 23-30, 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**
- **Sept 6–Oct 4**—Sermon Series: **Come to the Table**

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 23**—Lucky Ducks
- **August 30**—Church Picnic

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.



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.



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

Highlights...

Etown Fair—Aug 24-29
Volunteer Training—Aug 30
Church Picnic—Aug 30
Handbell Workshop—Sept 6
Salt & Light Biblical Studies Group—Sept 6-Nov 29
Wednesday Suppers—Sept 9-Oct 7
Bluegrass Lawn Concert—Sept 13
PeaceFest—Sept 19
Pizza with the Pastors—Sept 20
Brethren Disaster Relief Auction—Sept 25-26

Etown CoB Booth at the Fair

Mon, Aug 24 through Sat, Aug 29. Volunteers from the

church are needed to serve as hosts at the table during fair week. **There are still a few spots open.** 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 or contact the church office.



Volunteer Training

Sun, Aug 30 from 9:15-10:15 am, Etown CoB, fellow-

ship 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.



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

Returns Tues, Sept 22 at 10 am, Zoom. 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

Rehearsals will resume on **Thurs, Aug 27 at 6 pm** with a potluck meal. 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, Oct 1 at 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#).

Immigration Support Committee

Mon, Sept 14 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 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.

A Guide for Biblical Studies

Sundays, Sept 6-Nov 29 from 1-2 pm via Zoom.

Join Chris Bucher, editor of this Guide, and Joe Sollenberger

for a small group study of this fall's new *Salt & Light: A Guide for Biblical Studies*, a joint effort between Brethren Press and Menno Media. Click or scan the QR code to sign up or contact the church office. A guide and a Zoom link will be provided to those who sign up.



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!

PeaceFest: Turning Communities Toward Peace

Sat, Sept 19 from 11 am to 4 pm. Lititz CoB, 300 W

Orange St, Lititz. Community members of all ages are invited to attend PeaceFest! This free, family-friendly event will offer a delightful array of attractions, including food trucks, music, face painting, the Tree House playground, and a variety of hands-on activities. The festival will feature Shane Claiborne, co-founder of RAWtools, an organization committed to transforming weapons into symbols of hope. For a list of scheduled events and more information, please click or scan the QR code.



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

Estate Planning: Made Clear

Wed, Sept 16 at 2 pm,

webinar. In this webinar, Everence will walk you through the essential documents everyone needs at the end of life. You'll also learn that your will doesn't control your IRA. Beneficiary designations and account titling often carry more weight than your will, and getting those details right can mean the difference between your assets reaching your family or losing a



Worship Attendance

Sunday, August 16

In-Person: 163 Livestream: 49

Gifts Given

**Cash, Checks & Square—
August 4-10**

General Fund: \$10,082.05

Vacation Bible School: \$217.02

Tenant R & S: \$5,324.81

CROP: \$144.00

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

COBY'S 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.



LOOKING AHEAD

- Atlantic Northeast District Conference—Oct 2-3
- Blessing of the Animals—Oct 4
- World Communion Sunday—Oct 4
- Chicken BBQ—Oct 17
- ANE Older Adult Coffee House—Oct 20
- Prime Time Lunch & Learn—Oct 21
- Spiritual Gifts Seminar—Oct 31
- Remembrance Sunday—Nov 1
- Organ Concert, Abbie Wood—Nov 13
- Fall Church Council Mtg—Nov 15
- Holiday Celebration—Nov 21

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

COMMUNITY CORNER

You are Invited!

You are invited to share with the office staff ideas for local and community highlights that feature participants in our congregation. Please submit items to share by 12 noon on Wednesdays to info@etowncob.org.

STAFF OUT OF OFFICE

Crystal—August 28

Please join us in praying for the Lebanon CoB congregation for the week of August 23rd.

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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.

August 23-Sept 12						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23 10 am Online Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch 1 pm Outdoor Baptism	24 Etown Fair	25 Etown Fair 10 am PrimeTime Mtg 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
30 9:15 am Volunteer Training 10 am Online Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Church Picnic	31 6:30 pm Witness Mtg	1 8 am Men's Coffee 6:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Resources Mtg	2 9:30 am Quilters	3 9:30 am Memory Loss Support Group 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal	4	5
6 9 am Handbell Wkshop 9:15 am Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch	7 Labor Day Church Office Closed	8 6:30 pm Yoga	9 9:30 am Quilters 5:45 pm Wednesday Suppers	10 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal	11	12 11 am Celebration of Life

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.