



# Announcements & Upcoming Events

## MAY 3-10, 2026

### Worship Services

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

- **April 12-May 31**—Sermon Series: Many Gifts, Same Spirit

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**—Ages 0-12th gr.
- **Adult—May 3**
  - **Discovery Class, *Current Issues*** with Mary Lou Uhlig, Former Supervisor at the Environmental Protection Agency, 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.

- **May 3**—TJ Rockwell’s
- **May 10**—Mother’s Day

### Church WiFi Network

Thanks to a recent upgrade **Guest Etown CoB** is now available for use without a password.

### Spring Church Council Mtg

**Sun, May 17** after a **potluck** luncheon in fellowship hall. Commission reports are due **Mon, May 4**, send to [info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org). All are welcome during this time as the church body gathers to go over corporate business. Packets will be available by **Sun, May 10**. A Zoom option will be available. An email with a Zoom link will be sent the morning of **Sun, May 17 at 10 am**.

### May is Food Collection Month

**May 1-31**, Etown CoB Narthex.

The month of May is food collection month for Community Cupboard on Washington St. There will be a table set up in the Narthex (outside the sanctuary) for food donations. A list of most needed items will be available on the table. Click or scan the QR code for online shopping.



### Lancaster Chorale Concert

**Sun, May 3 at 3 pm**, Garden Theatre, Lancaster Country Day School, 725 Hamilton Rd, Lancaster. **Dr. Bruce Gerlach**, our organist, will conduct the Lancaster Chorale for its spring concert. The concert features Faure’s Requiem, Leavitt’s Missa Festiva, and anthems by Gounod, Mendelssohn, and Mozart. The 100-member Chorale is joined by a live orchestra. Admission is free; donations are accepted.

### Highlights...

- May is Food Collection Month—May 1-31
- Commission Reports Due—May 4
- ANE Older Adult Spring Banquet—May 6
- Mother’s Day—May 10
- Spring Birding Trip w/Paul Brubaker—May 16-18
- Spring Church Council Mtg—May 17
- Young Adult Conference—May 22-24

### Drama Group

#### Organizational Meeting

**Tues, May 26 at 7pm**, via Zoom. Are you are interested in being a part of the Drama Group? Performing small skits during worship once a month or so? All are welcome. Contact **Deborah Santiago** (717-917-4378 or [djs4818@comcast.net](mailto:djs4818@comcast.net)) if you wish to join our Zoom organizational Meeting.

#### Spring Birding Trip

**Sat, May 16-Mon, May 18**, Union County near Lewisbury. This birding trip is scheduled through Camp Swatara, and will be led by Paul Brubaker. Housing is at Zeager’s Mountain View Cabin. Cost is **\$100** which includes housing and meals. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



## 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."

### Family Dinner

**Sun, May 24, after worship**, in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to this potluck meal! Pizza and drinks will be provided but you can bring along a dish to share. Hope to see you there!

### PRISM Youth Group

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



### LGBTQ+ Working Group

**Mon, May 18 at 7 pm**, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Jim Beckwith](#) with any questions.

### Men's Coffee & Conversation

**Tues, May 5 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

**Tuesdays at 10 am**. 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.

### TransParent Support Group

**1st Wednesday at 7 pm**, Etown CoB.

A confidential, private meeting for parents and other adults to support their transgender loved ones of all ages. Questions? Contact:

[TransParentSupport@EtownCoB.org](mailto:TransParentSupport@EtownCoB.org).

### Memory Loss Support Group

**Thurs, May 7 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

**Thursdays at 6:15 pm**. Contact [Jeffrey Clouser](#) with questions.

### 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, June 11 at 7 pm**, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#).

### Immigration Support Committee

**Mon, May 4 at 7 pm**, rm 106 & Zoom. 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.

### 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](mailto:FaithfulAction@etowncob.org).

## YOUTH EVENTS



### Grades 5-12

- **May 3**—1st Sunday Hangout
- **May 17**—Governor Dick Hike & Ice Cream (after Church Council Mtg)
- **May 31**—5th Sunday Hangout
- **June 20**—Camp Swatara Day
- **August 2**—1st Sunday Hangout
- **August 16**—Sickman's Mill Tubing

### Grades 9-12

- **July 12-17, 2026**—NYC Pretrip
- **July 18-23, 2026**—National Youth Conference

### Grade 12

- **June 14**—Grad Sunday

## Reparations Action Fund for Tomorrow (RAFFT)

**Sun, May 17 at 9:15 am**, rm 102.

Discovery class will be joined by **Deborah Wilson Gadsden** and **Marty Kelley** for a presentation of the *Reparations Action Fund for Tomorrow (RAFFT)*. Marty is chair of the Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster Dismantling Racism Committee that wrote RAFFT. Deborah is chair of the Disbursement Committee, responsible for RAFFT grants. They will share history of this fund and details of grant awarding and answer any questions you may have.

## Adult Inquirers Class

All are welcome to join us for an Adult Inquirers Class! These classes are held periodically to provide an opportunity to learn more about our congregation's mission, history, beliefs and practices. The next class will be held on **Mondays in June, starting June 1 from 5:30-6:30 pm via Zoom**.

If you miss a class on any given date, don't let that prevent you from participating. There will be an opportunity for congregational membership later in the summer for those who are interested. To RSVP please contact the church office at [info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org) or speak with a Pastor.



### **Pizza With The Pastors**

**Sun, June 14, directly after worship in rm 102.** All new-ish attenders are welcome for an informal time to connect with the pastors and get to know one another. **RSVP to the Church Office by June 12th** at [info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org) or call 717-367-1000.

### **Music for Everyone (MFE) Community Chorus**

**Fri, June 19 at 7 pm,** Etown CoB Sanctuary. This is a **free** concert and open to the public. Music for this evening's concert will include national and international music, with themes of peace and social justice. A concert for all ages!

## **CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

- **Young Adult Conference (YAC), May 22-24,** Camp Blue Diamond, Petersburg, PA.  **Theme: Identity in Community,** Romans 12: 4-5 NIV. Ages 18-35. Pastor Naomi is set to be one of the speakers. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.
- **Annual Conference (AC), June 28-July 2,** Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Register now through **Sat, June 7. Non-Delegate Virtual Attendees are free,** register by **Tues, June 23.** Click or scan the QR code for details and registration. 

## **ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT EVENTS**

### **Tour and Hymn Sing**


**Sun, May 31 at 2 pm,** Bucher Meeting House, 376 Schaeffer Rd, Lebanon. This public event will celebrate the historic meeting house and cemetery. The event includes building and cemetery tours that will begin at **2 pm.** Then an old-fashioned hymn sing led by **Bob Kettering** will begin at **3 pm.**

## **BRETHREN MENNONITE COUNCIL**



### **BMC's 50th Anniversary**

**Gathering, May 29-31,** Minneapolis, MN. **Rooting**

**Our Stories: Reveling in 50 years of Queer & Trans Anabaptist Resilience**

BMC is planning a weekend rooted in sacred story and joyful revelry! Register by **May 7.** Click or scan the QR code for details and registration. 

## **EVERENCE EVENTS**

- **Medicare with you in Mind, Thurs, May 14 at 6:30 pm,** Eden Resort, 222 Eden Rd, Lancaster. This is a free, informative workshop where experienced Medicare specialists will guide you through the key steps to understanding your options. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration. 
- **Investing: Made Clear Wed, May 20 at 2 pm,**  webinar. This webinar breaks down investing essentials in plain language. An Everence Certified Financial Planner will walk you through the different types of investments, how risk and reward work together, and key

### **Worship Attendance**

#### **Sunday, April 26**

In-Person: 194      Livestream: 45

### **Gifts Given**

#### **Cash, Checks & Square—**

#### **April 21-27**

General Fund: \$12,596.03

Designated Gifts: \$100.00

CROP: \$121.00

Annual Chicken BBQ: \$600.00

strategies like diversification and compounding. You'll also explore how your faith values can shape the way you invest. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

- Music For Everyone Community Chorus—June 19
  - Etown CoB Camp Swatara Weekend—June 19-21
  - Father's Day—June 21
  - Annual Conference—June 28-July 2
  - Church Office Close—July 3
  - National Youth Conference Pre-Trip—July 12-17
  - National Youth Conference—July 18-23
- Mark your calendars and watch for details and updates! You can find these events on the online events calendar.

## COMMUNITY CORNER

### Camp Swatara 5K



On Saturday, April 18, Paula Knudsen Burke, Pastor Jason and Deb Ziegler participated in the Camp Swatara 5k.

### STAFF OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Naomi Kraenbring—May 4-13

Please join us in praying for the  
**Mohrsville CoB**  
 congregation for the week of  
**May 3rd.**

### Pastoral Team:

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### Support Staff:

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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.

## May 3-16

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 9:15 am Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch 1 pm A Guide to Biblical Studies Grp	4 7 pm Christian Ed Mtg 7 pm Immigration Support Com Mtg	5 8 am Men's Coffee & Conversation 10 am Lenten Book Discussion Grp 6:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Resources Mtg	6 9:30 am Quilters 12 pm ANE Older Adult Luncheon 7 pm TransParent Support Grp	7 9:30 am Memory Loss Support Grp 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal	8	9 Etown College Commencement
10 <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:15 am Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship	11 6:45 pm Church Board Mtg	12 7 pm Yoga	13 9:30 am Quilters 5:30 pm Adult Choir Celebration Potluck	14 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal	15	16 Spring Birding Trip

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.

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