



Announcements & Upcoming Events

DECEMBER 21-28, 2025

Worship Services

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

- **Dec 21**—Advent wk 4: What Do You Fear?
- **Dec 28**—Christmastide: What Do You Fear?

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—December 21st**
 - **Discovery Class**, Bill Cave will discuss the Elizabethtown College Study Abroad Program, 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.

- **Dec 21**—Lucky Ducks
- **Dec 28**—TJ Rockwell's

Ordination of Jason Haldeman

All are welcome to join us for the ordination of **Jason Haldeman** on **Sunday, December 28th** during worship.



2026 Fellowship Directories

2026 Fellowship Directories are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Etown CoB Prayer Requests

When you have a personal prayer request to share with pastors or the larger church family, a **new email address** has been created that will **automatically** be sent to pastors at all times, including when the church office is closed: prayer@etowncob.org.

You are also always welcome to use the pastors' individual emails or call their offices directly, and voicemails will be automatically forwarded to them if they are not in their office:

Liz—pastorliz@etowncob.org
717-366-4831

Naomi—pastornaomi@etowncob.org
717-366-4836

Jason—jason@etowncob.org
717-366-4833

Pavilion Project Campaign

At a recent **Special Church Council Meeting**, our congregation voted to move forward with building a **multipurpose gathering space**—a new pavilion designed

Highlights...

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

for fellowship events, community meals, children's activities, and other ministries that connect and strengthen us. The project will proceed once we have secured **75%** of the total cost in pledges. We have secured **29.5%** of our goal so far of **\$465,000**. If you would like a paper campaign packet, contact the **church office** or pick up a copy at the back of the sanctuary. If you prefer a **digital** version of the information and commitment form, visit the church website, etowncob.org. We are deeply grateful for your prayerful consideration and support.

Vehicle Needed!

Frédérique Green, one of our congregational members who lives in the UK, is going to be in Elizabethtown from **Jan 21 to April 19, 2026**, to continue her post-doctoral work at the **Young Center as a Kreider Fellow**. She is in need of a **vehicle to borrow** and use during this time. If anyone has an extra vehicle that they

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, Jan 11th from 4-6 pm, rm 108. All youth grades 6-12.

Volunteers, click or scan the QR code to sign up.



LGBTQ+ Working Group

Mon, Jan 19th at 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Jim Beckwith](#) with any questions.

Men's Coffee & Conversation

Tues, Jan 6th at 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

Holiday break. WBS will resume on Jan 6th. Contact [JulieAnn Keith](#) or [Chris Bucher](#) with questions.

Yoga

Holiday break. Yoga will resume on Jan 6th at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$7 per session. Contact [Peggy Shaffer](#) with questions.

Quilters

Holiday break. Quilters will resume on Jan 7th 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.

Memory Loss/Caregivers Support Group

Thurs, Jan 8th at 9:30 am, parlor. Contact [Barb Sweigart](#) with questions.

Chair Yoga

Holiday break. Chair Yoga will resume on Jan 8th 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

TBA at 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for info.

Immigration Support Committee

Mon, Jan 12th at 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.

Volunteer Drivers Needed!

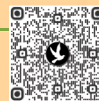
Emerson, our Brother in Christ from Haiti, needs volunteers to pick him up and take him home after work. It would be a short drive from Masonic Village to his home on E Willow St in Etown. If you



YOUTH EVENTS

Grades 6-12

- **Jan 9-10**—District Youth Repeat Retreat



Grades 9-12

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

can help with his transportation need, click or scan the QR code to sign up. Questions? Contact **Paul Brubaker** at 717-598-5190 or peb26@icloud.com.

Lunch Debt Giving Tree

Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren has launched a **Lunch Debt Giving Tree** to help eliminate over



\$34,000 in student lunch debt affecting **328 students** in the Elizabethtown Area School District. Stars on the tree list individual student balances. Simply take a star, mark it on the sign-out sheet, and follow the payment instructions provided. Businesses can send money through VENMO by clicking or scanning the QR code or write a check out to “Etown CoB” with “EASD Lunch Debt” in the memo line and send it to 777 S Mt Joy St, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. All money collected will go towards paying off student debts with large balances. Questions? Email givingtree@etowncob.org.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wed, Dec 24th at 7 pm, sanctuary & livestream. All are welcome to join us for our **traditional candlelight service**. Bring some cookies to share. We welcome everyone to enjoy cookies, fellowship and conversation in fellowship hall after the service.

would be willing to lend, that would be very much appreciated. Please contact the church office if you are able to provide a vehicle.

Intergenerational Xmas Potluck Breakfast

Sun, Dec 28th at 9:15 am, fellowship hall. Join us during the Faith Formation hour for a “Fourth Day of Christmas” Celebration. This **Potluck Breakfast** will be a merry time of food, fun, and fellowship. Come as you are in your comfortable slippers or Xmas Jammies to build a candy **graham cracker house**, see a **model train** or sip on some **hot cocoa!** Some continental breakfast items will be provided, but you are encouraged to bring along something to share.

Christmas at the Organ

Sun, Dec 28th at 4 pm, sanctuary. All are welcome to join us for a concert performed by the **Lancaster Chapter, American Guild of Organists** featuring local organists. A **free-will offering** will be taken in support of the Guild (AGO) and its mission of education and performance and funding of scholarships for young organists.

Church Board Retreat

Sat, Jan 10th from 8:30 am–12 pm, Etown CoB fellowship hall. All Church Board members are invited to join us for a time to gather and spark fresh vision as we plan for the **2026** year. Together, we’ll reflect on where God is leading us, share ideas, and set our course for the months ahead. Click or scan the QR code to [RSVP](#).

JOB OPENING

Congregational Organist/Pianist



Etown CoB is looking for a **Congregational Organist/Pianist**. **Primary duties** include: prepare, practice, and perform the necessary musical portions of the Sunday morning worship service. In

addition, prepare and perform for special services throughout the church year, attend rehearsals as accompanist for the adult choir, accompany ensembles/soloists/etc. as coordinated with music coordinator and/or pastors. Visit etowncob.org for full job description and **submit a cover letter and resume to employment@etowncob.org**. Please share this with anyone who might be interested.

ANE DISTRICT EVENTS

District Youth Repeat Retreat

Jan 9-10, York First CoB, 2710 Kingston Rd, York. This retreat is for **youth grades 6-12** and will be led by Peacefully, Simply, Together group from Etown College. Come explore Brethren values and lifestyle, enjoy inspiring worship and learning sessions, participate in a service project, games and activities. Meet other CoB youth! **Contact Pastor Jason** if you would like to attend. Space is limited to **50 participants**. Registration is due by **Jan 5th**.

UNITED CHURCHES ELIZABETHTOWN AREA (UCEA)

Volunteers Needed

The **Clothing Barn**, 61 East Washington St, Etown, is in need of **volunteer donation sorters**. Schedules are any Mon-Fri, 8:30 to 11:30 or 9:00 to 12. Interested? Contact Dave Fritchman, volunteer coordinator, at cpowvolunteers@gmail.com.

Worship Attendance

Sunday, December 14

In-Person: 115 Livestream: 78

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square— December 9-15

General Fund: \$25,155.00
Designated Gifts: \$1,000.00
Tenant R & S: \$46.02
CROP: \$119.80
Pavilion Project: \$100.00
Giving Tree: \$1,050.00

LOOKING AHEAD

- Music For Everyone Community Chorus—Feb 7
- Ash Wednesday—Feb 18
- ANE Women’s Spring Fellowship—March 21
- The Virginia University Gospel Chorale—March 23
- The Apollo Chamber Players Classical Concert—March 28
- Palm Sunday—March 29
- Spring Love Feast—April 2
- Good Friday—April 3
- Easter—April 5
- Chicken BBQ—April 18
- Earth Day—April 22

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

Church Office Holidays:

Dec 25 & 26—Closed - Christmas Break

Dec 31—Closing at 12:30 pm

Jan 1 & 2—Closed - New Year's Break

STAFF OUT OF OFFICE

Crystal—December 22-26

Medical leave: Dec 31-Jan 9

Work from home: Jan 12-Feb 13

Pastor Liz—December 29-January 2

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Dec 22-24—9 am-4:30 pm

Dec 31—9 am-12:30 pm

Jan 5-Feb 13—Mon-Fri, 9 am-2 pm

TEMPORARY
HOURS

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:

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

Please join us in praying for the
Mohrsville CoB
congregation for the week of
December 21st.

DEC 21—JAN 10

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
21 9:15 Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch 1 pm A Guide to Biblical Studies Group 4 pm Susquehanna Chorale Christmas Concert	22	23	24 7 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed	26 Church Office Closed	27 10 am Knitting/Fiber Arts Group
28 9:15 am Potluck Breakfast 10:30 am Worship 1 pm A Guide to Biblical Studies Group 4 pm Organ Concert	29	30	31 12:30 pm Church Office Closing	January 1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed	2 Church Office Closed	3
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Event **Packets** can be found under "Forms" on the church [website](http://www.etowncob.org) 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.