



Announcements & Upcoming Events

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13-20, 2026

Worship Services

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

- **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 Hour

Every Sunday from 9:15-10:15 am

- **Children & Youth**—Ages 0-12th gr
- **Adult—September 13**
 - **Discovery Class, Annual 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.

- **Sept 13**—Food Trucks and Lawn Concert
- **Sept 20**—Centerville Diner 2

Newsletter Articles Due

Nov-Dec 2026 newsletter articles are due to the church office by **Mon, Oct 12**. Please submit all articles to info@etowncob.org.

2027 Fellowship Directory

We invite all individuals, families, and newer attendees (both in-person and online) to update their contact information. You can do this by clicking or scanning the QR code, or by emailing your information to info@etowncob.org by **Mon, Nov 2nd**. If you wish to opt out of the Fellowship Directory, please let us know through the same means. Our goal is to release the updated directory by the **end of December**.



PeaceFest: Turning Communities Toward Peace **Sat, Sept 19 from 11 am to 4 pm.**

Lititz CoB, 300 W Orange St, Lititz. People all ages are invited to attend PeaceFest. This is a free, family-friendly event. The festival will feature Shane Claiborne, co-founder of RAWtools, an organization committed to transforming weapons into symbols of hope. Click or scan the QR code for more information.



Pizza with the Pastors

Sun, Sept 20, directly after worship, rm 102. All new-ish attenders are welcome for an informal time to connect with the pastors and get to know one another. Please RSVP by **Fri, Sept 18** to the church office at info@etowncob.org or call 717-367-1000.

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays, Sept 22-Nov 17 at 10 am, Zoom. Join us this fall for the Women's Bible Study as we delve into Paul's Letter to the Phi-

Highlights...

Fall Salt & Light Biblical Studies Group—Now thru Nov 29
Wednesday Suppers—Now thru Oct 7
Bluegrass Lawn Concert—Sept 13
PeaceFest—Sept 19
Pizza with the Pastors—Sept 20
Women's Bible Study—Sept 22-Nov 17
Brethren Disaster Relief Auction—Sept 25-26
Family Dinner—Sept 27
2027 Pledge Cards Due—Oct 26
2027 Fellowship Directory Changes Due—Nov 2

liippians. There is no book purchase required for this study. If you're interested in participating, please contact Chris Bucher, JulieAnn Keith, or the church office. You will receive a Zoom link each week to join the study group. Questions? Contact Chris Bucher at bucherca@gmail.com.

Adult Inquirers Class

We warmly invite everyone to join our **Adult Inquirers Class!** These classes are offered periodically to provide an opportunity to learn more about our congregation's mission, history, beliefs, and practices. The next class will begin in **October**, with days, times, and location to be coordinated with interested participants. After completing the class, if you wish to join, new members will be welcomed on **Sun, Nov 29**, during our worship service. If you are interested in participating in this class, please contact the

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

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

Family Dinner

Sun, Sept 27, 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!

LGBTQ+ Working Group

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

Men's Coffee & Conversation

Tues, Oct 6 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, Oct 1 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, choir room. 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, 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 6-12



- **September 26**—ANE Youth Service Project at the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction - see Pastor Jason
- **October 4**—Backyard Hangout and Camp Fire at the Haldeman's 5:30-7 pm
- **November 30**—Washington DC Service Project Day Trip

church office at info@etowncob.org or speak with a Pastor.

Blessing of the Animals

Sun, Oct 4 at 1:30 pm, portico. You are invited to bring **pets** (on leashes or in carriers, aquariums, cages, etc), or pictures of pets you would like to have included in this short and informal service. Please contact Pastor Liz if you have any questions.

Messenger Magazine

If you already receive the *Messenger Magazine* through our **Church Club** subscription, **renewal letters** were sent via email to you with a link to renew your subscription. If you would like to **join our Church Club** subscription, please click or scan the QR code to join by **Mon, Oct 12**. Cost is **\$18** 1-year or **\$34** 2-year subscription. If you prefer the **free** digital magazine, visit www.brethren.org/messenger/digital/.



Etown CoB Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

Sat, Oct 17 from 3-5 pm, pick up under the portico. No tickets necessary. Meal is offered by donation and includes half BBQ chicken prepared by Dennis Peters, a baked potato, baked beans, dinner roll, pepper

slaw, applesauce and cookies. Proceeds will help cover church expenses for planned activities, banquet and a service project to celebrate **Etown CoB's 125th Anniversary** in 2027.

Lunch and Learn

Wed, Oct 21 from 12-3 pm, The Gathering Place, Mt Joy. Join **Karl Rhodes** as he shares they story of his great, great grandmother, **Margaret "Peggy" Rhodes**. Special attention will be paid to **Elder John Kline**. Cost is **\$20** per person payable to Etown CoB before the event or at the door. Registration is necessary and sign-up will be available in Memorial Lobby on Sundays now through Oct 4.

ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Annual District Conference

Worship Service

Fri, Oct 2 at 7 pm, in-person or livestream, Living Faith CoB, 2200 State Hill Rd, Wyomissing. 

No registration required. The service will feature a message from the 2026 ANE Moderator, **Dave Sollenberger** from Mt. Wilson CoB. Music will be led by Living Faith pastor **Josh Tindall** and others. The offering will support the Deportation Defense Response Legal and Mutual Aid Fund. Spanish interpretation will be available for attendees. Click or scan the QR code to join livestream.

5th Annual Older Adult Coffee House

Tues, Oct 20 from 2-3:30 pm, Lancaster CoB, 1601 Sunset Ave, Lancaster. You are invited for coffee, tea, cookies, and music by talented local singer Peggy Keller with friends from all over the district. No registration required.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Engage

A Church of the Brethren global mission gathering on **Sun, Sept 20 at 6:30 pm**, Lancaster CoB, 1601 Sunset Ave, Lancaster. Guest speakers include Roger Padilla, Eric Ramirez and Rebecca Dali. This event is **FREE** and open to the public. Click or scan the QR code for details. 

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

ETOWN COLLEGE

Ware Lecture

Thurs, Sept 24 at 7 pm, Leffler Chapel, Etown College. Join **Aly Raisman**, team captain of the US Women's Olympic Gymnastics teams that won gold medals in both 2012 and 2016. This event is **FREE** but registration is required. Click or scan the QR code to register. 

Young Center Event

Guest Lecture, Tues, Sept 29 at 7 pm, Bucher Meetinghouse, Etown College. **Why We Need Anabaptism and the Black Church**, in this talk, **Dr. Drew Hart** will explore why salvaging a faithful Christian witness benefits from a convergence of the prophetic stream of the Black Church and the radical discipleship wing of the Anabaptist tradition. This event is **FREE** and open to the public.

Worship Attendance

Sunday, September 6

In-Person: 169 Livestream: 44

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square—September 1-7

General Fund: \$7,095.00

Designated Gifts: \$2,082.00

Tenant R & S: \$7,102.81

CROP: \$166.55

HOPE WITHIN MINISTRIES

Taste of the Nations

A Cultural Culinary Experience, Thurs, Oct 1 from 5:30 to 8 pm, Elizabethtown Brethren in Christ Church (EBIC), 996 E High St, Etown. Sample international foods from around the world. Cost is **\$35** per adult, **\$10** per child (12 and under). Click or scan the QR code for details and tickets. 

LOOKING AHEAD

- Adult Inquirers Class Begins in October
- 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

Fall Festival at Stonebridge Farm

Sun, Sept 20 from 12-5 pm, 1108 Bucher Ln, Lebanon, PA. Join us for a day of fall fun at Stonebridge Farm featuring Colebrook Road!

Food Truck and activities: 12-5 pm

Concert: 2-4 pm

Festivities will include: Food trucks, s'mores, face painting, hayrides, and more!

All donations benefit Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM) and Camp Swatara.

Please join us in praying for the Little Swatara CoB congregation for the week of September 13th.

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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.

September 3-26						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
13 9:15 am Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 12:30 pm Bluegrass Lawn Concert 1 pm Biblical Studies Grp	14 7 pm Immigration Support Mtg 7 pm LGBTQIA Mtg	15 6:30 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Church Board Mtg	16 9:30 am Quilters 5:45 pm Wednesday Suppers 7 pm Finance Mtg	17 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal	18	19 11 am PeaceFest
20 9:15 am Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Pizza w/Pastors 11:45 am Lunch Bunch 11:45 am Historical Mtg 12 pm Fall Festival 1 pm Biblical Studies Grp	21 6:45 pm Church Board Mtg	22 10 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Nurture Mtg	23 9:30 am Quilters 5:45 pm Wednesday Suppers 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	24 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal 7 pm Ware Lecture	25 9 am Brethren Disaster Relief Auction	26 7 am Brethren Disaster Relief Auction 7 am Car, Truck & Tractor Show 10 am Knitting/Fiber Arts

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.