



Announcements & Upcoming Events

MAY 10-17, 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 10**
 - **Discovery Class, Interactive Climate Solutions Simulation** led by the Climate Crisis Action Committee, rm 102 & Zoom
 - **Bible Exploration** with David Leiter, rm 106 & Zoom
 - **Chalkboard Chat**, rm 110
 - **Sip N’ Chat**, Memorial Lobby

Lunch Bunch

All are welcome! Contact Suzanne Taylor with questions.

- **May 10**—Mother’s Day
- **May 17**—Potluck & Council Meeting

Church WiFi Network

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



Etown CoB Fair Booth Volunteer Sign-Up

We are seeking **25-30 enthusiastic volunteers** to assist at the Etown CoB booth during the Etown Fair this August. Your participation will help us make a positive impact on our community. If we do not gather enough interest this year, we will aim to try again next year. **Interested in making a difference?** Please sign up in Memorial Lobby on **Sunday, May 10**, or get in touch with **Damon Wagner Fields** for more information. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Spring Church Council Mtg Sun, May 17 after a **potluck** luncheon in fellowship hall. All are welcome during this time as the church body gathers to go over corporate business. Packets will be available **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**.

Highlights...

- May is Food Collection Month—May 1-31
- 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

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.



Drama Group

Organizational Meeting

Tues, May 26 at 7pm, via Zoom. Are you 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) 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



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

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

LGBTQ+ Working Group

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

Men's Coffee & Conversation

Tues, June 2 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.

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 Support Group

Thurs, June 4 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

TBD, 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.

YOUTH EVENTS



Grades 5-12

- **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

View Cabin. Cost is **\$100** which includes housing and meals. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.

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 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 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.**

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 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. 

Worship Attendance

Sunday, May 3

In-Person: 217 Livestream: 49

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square—April 28-May 4

General Fund: \$6,406.00

Designated Gifts: \$3,260.00

Tenant R & S: \$1,995.81

CROP: \$211.90

Annual Chicken BBQ: \$200.00

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

Clothing Barn

The Clothing Barn is currently in need of volunteers to help serve clients and sort donations. They are seeking individuals who can serve once or twice a week, or even once a month, Monday through Thursday between 9 am and 12 pm. Interested? Contact Connie Trynovich at 717-315-7701 or uceaclothing-barn@gmail.com

STAFF OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Naomi Kraenbring—May 4-13

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, May 25—Memorial Day

Please join us in praying for the
Jennersville CoB
congregation for the week of
May 10th.

Pastoral Team:

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Crystal Crater, Office Administrator and Marketing & Communications Coordinator

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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 10-23

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10 Mother's Day 9:15 am Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship	11 6:45 pm Church Board Mtg	12 6:30 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 9:30 am Historical Committee Mtg
17 Spring Birding Trip 9:15 am Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Potluck & Spring Council Mtg 2 pm A Guide to Biblical Studies Grp 2 pm Governor Dick Hike & Ice Cream	18 Spring Birding Trip 7 pm LGBTQIA Working Grp Mtg	19 6:30 pm Yoga	20 9:30 am Quilters	21 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal	22 Young Adult Conference	23 Young Adult Conference

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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