



Announcements & Upcoming Events

MAY 24-31, 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**
- **June 7-28**—Sermon Series: **Summer Vacation: Road Trip!**

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 24**
 - Discovery Class, Conversation on Reparations** Hosted by Racial Justice Working Grp, 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 24**—Mangia Mangia
- **May 31**—Amato’s Pizza

Newsletter Articles Due

July-August 2026 newsletter articles are due to the church office on **Mon, June 15**. Please submit all articles to info@etowncob.org.

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!**

Sermon Series: Summer Vacation: Road Trip!

Sundays, June

7-28. During June,

our theme will be

“Road Trip.” Each week we will

focus on a text that features travel on a road or takes followers on a journey. On **June 28**, we welcome guest preacher **Milt Stoltzfus**, Spiritual Nurture and Community Life Advisor at Friendship Community.

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



Highlights...

- May is Food Collection Month—May 1-31
- Church Office Closed—May 25
- Newsletter Articles Due—June 15
- 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 Closed—July 3

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.

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.

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

TBD. 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

Mon, June 15 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.

YOUTH EVENTS



Grades 5-12

- **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

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

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**.

COMMUNITY PLACE ON WASHINGTON (CPOW)

Maintenance Volunteers Needed

CPOW is building a strong maintenance team with plumbing, painting, HVAC, electrical, handyman skills, and related roles to keep their buildings running smoothly. If you are interested in helping, contact the Campus Manager at cpowmanager@gmail.com or 223-216-1923.

EVERENCE EVENTS

Paying for College: Made Clear



Wed, June 17 at 2 pm, webinar. This webinar breaks down investing essentials in plain language. In this webinar, Everence will walk you through the full landscape of how families pay for college — from savings strategies and scholarships to federal aid, private loans, and everything in between. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.

MT GREтна BIBLE FESTIVAL 2006

- **Abigail Wood Summer Organ Program, Wed, June 3 at 7 pm**, Mt. Gretna UMC, 4th St & Boehm Ave, Mt Gretna.
- **Handbell Festival, Sat, June 6 at 7 pm**, Historic Tabernacle, 3rd St & Glossbrenner Ave, Mt Gretna. Under the direction of **Brian Childress**, ringers from the area will ring the praise and glory of God.
- **Annual Hymn Sing with Men in Harmony, Sun, June 21 at 7 pm**, Historic Tabernacle, 3rd St & Glossbrenner Ave, Mt Gretna. This program will be led by **Bob Kettering** and **Dr. Rod Shearer**.



Click or scan the QR code for details and the full list of Bible Festival offerings.

JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

- **Lititz Pride:**
Sat, June 6, 11 am-6 pm
a Rock Lititz Property
727 Furnace Hills Pike, Lititz
- **York Pride:**
Sat, June 13, 11 am-5 pm
All Trans Memorial Hall
334 Carlisle Ave, York
- **Lancaster Pride:**
Sat, June 20, 12-6 pm
Penn Medicine Park
650 North Prince St, Lancaster
- **Harrisburg Pride:**
Sat, July 25, 11 am-6 pm
Soldiers Grove
400 Commonwealth Ave, Harrisburg

Worship Attendance

Sunday, May 17

In-Person: 169 Livestream: 47

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square— May 12-18

General Fund: \$1,275.00
Designated Gifts: \$180.00
Tenant R & S: \$6,363.98
CROP: \$86.53

LOOKING AHEAD

- Special Church Council Mtg—July 12
- National Youth Conference Pre-Trip—July 12-17
- National Youth Conference—July 18-23
- Vacation Bible School—Aug 11-14
- Etown Fair—Aug 24-29
- Church Picnic—Aug 30

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

COMMUNITY CORNER

Etown College President Set to Retire in 2027

The Elizabethtown College Board of Trustees announces the retirement of **President Elizabeth A. Rider**, effective at the conclusion of the next academic year, **June 30, 2027**. We congratulate and celebrate President Rider's nearly **40 years** of selfless service and distinguished leadership at Elizabethtown College.



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, May 25—Memorial Day

Pastoral Team:

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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

Karen Deering, Pianist and Accompanist | karenleedeering@gmail.com

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Beth Dreyer-DeGoede, Choir Accompanist | bddegoede@gmail.com

Crystal Crater, Office Administrator and Marketing & Communications Coordinator
crystal@etowncob.org | 717-366-4832 | Mon-Fri, 8 am—4 pm


Brooke Bish, Administrative Assistant
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Amy Zimmerman, Facilities Manager
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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.

Please join us in praying for the
Myerstown CoB
congregation for the week of
May 24th.

May 24–June 6

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24 Young Adult Conference 9:15 am Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Family Dinner 1 pm A Guide to Biblical Studies Grp	25 Church Office Closed 	26 6:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Drama Group Mtg	27 9:30 am Quilters	28 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal	29	30 10 am Knitting/Fiber Arts Group
31 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fifth Sunday Hangout 1 pm A Guide to Biblical Studies Grp	June 1 5:30 pm Adult Inquirers Class 7 pm Christian Ed Mtg	2 8 am Men's Coffee & Conversation 6:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Resources Mtg	3 9:30 am Quilters 6:30 pm Witness Mtg 7 pm Transparent Support Grp	4 9:30 am Memory Loss Support Grp 10:30 am Chair Yoga	5	6 11 am Lititz Pride 11 am Living the Experience

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.