ELIZABETHTOWN
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

# Announcements & Upcoming Events

## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15-22, 2026

### Worship Services

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

- **Nov 15**—Parable of the Talents

Our Sunday worship services are live-streamed 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—November 15**
  - —**Discovery Class,** Carrie Stricker who will give an update on ECHOS, 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.

- **Nov 15**—Potluck Lunch & Council Mtg
- **Nov 22**—Lucky Ducks

### Nursery Help Needed

Your loving arms and caring hearts are needed in the Church Nursery. Interested? Contact Deb Ziegler at 717-575-4637.

### Fall Church Council Mtg

**Sun, Nov 15 after potluck lunch.** All are welcome during this time that the church body gathers to go over corporate business. Packets are available at the back of the sanctuary.

### Advent Devotionals are Available Now!

Here's a warm invitation for you to pick up a **free** copy of two wonderful Advent devotionals! You can find ***Finding Our Way*** by Anna Lisa Gross and ***The Will to Dream*** by Illustrated Ministry at the back of the sanctuary. We hope they enrich your Advent season!

### Holiday Celebration

**Sat, Nov 21 from 9 am-12 pm,** fellowship hall. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for this family-friendly event, featuring a **balloon artist** who is sure to delight the kids. **Free** clothing for adults and children, **free** toys, puzzles, games, and books. Activities will include **crafting**, making festive cards, and a **Secret Santa** area. Cookies, snacks, hot chocolate, coffee, and punch will be provided. **Peters' Chicken BBQ** will be available for purchase.

**Volunteers** are needed to set up and tear down. See **Sandy Brubaker** in Memorial Lobby to sign up. Donations are needed of the following: **winter adult and children's clothes, toys, books, puzzles, etc. Cookies** should be dropped off on **Fri, Nov 20 after 6 pm or early Sat, Nov 21** in the kitchen. Drop Offs between **Mon, Nov 16 through Fri, Nov 20** are **Secret Santa & meal kits** in the Church Library, all other donated items in room 106. **No donated items will be accepted after 6 pm on Fri, Nov 20.**

The Witness Commission thanks the congregation for taking the ziplock bags to fill with ingredients to make a meal using canned goods for the Holiday Celebration on Saturday, November 21. All were taken. The library will be the collecting point.

### Highlights...

- Women's Bible Study—Now thru Nov 17
- Fall Salt & Light Biblical Studies Group—Now thru Nov 29
- Fall Church Council Meeting—Nov 15
- Holiday Celebration—Nov 21
- Church Office Closed—Nov 26 & 27
- Youth Service Project—Nov 30
- Ordination, Desiree Weaver-Spidel—Dec 6 at 1:30 pm
- Pizza w/Pastors—Dec 6
- Winter Salt & Light Biblical Studies Group—Dec 6-Feb 28
- Board Fellowship Dinner—Dec 9

### November is Community Cupboard Donation Month

A table is available in the Narthex through November for donations. A list of items needed is available on the table. You can also donate via Amazon wishlist by clicking or scanning the QR code.

# 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

**Sat, Dec 13 at 4 pm,** rm 108. Christmas Party or Field Trip. All youth grades 6-12.

## Family Dinner

**Sun, Dec 6, 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, Dec 14 at 7 pm,** Zoom. All are welcome! Contact Jim Beckwith with any questions.

## Men's Coffee & Conversation

**Tues, Dec 1 at 8 am,** The Stables, 521 Rutts Rd, Etown. All men are invited! Questions? Contact Barry Garman, Ben Hoffman, George Snavely or Jim Hoffer.

## Women's Bible Study

**Tues, Nov 17 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, Dec 3 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.** All are welcome! Contact Becky Eisenbise. Sponsored by the Nurture Commission.

## Climate Crisis Action Committee

**Thurs, Dec 3 at 7 pm,** Zoom. All are welcome! Contact Damon Wagner Fields.

## Immigration Support Committee

**Mon, Dec 7 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

- **November 30**—Washington DC Service Project Day Trip
- **December 13**—X-Mas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange 5-7pm

## SERRV Sale

**Sun, Nov 22 & 29,** memorial lobby. Karen Ziegler (Ungemach) will have a SERRV table available with items to purchase for the holiday season.

## Receiving New Members

On **Sunday, November 29** Etown CoB will be receiving new members. If you have participated in an Inquirers Class and are interested in being received as a new member by reaffirmation of faith, letter of transfer or by baptism, please contact one of our pastors by **Sunday, November 22.**

## Pizza With the Pastors

**Sun, Dec 6 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. Please RSVP to the church office by **December 4** at info@etowncob.org or call 717-367-1000.

## Winter Salt & Light Biblical Studies Group

Join Chris Bucher and Joe Sollenberger for a small group study of this winter's Salt & Light: A Guide for Biblical Studies. They will meet **Sundays, Dec 6-Feb 28 from 1-2 pm** on Zoom. Click or scan the QR code to sign up or contact the church office. Guides a Zoom link will be provided for those who sign up.

## Ordination

All are welcome to the Ordination of **Desiree Weaver-Spidel on Sun, Dec 6 at 1:30 pm** in the sanctuary. There will be a small reception in Memorial Lobby afterwards.

## Farewell Celebration

All are invited on **Sun, Dec 20 after worship** in fellowship hall for a **celebratory potluck lunch** to say farewell to **Pastor Naomi.** Please bring a dish to share.

# ATLANTIC NORTHEAST (ANE) DISTRICT

## Zoom Workshop



**When Life Gets Complicated, How Do We Respond Instead of Reacting?**

**Stan Dueck,** ANE Director of Discipleship Ministries, invites you to attend a **free 90-minute ZOOM workshop** exploring how our brains influence our thinking.

The Zoom workshop will be held on the following dates:

- **Wed, Nov 18** from 7–8:30 pm
- **Tues, Dec 1** from 12–1:30 pm
- **Thurs, Dec 3** from 7–8:30 pm

**Registration is required.** Please click or scan the QR code to register for your preferred date.

## District Youth Repeat Retreat

**January 8-10,** Mt Wilson CoB, 1261 Mt Wilson Rd, Annville. Jr & Sr High youth (gr 6-12) are invited to attend this retreat. The 2027 Annual Conference Moderator Dennis Beckner will be attending to share the weekend with the youth. Contact **Pastor Jason** if you are interested in this youth retreat. Registration due by **Jan 3.**

# EVERENCE EVENTS

## Fraud Prevention



**Wed, Nov 18 at 2 pm,** webinar. This webinar will provide you with clear, actionable knowledge to keep your financial life secure and stay ahead of the threats. You will learn how to recognize, avoid, and recover from today's most common scams. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.

# TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE EVENTS

**Transgender Day of Remembrance is on Friday, November 20.** These events are held to honor and remember transgender and gender-diverse people whose lives have been lost to violence.

- **St. John's Episcopal Church Service, Thurs, Nov 19 at 6 pm,** 321 W Chestnut St, Lancaster (Courtyard off Mulberry St)
- **Redeemer Lutheran Church Service, Fri, Nov 20 at 7 pm,** 800 Fifth St, Lancaster
- **Shippensburg University, Fri, Nov 20 from 6-8 pm,** Stewart Hall, 1871 Old Main Drive, Shippensburg
- **Rainbow Rose Center, Fri, Nov 20 from 6-7:30 pm,** The Gunter-Smith Center for Community Engagement at York College of Pennsylvania, 59 East Market Street, York
- **Lititz Springs Park, Sun, Nov 22 from 4-6 pm,** Lititz Springs Park Pavilion, Lititz
- **Deadly Silence, Sun, Nov 22 from 2-3:30 pm,** St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 700 Pleasure Rd, Lancaster. A play about a 16-yr old transgender girls death by suicide. Free and open to the public.

## Worship Attendance

**Sunday, November 8**

In-Person: 215 Livestream: 40

## Gifts Given

**Cash, Checks & Square–November 3-9**

General Fund: $8,975.50
Designated Gifts: $51.00
Tenant R & S: $9,020.20
CROP: $161.00

**Hollinger's ACH–Oct 1-31**

General Fund: $3,494.00

**Breeze ACH–Oct 1-31**

General Fund: $5,572.46
Designated Gifts: $261.82

## Elizabeth Hughes Society

**Mon, Nov 23 at 6:30 pm,** St Paul's Methodist Church, 398 N Locust St, Etown. Everyone is invited to come and learn more of our area's history from Nelson Polite. He will bring his rich historic knowledge to this event.

# LOOKING AHEAD

- Facility Dog Gift Wrap Fundraiser–Dec 19
- Farewell, Pastor Naomi Potluck Lunch–Dec 20
- Susquehanna Chorale–Dec 20
- The Longest Night Service–Dec 21
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service–Dec 24
- Church Board Retreat–Jan 16
- Racial Justice: Documentary–Jan 16
- PrimeTime Trivia–Jan 23
- Bus Trip: National Museum of African American History and Culture–Feb 6

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

## COMMUNITY CORNER

### Doctoral Dissertation



Pastor Naomi will be presenting her doctoral dissertation on **Mon, Nov 16 at 10 am.** The title of her project is "'Welcoming the Stranger': An Exploration of the Role of Religious Identity in Refugee Integration in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania." She will be presenting at the George Mason University campus in Arlington, VA, but anyone is welcome to join by Zoom.

https://gmu.zoom.us/j/4360686932

## STAFF OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Jason—Nov 19-22

### Pastoral Team:

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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 **Oasis of Hope Fellowship (Iglesia Berith, Oasis de Esperanza)** congregation for the week of **November 15th.**

## NOVEMBER 15-28

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| **15**<br>9:15 am Faith Formation<br>9:15 am Inquirers Class<br>10:30 am Worship<br>11:45 am Potluck Lunch & Church Council Mtg<br>1 pm Biblical Studies Grp | **16**<br>6:45 pm Church Board Mtg | **17**<br>10 am Women's Bible Study<br>6:30 pm Yoga<br>7 pm Snowden Lecture | **18**<br>9:30 am Quilters<br>7 pm Choir Rehearsal<br>7 pm Finance Mtg | **19**<br>10:30 am Chair Yoga<br>6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal | **20** | **21**<br>9 am Holiday Celebration |
| **22**<br>9:15 am Faith Formation<br>10:30 am Worship<br>11:45 am Lunch Bunch<br>1 pm Biblical Studies Grp | **23** | **24**<br>6:30 pm Yoga | **25**<br>9:30 am Quilters | **26**<br>**Thanksgiving Day**<br>Office Closed<br> | **27**<br>Office Closed | **28**<br>10 am Knitting/Fiber Arts Grp |

**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.