



# Announcements & Upcoming Events

**MARCH 29-APRIL 5, 2026**

## Worship Services

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

- **Feb 22-April 5**—Lenten Sermon

Series: The Good News: Tell All About It!

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—March 29th**
  - **Discovery Class, Kingian Non-violence** with Pastor Jason, 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.

- **March 29**—TJ Rockwell's
- **April 5**—Easter

## Newsletter Articles Due

May-June 2026 newsletter articles are due to the church office on **Mon, Apr 13**. Please submit all articles to [info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org).

## Calling All Graduates!

We would like to honor and recognize all high school graduates, college graduates, postgrad certifications, PHD's, etc, on **Sun, June 14**. Please provide a picture and your graduation info to the church office ([info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org)) by **Mon, April 13** for publication in the newsletter.

## Welcome New Music Staff

**Karen Deering**, Pianist and Accompanist, **Dr. Bruce Gerlach**, Organist and Accompanist, and **Beth Dreyer-DeGoede**, Choir Accompanist. **Kay Luckenbill** will continue as Choir Accompanist through May. **Rachel Bucher Swank** continues as our Choir Director and Music Coordinator, in an expanded role.

## You are invited to "TELL ALL ABOUT IT!"

During our Lent season worship services, you have been hearing some folks "Tell all about it!" Would you also like to **share** an experience or story or reflection on what "the Good News" means to you? Perhaps you recall an anecdote or a moment during your life where the presence or teachings of Jesus became particularly clear. If you would like to "Tell all about it" in the **May-June newsletter**, submit your written piece to the church office by **Monday, April 13**.

## Highlights...

Palm Sunday—March 29  
Love Feast—April 2  
Good Friday—April 3  
Easter—April 5

- Easter Potluck Breakfast
- Easter Service
- Easter Egg Hunt

Shenks Ferry Hike—April 9  
Chicken BBQ—April 18  
Ministry Match-Up—April 19  
Earth Day—April 22  
LGBTQIA Book Club—April 24

## Hike in Shenks Ferry Wildflower Preserve

**Thurs, April 9**, leave from the church parking lot at **9 am**. This hike is sponsored by PrimeTime and open to everyone. There will be hiking options from 1-3 miles along packed dirt paths for easy walking. Register in Memorial Lobby on **Sundays, March 15 through April 5**.

## 6th Annual Chicken BBQ

**Sat, April 18 from 3-5 pm**. All proceeds will benefit **The Haiti Medical Project** and **CCEPI**. Meals may be picked up at **Etown CoB** under the **portico**. The meal includes a half of BBQ chicken, baked potato, pepper slaw, rolls, applesauce and cookies. There are **no tickets**, and the price is by **donation**.

## 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, April 26, 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

**Sun, April 12 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, April 20 at 7 pm**, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Jim Beckwith](#) with any questions.

### Men's Coffee & Conversation

**Tues, April 7 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

**Tuesdays at 10 am**. 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.

### Ministry Match-Up

**Sun, April 19** as part of an extended worship service. Come see where your passions and God's calling meet, and find your next step in serving others with love and purpose.

### 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](mailto:TransParentSupport@EtownCoB.org).

### Memory Loss Support Group

**Thurs, April 2 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

**Mon, April 6 at 7pm**, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#).

### Immigration Support Committee

**Tues, March 31 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](mailto:FaithfulAction@etowncob.org).

Connect with our church commissions, groups and ministry leaders to find out how you can get involved!

## YOUTH EVENTS

### Grades 5-8

- **April 12**—Youth Inq Class starts

### Grades 5-12

- **May 3**—1st Sunday Hangout
- **FaithX Trips**—Registration Jan 14th-April 1st, <https://www.brethren.org/faithx/>

### Grades 9-12

- **April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17**—Kingian Nonviolence Training
- **July 12-17, 2026**—NYC Pretrip
- **July 18-23, 2026**—National Youth Conference

### LGBTQIA Book Club

**Fri, April 24 at 7 pm**, Etown CoB parlor.

The group will discuss the book *Life Isn't Binary*. If you would like to join in the discussion, read the entire book and be ready to discuss on **April 24**. Contact the church office with any questions or for a Zoom link.

### Spring Workday

**Sat, May 2 at 8 am** until done, Etown CoB grounds. We will be weeding, mulching and trimming. Bring rakes, shovels, hedge trimmers, pitch forks, etc. Donuts and coffee will be provided. Contact the church office to sign up.

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



## Living the Experience

Sat, June 6 at 11 am,

Bethel AME Church, Lancaster.  
PrimeTime and the Racial Justice

Working Group invites you to join us in “Living the Experience,” an interactive historical reenactment of the Underground Railroad. A southern style meal will follow the reenactment. Cost is \$20 per person. Sign up in Memorial Lobby **Sundays through May 3**. Click or scan the QR code to sign up online.



## FAITHX 2026

There are several trip opportunities for junior high, senior high, adults, and families. Click or scan the QR code for details. **Registration is open through April 1**.



## ANE DISTRICT EVENTS

- **District Youth Kingian Nonviolence Training, Sundays, April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17 from 7-8 pm** via Zoom. Cost **\$10**. This opportunity is limited to 12 youth **gr 9-12**. Participants are expected to attend all **6 sessions**. Click or scan the QR code by **April 8** to register.
- **Older Adult Luncheon, Wed, May 6 at 12 pm**, Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland. The cost of **\$27** includes a meal, a concert by the Ridgeway Brass quintet, and fellowship. Special guest Don Fitzkee, this year's Annual Conference Moderator will be in attendance. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration or call ANE at 717-367-4730. Register by **Sun, April 26**.



## 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. **Registration is now open**. 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.



## BRETHREN MENNONITE COUNCIL

**BMC's 50th Anniversary Gathering, May 29-31**, Minneapolis, MN. **Rooting Our Stories: Reveling in 50 years of Queer & Trans Anabaptist Resilience** BMC is planning a weekend rooted in sacred story and joyful revelry! Register by **May 7th**. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



## YOUNG CENTER EVENTS

**Tues, April 7 at 7 pm**, Bucher Meetinghouse. **Analysis of the Interaction between the American Politico-Legal System and the Amish Christian Minority, Using Three Models**, Frédérique Green, will discuss the interaction between the American government and the Amish minority. Click or scan the QR code for details.



## Worship Attendance

**Sunday, March 22**

In-Person: 228 Livestream: 46

## Gifts Given

**Cash, Checks & Square—  
March 17-23**

General Fund: \$2,962.5

Designated Gifts: \$300.00

CROP: \$74.50

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Spring Workday—May 2
- ANE Older Adult Spring Banquet—May 6
- 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
- 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

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

# CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

## Fellowship Garden Plots

Fellowship Garden plots will soon be ready. Contact Lowell West (717-361-5615) if you are interested in selecting a garden plot to plant, maintain, and harvest this planting season, alongside garden plots of other community members.

Please join us in praying for the  
**Lancaster CoB**  
congregation for the week of  
**March 29th.**

### Pastoral Team:

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**Church Office Hours:** Mon-Thurs, 8 am—4 pm, Fri, 8 am—2 pm, starting April 10th.  
Subject to change for holidays, vacation time or inclement weather.

March 29-April 11						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>29</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:15 am Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch 1 pm A Guide to Biblical Studies Group	<b>30</b> 6:30 pm Witness Mtg	<b>31</b> 10 am Lenten Book Discussion Grp <del>6:30 pm Yoga</del> MOVED TO WEDNESDAY 7 pm Immigration Support Mtg	<b>April 1</b> 9:30 am Quilters 6:30 pm Yoga 7 pm TransParent Support Group	<b>2</b> 9:30 am Memory Loss Support Group 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:30 pm Love Feast	<b>3</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <b>Church Office</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> 9:15 am Potluck Breakfast 10:30 am Worship After Worship Easter Egg Hunt	<b>6</b> 7 pm Climate Crisis Action Mtg 7 pm Christian Ed Mtg	<b>7</b> 8 am Men's Coffee & Conversation 10 am Lenten Book Discussion Grp 6:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Resources Mtg	<b>8</b> 9:30 am Quilters	<b>9</b> 9 am Hike in Shenks Ferry Wildflower Preserve 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9 am Memorial Bells Festival Music Review

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](mailto:info@etowncob.org) or call 717-367-1000.