



# Announcements & Upcoming Events

## JANUARY 4-11, 2026

### Worship Services

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

- **Jan 4**—Epiphany: What Do You Fear?
- **Jan 11**—Illumination, wk 1

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—January 4th**
  - **Discovery Class**, Star Words 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.

- **Jan 4**—Mangia Mangia
- **Jan 11**—Amato's Pizza

### Nursery Help Needed

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

### Church Board Retreat

**Sat, Jan 10th from 8:30 am—12 pm**, Etown CoB fellowship hall. All Church Board members are invited to join us for a time to gather and spark fresh vision as we plan for the **2026** year. Together, we'll reflect on where God is leading us, share ideas, and set our course for the months ahead. Click or scan the QR code to [RSVP](#).



### 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 this winter for **6 weeks** starting **Sunday, February 1 through Sunday, March 8**. The sessions will be held during **Faith Formation Hour** and a **Zoom option** can be made available. 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 March for those who are interested.

To **RSVP** please contact the church office at [info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org) or speak with a Pastor.

### Film: An American Pastoral

**Sun, Jan 18th at 2 pm**, West Art: 800 Buchanan Ave, Lancaster. Come watch a screening of this award-winning documentary about the intense 2023 school board election in Etown. This timely film shows how a school board race became a microcosm of American

### Highlights...

Church Board Retreat—Jan 10  
Music For Everyone Community Chorus—Feb 7  
Ash Wednesday—Feb 18

national culture war. Featured were LifeGate and Elizabethtown CoB. After the screening, stay for a panel discussion hosted by Matt Johnson, featuring several of the individuals who appear in the film. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door if not sold out. Click or scan the QR code for details and tickets.



### Music For Everyone (MFE) Community Chorus

**Sat, Feb 7th at 7 pm**, Etown CoB sanctuary and livestream. This is a free concert, 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!

### Virginia State University Concert Choir

**Mon, March 23rd at 7:30 pm**, Etown CoB sanctuary and livestream. The VSU Concert Choir, under the dynamic leadership of Craig L. Robertson, is an amazing collection of student musicians widely known for using their remarkable talents to create a dynamic praise and worship choral performance with a focus on Gospel music. A bonus will be the Elizabethtown College Concert Choir joining

## 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

**Sun, Jan 11th 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, Jan 19th at 7 pm**, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Jim Beckwith](#) with any questions.

### Men's Coffee & Conversation

**Tues, Jan 6th at 8 am**, The Stables, 521 Rutts Rd, Etown. All men are invited for coffee and conversation. Questions or transportation, 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.

### 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/Caregivers Support Group

**Thurs, Jan 8th 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, Jan 22nd at 7 pm**, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for info.

### Immigration Support Committee

**Mon, Jan 12th at 7 pm**, rm 106 & Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for info.

### Racial Justice Working Group

**All are welcome!** Contact [JulieAnn Keith](#) for date and time and with any questions.

the VSU Concert Choir for a mass chorus! This is a free concert, open to the public.

### Apollo Chamber Players

**Sat, March 28th at 7 pm**, Etown CoB sanctuary and livestream. A musical feast is in store for everyone as we welcome the Apollo Chamber Players, a professional string

quartet from Houston, TX. This dynamic ensemble features multicultural music from around the globe and recent censorship and democracy-inspired commissions. This is a free concert, open to the public.

### Pavilion Project Campaign

At a recent **Special Church Council Meeting**, our congregation voted to move

## YOUTH EVENTS

### Grades 6-12

- **Jan 9-10**—District Youth Repeat Retreat



### Grades 9-12

- **July 12-17, 2026**—NYC Pretrip
- **July 18-23, 2026**—National Youth Conference

forward with building a **multipurpose gathering space**—a new pavilion designed for fellowship events, community meals, children's activities, and other ministries that connect and strengthen us. The project will proceed once we have secured **75%** of the total cost in pledges. We have secured **37.8%** of our goal so far of **\$465,000**. If you would like a paper campaign packet, contact the **church office** or pick up a copy at the back of the sanctuary. If you prefer a **digital** version of the information and commitment form, visit the church website, [etowncob.org](http://etowncob.org). We are deeply grateful for your prayerful consideration and support.


### Volunteer Drivers Needed!

**Emerson**, our Brother in Christ from Haiti, needs volunteers to pick him up and take him home after work. It would be a short drive from Masonic Village to his home on E Willow St in Etown. If you can help with his transportation need, click or scan the QR code to sign up. Questions? Contact **Paul Brubaker** at 717-598-5190 or [peb26@icloud.com](mailto:peb26@icloud.com).



### Lunch Debt Giving Tree

Etown CoB has launched a **Lunch Debt Giving Tree** to help eliminate over **\$34,000** in student lunch debt in the Elizabethtown Area School District. Stars

on the tree list individual student balances. Simply take a star, mark it on the sign-out sheet, and follow the payment instructions provided. Businesses can send money through VENMO by clicking  or scanning the QR code or write a check out to “**Etown CoB**” with “**EASD Lunch Debt**” in the memo line and send it to 777 S Mt Joy St, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. All money collected will go towards paying off student debts with large balances. Questions? Email [givingtree@etowncob.org](mailto:givingtree@etowncob.org).

### **Etown CoB Prayer Requests**

When you have a personal prayer request to share with pastors or the larger church family, a **new email address** has been created that will **automatically** be sent to pastors at all times, including when the church office is closed: [prayer@etowncob.org](mailto:prayer@etowncob.org). You are also always welcome to use the pastors’ individual emails or call their offices directly, and voicemails will be automatically forwarded to them if they are not in their office:

**Liz**—[pastorliz@etowncob.org](mailto:pastorliz@etowncob.org)  
717-366-4831

**Naomi**—[pastornaomi@etowncob.org](mailto:pastornaomi@etowncob.org)  
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## **JOB OPENING**

### **Congregational Organist/ Pianist**

Etown CoB is looking for a **Congregational Organist/Pianist**. **Primary duties** include: prepare, practice, and perform the necessary musical portions of the Sunday morning worship service. In addition, prepare and perform for special services throughout the church year, attend rehearsals as

accompanist for the adult choir, accompany ensembles/soloists/etc. as coordinated with music coordinator and/or pastors. Visit [etowncob.org](http://etowncob.org) for full job description and **submit a cover letter and resume to [employment@etowncob.org](mailto:employment@etowncob.org)**. Please share this with anyone who might be interested.

## **ANE DISTRICT EVENTS**

### **District Youth Repeat Retreat**

**Jan 9-10**, York First CoB, 2710 Kingston Rd, York. This retreat is for **youth grades 6-12** and will be led by Peacefully, Simply, Together group from Etown College. Come explore Brethren values and lifestyle, enjoy inspiring worship and learning sessions, participate in a service project, games and activities. Meet other CoB youth! **Contact Pastor Jason** if you would like to attend. Space is limited to **50 participants**. Registration is due by **Jan 5th**.

### **Women’s Spring Fellowship**

**Sat, March 21st**, time TBA, Lancaster CoB. Come enjoy music, lunch, sessions on being and becoming, Q&A, and fellowship. Join Ann Van Hine, the widow of a FDNY firefighter (victim of Sept 11th), who will share her story of God’s presence and peace as she navigated “a personal loss in the midst of a national tragedy.” Watch for more information to come.

## **LANCASTER COB EVENT**

### **Concert**

**Sun, Jan 4th at 3:00 pm**, Lancaster CoB. The Starlight Tea Epiphany Concert will showcase many familiar carols including “Good King Wenceslas,” “Here We Come A-wassailing,” “Nouveau Nouvelet,” “O

### **Worship Attendance**

#### **Sunday, December 28**

In-Person: 190      Livestream: 48

### **Gifts Given**

#### **Cash, Checks & Square— December 22-29**

General Fund: \$19,276.92

Designated Gifts: \$110.00

Tenant R & S: \$1,180.00

CROP: \$58.00

Pavilion Project: \$13,150.00

Giving Tree: \$3,850.00

#### **Gifts Given During Candlelight Service—December 24**

General Fund: \$6,321.00

Giving Tree: \$50.00

Come, O Come, Emmanuel” and “Lo, How a Rose.” The Starlight Tea Concert Series is supported by patrons and offerings received at concerts.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

- ANE Women’s Spring Fellowship—March 21
- Virginia University Concert Choir—March 23
- Apollo Chamber Players Classical Concert—March 28
- Palm Sunday—March 29
- Spring Love Feast—April 2
- Good Friday—April 3
- Easter—April 5
- Chicken BBQ—April 18
- Earth Day—April 22

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

STAFF OUT OF OFFICE

Crystal—Medical leave: Dec 31-Jan 9  
Work from home: Jan 12-Feb 13

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS



Jan 5-Feb 13—Mon-Fri, 9 am-2 pm

Please join us in praying for the  
**Ephrata CoB**  
congregation for the week of  
**January 4th.**

Pastoral Team:

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Support Staff:

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Jeffrey Clouser, Memorial Bells Director | handbells@etowncob.org | 717-366-4837  
Crystal Crater, Office Administrator and Marketing & Communications Coordinator  
crystal@etowncob.org | 717-366-4832 | Mon-Fri, 8:30 am—4:30 pm  
Brooke Bish, Administrative Assistant  
brooke@etowncob.org | 717-366-4834 | Mon-Fri, 9 am—2 pm  
Amy Zimmerman, Facilities Manager  
amy@etowncob.org | 717-366-4838 | Mon-Fri, 8 am—3 pm

JAN 4 – 24

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 9:15 Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch 1 pm A Guide to Biblical Studies Group	5 7 pm Christian Ed Mtg	6 8 am Men's Coffee & Conversation 10 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Resources Mtg	7 9:30 am Quilters 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm TransParent Support Group	8 9:30 am Memory Loss Support Group 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal	9 Prime Time Mtg	10 8:30 am Church Board Retreat
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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. Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Subject to change for holidays, vacation time or inclement weather.