Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren

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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
PRACTICING PEACE, SERVICE AND OPENNESS TO ALL

December 29, 2019

Faith Formation 9:15 A.M.
Worship Service 10:30 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able
**Hymnal Supplement

Lessons and Carols Remix!

Gathering Music *Light of the World* Chloe E.

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

*Hymn ***O come, all ye faithful*** 212

First Reading selected verses from Isaiah 9 & 11

*Hymn ***It came upon a midnight clear*** (v. 1, 5) 195
(Children may come forward during the last verse.)

Time with our Children

Second Reading Micah 5.2–5a

Hymn ***O little town of Bethlehem*** (v. 1, 2, 3) 191

Third Reading Luke 2.1–7

Hymn ***What Child is this*** 215

Fourth Reading Luke 2.8–16

*Hymn ***Hark! the herald angels sing*** 201

Sentence Prayers of Joy and Concern
Congregational Response: ***"Lord, hear this prayer."***

Silent & Guided Prayers
District prayers: Puerta Del Cielo CoB (Reading, PA)

Fifth Reading Matthew 2.1–11

Making Resources Available

Offertory *Oh light* Video
(Please sign & pass the Fellowship Registry. We invite guests to fill out a yellow card found in the registry & exchange it for a gift at the Welcome Center in Memorial Lobby.)

Sixth Reading from John 1 (*The Message*)

Hymn ***Come, thou long-expected Jesus*** 178

Seventh Reading John 8.12, Matthew 5.14–16

*Hymn ***Angels we have heard on high*** 197

*Benediction

*Postlude *Hark! the herald angels sing* arr. Alexander

We move from worship to service.

Ministers: All the People

Pastoral Team: Jason Haldeman, Greg Davidson Laszakovits, Pam Reist, Josh Tindall

Keyboardist—Elizabeth Tindall **Handbell Director**—Ron Bellamy

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Today, December 29, 2019

Following Worship:

Recycling (by shed)
Lunch Bunch (Hennigan's)

This Week

Monday, December 30

8:30 am Counters

7:00 pm Hospitality Comm. Mtg (Parlor)

Tuesday, December 31

Church Office Will Close at 1:30 pm

Wednesday, January 1

ALL DAY Church Office Closed—New Year's

Thursday, January 2

NOT MEETING Memory Loss/Caregivers Support Group

Friday, January 3

7:00 pm Deacon Bread Baking (Kitch, FH)

Sign-up For Small Groups

Small Groups will begin in February 2020. Find out more information and complete a Sign-up form by the small groups Bulletin Board in the Narthex.

Church Fellowship Directory Updates for 2020

Have you moved? Has your contact information changed? Do you have a new email address or phone number? We want to know! Drop a note in the offering/Church Office mailbox or email info@etowncob.org by **Friday, January 31.**

Along the Way Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, January 12
email articles to info@etowncob.org

GET INVOLVED AT ETOWN CoB

Invitation to New Members

In **January,** during morning worship, there will be a reception of new members by baptism and reaffirmation of vows. If you have completed the Inquirers' Class and would like to become a member of the church, please see one of the pastors.

Memory Loss/Caregivers Support Group

The Memory Loss/Caregivers Support Group **will not meet in January.** The next meeting will be **Thursday, February 6 at 9:30 am** in the parlor. Contact Co-leaders Peggy McFarland or Pastor Pam with questions.

Men's Breakfast with Conversation

Tuesday, January 7, 7:30 am
Country Meadows Restaurant, 81 Hershey Road, Etown
If you are in need of transportation please notify Ben Hoffman, George Snavely or Jim Hoffer. **Newcomers welcome!**

2020 Church Board Retreat

Saturday, January 11, 8:30 am, Young Center, Etown College
This retreat is for those members who will serve in 2020.

God as Maker Retreat

Exploring the Divine Feminine Through the Fiber Arts
Sat, January 18, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, Etown CoB, Lunch Provided
This session is for both men and women and will explore the expression of the Divine Feminine through the Fiber Arts across different cultures. $50 is the reduced cost for Etown CoB attenders who sign-up by **Friday, January 10.** There is a $15 material fee if you do not have your own fiber arts project to work on. See the church bulletin board to sign-up or contact Beth Dreyer DeGoede. *Sponsored by Oasis Ministries and the Etown CoB Nurture Commission*

Blood Drive—1 pint can save 3 lives

Sunday, January 19, 8 am to noon, Etown CoB Memorial Lobby
Sign-up on Sundays in January or contact Janet Gingrich. Make a New Year's resolution—resolve to donate if you are 17 years or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and have not donated in the past 56 days. For more information, including restrictions on donating, call Central PA Blood Bank at 1-800-771-0059 or visit 771giveblood.org.

2020 Brethren Workcamps: Voices for Peace

Please see the 2020 Brethren Workcamp posters on the bulletin board outside of the Sr High room 108. There are many opportunities to serve for those who have completed grade 6 through adult. For more information visit brethren.org/workcamps or see Pastor Jason.

Encouragement Cards

Use the green cards in the pews to spread greetings, congratulations & other positive messages. Give it to someone or drop it in their church mailbox!

BY THE NUMBERS

Last Sunday Attendance:

Sunday School — 116 Worship — 307

Gifts Given to our Church Ministries:

General Fund — $419.50
Designated Gifts — $18,901.00
Capital Campaign — $8,646.00

Pictorial Directories Have Arrived!

Pictorial Directories are available in the church office during business hours: M–F, 8:30 am–4:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at info@etowncob.org or 717-367-1000. **A new full Fellowship Directory will be available in March 2020.**

IN THE COMMUNITY...

An Epiphany Concert

Palmyra Community Band
Sunday, January 5, 3 pm, Palmyra CoB
Featuring Seasonal Holiday Favorites
A good will offering will be taken to benefit the band and church music ministry.

Music Sundays at the Seminary

Various Sundays at 4 pm
Lancaster Theological Seminary, Santee Chapel
Free with light refreshments following.
Featuring:
Jan 5: Dr. Robert Horton • **Feb 16:** Kellie Turner
Mar 22: Liz Fulmer • **Apr 19:** Josh Tindall
May 17: Opus One
For more information and a full list of featured artists visit LancasterSeminary.edu or see the bulletin board across from the Parlor.

Circle of Hope

A 5-week healing group for survivors of sexual abuse starting **January 23.** See the church bulletin board for details and registration or visit safecommunitiespa.org.

Christian Citizenship Seminar (CCS) 2020: Economic Justice

April 25–30, New York City & Washington DC
CCS provides high school students the chance to explore the relationship between faith and a particular political issue, and then act. This year, students will consider economic justice. Registration is now open and is limited to the first 60 participants. For more information and to register visit brethren.org/ccs.

Next Sunday, January 5

Children's Faith Formation—Ages 0–5th Grade

Nursery	0 to 2 years	9:15–11:30 am	RM. 107
Shine		9:15 am–End of worship	
Ages	2 to 3 years		RM. 8/10 (LL)
Ages	4 to 5 years		RM. 2 (LL)
Blaze	Grades K–5	9:15–10:15 am	Meet in FH

Children's Church (K–3) dismisses from worship every 1st & 3rd Sunday

Youth Faith Formation — 9:15–10:15 am

Jr. High	Grades 6–8	Portable Classroom
Sr. High	Grades 9–12	RM. 108

Adult Faith Formation — 9:15–10:15 am

20/30 Somethings RM. 106

Intersections RM. 110
Sip 'n Chat

New Discoveries RM. 102
True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight for Equality—An HBO film that shows the criminal justice system "treats you better if you're rich and guilty than if you're poor and innocent." Including the opening of Equal Justice Initiative Legacy Museum & National Memorial for Peace & Justice, which is dedicated to the more than 4,400 African American victims of lynching.

Mustard Seeds RM. 101
This 13-week series on ***The Upside Down Kingdom*** by Don Kraybill explores how Jesus' life, teachings, and vision of the Kingdom of God turns everything upside down. **Chapter 8: Impious Piety** will be discussed. All are welcome. Visit www.etowncob.org/mustard-seeds.

Good Shepherd Pastor Pam's Study
Honoring God:
A Place for the Ark

Worship — 10:30 am

Week 1: Focus on Jesus' Way Pastor Greg

Following Worship:
Equal Exchange & SERRV (ML)

Volunteers for Today, Sunday, December 29

Ushers: B Team: Capt. John Brown
Asst. Capt. Ken Kreider
Sound, Lighting & Video: Ben Shuler & Isaac Kraenbring
Deacon Visitors: Karen Ungemach & Pat Williams (H)
Doug & Diane Good (RH)
Lay Visitors: George & Vida Sue Snavely

The entire worship service is streamed-live and is available on YouTube for our partner congregations, shut-ins, absentee members & friends.

Missed a Sermon? Sermons, bulletins & newsletters are available in the literature racks or on our website www.etowncob.org.