



Announcements & Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 23-30, 2025

Worship Services

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

- **Nov 23**—Celebrate
- **Nov 30**—Advent wk 1: What Do You Fear?

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 Faith Formation**—Ages 0–12th grade
- **Adult Faith Formation November 23rd**
 - **Discovery Class**, Dr. Kathryn Jacobsen, 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.

- **Nov 23**—Mangia Mangia
- **Nov 30**—Amato's Pizza

Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life service for **Dr. J. Kenneth Kreider** will be held on **Sun, Dec 7 at 2 pm** in the sanctuary and via livestream. Click or scan the QR code to view our Celebration of Life web page.



November is Community Cupboard Donation Month

A table is available in the Narthex for the month of November to gather 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.



SERRV Sale

Sun, Nov 23 & Dec 7, memorial lobby. Karen Ungemach will have a SERRV table available with items to purchase for the holiday season.

New Community Project Learning Tour Meeting

Would you be interested in joining a New Community Project learning tour with other Etown CoB friends next year? If so, please plan to join an informational meeting with **David Radcliff** in the parlor or on Zoom after worship on **Nov 23**.



Zoom link



NCP website

- Learning Tour location: **Borneo, Malaysia**

Highlights...

SERRV Sale—Nov 23 & Dec 7
New Community Project Learning Tour Mtg—Nov 23
Family Dinner—Nov 23
Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service—Nov 26
Christmas Trivia Night—Dec 6
Etown CoB Youth Christmas Party—Dec 7
A Guide for Biblical Studies Group—Dec 14-Feb 2026
The Longest Night Service—Dec 20
Susquehanna Chorale Candlelight Christmas Concert—Dec 21
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service—Dec 24
Intergenerational Xmas Potluck Breakfast—Dec 28
Christmas at the Organ—Dec 28

- Dates: **June 16-24, 2026** (plus extra travel days)
- Estimated per-person cost: at least **\$2,500** (program + flights)

Questions? Email Pastor Naomi at naomi@etowncob.org

Family Dinner

Sun, Nov 23 after worship, in Fellowship Hall or outside by the playground, weather permitting. This **potluck meal** is an informal opportunity to share in food

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, Dec 14 @ 4 pm, rm 108.

All youth grades 6-12. Volunteers, click or scan QR code to sign up.



LGBTQ+ Working Group

3rd Monday @ 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Jim Beckwith](#) with any questions.

Men's Coffee & Conversation

Tues, Dec 2 @ 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 @ 10 am, Zoom. Contact [JulieAnn Keith](#) or [Chris Bucher](#) with questions.

Yoga

Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm,

rm 101. Cost is \$7 per session. Contact [Peggy Shaffer](#) with questions.

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Quilters

Wednesdays @ 9:30 am, rm 230. Quilting Coordinator, Peg Over. Contact the [church office](#) with questions.

Memory Loss/Caregivers Support Group

Thurs, Dec 4 @ 9:30 am, parlor. Contact [Barb Sweigart](#) with questions.

Chair Yoga

Thursdays @ 10:30 am, rm 101. Cost is \$7 per session. Contact [Peggy Shaffer](#) with questions.

Memorial Bells Rehearsal

Thursdays @ 6:15 pm. Contact [Jeffrey Clouser](#) with questions.

Knitting/Fiber Arts Group

Last Saturday @ 10 am, Eisenbise home. All are welcome! Contact [Becky Eisenbise](#). Sponsored by the Nurture Commission.

Climate Crisis Action Committee

Thurs, Dec 11 @ 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for info.

Immigration Support Committee

Mon, Dec 1 @ 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.

and conversation and allow children to play together. While created with young families in mind, all are invited! Pizza and drinks will be provided but you can bring along a dish to share. Hope to see you there!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wed, Nov 26 at 7 pm, sanctuary & livestream. You are invited to join the

Elizabethtown community for a Thanksgiving Eve worship service. **Rev. Galen Russel** from Christ UCC will provide the message, and community members are encouraged to join together for this special evening service. If you are interested in joining the **community choir** to sing during this service contact **Rachel Bucher Swank** at rachel@etowncob.org.

YOUTH EVENTS

Grades 5-12

- **December 1**—Etown CoB Service Project, Washington DC
- **December 7**—X-mas Party & Gift Exchange



Grades 9-12

- **July 18-23, 2026**—National Youth Conference

A Guide for Biblical Studies Group

Join us for a unique Bible study experience led by **John David Bowman**, featuring the winter edition of "A Guide for Biblical Studies" focused on the theme of *Enduring Beliefs of the Christian Faith*. The study will take place via Zoom every **Sunday from 1-2 pm**, starting on **December 14th**. To ensure you have your copy of the guide, please sign up by **November 30th** through the QR code or by contacting the church office. This class runs through **February 2026**, with a new session beginning in **March**, co-authored by **Pastor Liz and Pastor Naomi**. Don't miss this chance to engage directly with the guide's authors!



Christmas Trivia Night

Sat, Dec 6 at 7 pm, Etown CoB. All are welcome to join **Prime Time** for a night of **Christmas Trivia**. Invite family or friends to make **teams of six**, or join a team when you arrive. Expect lots of holiday fun and prizes. Bring a **dessert or cookies** to share, beverages will be provided. Sign up in Memorial Lobby from **Nov 9-30**.

Jan-Feb Newsletter

Articles for the upcoming Jan-Feb *Along the Way* newsletter are due **Mon, Dec 8**. Please send all articles to info@etowncob.org.

The Longest Night Service

Sat, Dec 20 at 6 pm, sanctuary & livestream. For anyone who has suffered loss or grief, or for whom Christmastime is challenging or complicated. This simple service provides space for those who enter this season with sorrows or burdens that might not be addressed in other gatherings. It is a time to light candles, to reflect on light that shines in the darkness, and to find hope that endures through times of struggle.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wed, Dec 24 at 7 pm, sanctuary & livestream. All are welcome to join us for our **traditional candlelight service**. Bring some cookies to share. We welcome everyone to enjoy cookies, fellowship and conversation in fellowship hall after the service.

Intergenerational Xmas Potluck Breakfast

Sun, Dec 28 at 9:15 am, fellowship hall. Join us during the Faith Formation hour for a "Fourth Day of Christmas" Celebration. This **Potluck Breakfast** will be a merry time of food, fun, and fellowship. Come as you are in your comfortable slippers or Xmas Jammies to build a candy **graham cracker house**, see a **model train** or sip on some **hot cocoa**! Some continental breakfast items will be provided, but you are encouraged to bring along something to share like an egg casserole, fruit tray or even your leftover christmas cookies!

Christmas at the Organ

Sun, Dec 28 at 4 pm, sanctuary. All are welcome to join us for a concert performed by the **Lancaster Chapter, American Guild of Organists**. Local organists will lead carol singing and will then perform organ solos based on the carols. A **free-will offering** will be taken in support of the Guild (AGO) and its mission of education and performance and funding of scholarships for young organists.

SUSQUEHANNA CHORALE

Candlelight Christmas

Sun, Dec 21 at 4 pm, sanctuary. All are welcome to join the Susquehanna Chorale for this special **Candlelight Christmas concert**. There will be a majestic opening processional, spirituals, carol singalongs, fabulous organ and instrumental music, and then singers will surround the audience, light their candles, and express the true meaning of Christmas in the treasured finale, Silent Night. **Online ticket sales will end at 3 pm on Friday, December 19**. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door. Click or scan the QR code for tickets.



PEACE ACTION NETWORK OF LANCASTER

Peacemaking for the World and Gaza

Sun, Dec 7 at 3 pm, Lancaster CoB, 1601 Sunset Ave. Join Jonathan Kuttub, Palestinian Christian Pacifist, International Human Rights Attorney, Executive Director of Friends of Sa-beel North America (FOSNA) for the message of peacemaking for the world and Gaza. For more information contact Brad Wolf at 717-468-8101 or John Stoner 717-803-6020.

Worship Attendance

Sunday, November 16

In-Person: 213 Livestream: 50

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square— November 10-17

General Fund: \$4,079.00

Designated Gifts: \$1,619.00

Tenant R & S: \$257.55

CROP: \$52.00

Please join us in praying for the
Ridgeway Community CoB
congregation for the week of
November 23rd.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Church Board Retreat—Jan 10
- Music For Everyone Community Chorus—Feb 7
- Ash Wednesday—Feb 18
- ANE Women's Spring Fellowship—March 21
- The Virginia University Gospel Chorale—March 23
- The 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.

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 for full job description and submit a cover letter and resume to employment@etowncob.org. Please share this with anyone who might be interested.

Pastoral Team:

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 Naomi Kraenbring | pastornaomi@etowncob.org | 717-366-4836
 Liz Bidgood Enders | pastorliz@etowncob.org | 717-366-4831

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
 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

Church Office Holidays:

Nov 27 & 28—Closed - Thanksgiving Break

NOVEMBER 23–DECEMBER 13

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23 9:15 Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 11:40 am NCP Learning Tour Mtg 11:45 am Lunch Bunch 11:45 am Family Dinner	24	25 6:30 pm Yoga	26 9:30 am Quilters 7 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	27 Church Office Closed 	28 Church Office Closed	29 10 am Knitting/Fiber Arts Group
30 9:15 Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch	December 1 7:30 am Etown CoB DC Service Project 7 pm Christian Ed Mtg 7 pm Immigration Support Mtg 7 pm Witness Mtg	2 8 am Men's Coffee & Conversation 7 pm Resources Mtg	3 9:30 am Quilters	4 9:30 am Memory Loss Support Group Mtg 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal	5	6 7 pm Christmas Trivia Night
7 9:15 Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch 2 pm Ken Kreider COL 5 pm Youth X-Mas Party	8 6:45 pm Church Board Mtg	9 6:30 pm Yoga	10 9:30 am Quilters 7 pm Choir Rehearsals	11 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal 7 pm Climate Crisis Action Committee Mtg	12	13 Etown Common Sense Facility Dog Fundraiser

Event Packets can be found under “Forms” on the church [website](http://etowncob.org) 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.