ELIZABETHTOWN
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Announcements & Upcoming Events

WEEK OF OCTOBER 25-NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Worship Services

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

- **Oct 11-25**—Sermon Series: **Money, Money, Money**
- **Nov 1**—Remembrance Sunday

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—October 25**
  - **Discovery Class,** VUSA: Voices of Southern Africa, explore the music of southern Africa through inter-generational music making with the visiting VUSA choir, fellowship hall & 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.

- **Oct 25**—Mangia Mangia
- **Nov 1**—Amore

Welcome VUSA: Voices from Southern Africa

On Sun, Oct 25 we welcome **VUSA: Voices from Southern Africa.** Based in the Washington DC metro area, VUSA ("Awaken") is a choir that specializes in music from southern African countries. Members of the choir will lead an interactive Faith Formation in Fellowship Hall: all ages are welcome! In addition, the choir will share selections during the morning worship service beginning at 10:30 am. We hope you will join us as we build community through a shared love of music.

November is Community Cupboard Donation Month

A table will be 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.

2027 Fellowship Directory

We invite all to update their contact information. You can do this by clicking or scanning the QR code, or by emailing info@etowncob.org by **Mon, Nov 9th.** If you wish to opt out of the Fellowship Directory, please let us know through the same means.

Highlights...

Women's Bible Study—Now thru Nov 17
Fall Salt & Light Biblical Studies Group—Now thru Nov 29
Spiritual Gifts Seminar—Oct 31
Remembrance Sunday—Nov 1
2027 Fellowship Directory Changes Due—Nov 9
Organ Concert, Abbie Wood—Nov 13
LGBTQ Book Club—Nov 14
Fall Church Council Meeting—Nov 15
Holiday Celebration—Nov 21

Classical Organ Concert

Fri, Nov 13 at 7 pm, sanctuary & via livestream. Come and enjoy an exciting organ recital featuring **Abbie Wood,** a Graduate student of Organ Performance at the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University. This concert is **free** and open to the public.

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. A potluck lunch will be served before the start of the meeting. Commission Reports are due **Mon, Nov 2** send to: info@etowncob.org. Packets will be sent via email, hard copies available by **Sun, Nov 8**.

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, Nov 14 at 7 pm, Radium Girls Play at EAHS. All youth grades 6-12.

Family Dinner

Sun, Oct 25, 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, Nov 9 at 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact Jim Beckwith with any questions.

Men's Coffee & Conversation

Tues, Nov 3 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, Oct 27 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, Nov 5 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 1**—Backyard Hangout and Camp Fire at the Haldeman's 5-7 pm
- **November 30**—Washington DC Service Project Day Trip
- **December 13**—X-Mas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange 5-7pm

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. Activities will include **crafting**, making festive cards, and a **Secret Santa** area. Cookies, hot chocolate, coffee, and punch will be provided. **Peters' Chicken BBQ** will be available for purchase.

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.

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, responses, relationships, and decision-making under pressure.

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

You will learn practical tools to help you pause, think more clearly, and choose how to respond when you feel pressure.

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

District Youth Repeat Retreat

Save the Date; January 8-10, location TBA. 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. More information to come. Contact Pastor Jason if you are interested in this youth retreat.

Community Gifts: Discerning the Spirit Together

Sat, Oct 31 from 9 am-3 pm, Etown CoB Fellowship Hall. The Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center invites you to join **Josh Brockway,** Director of Discipleship and Identity for the CoB, and **Stan Dueck,** Director of Discipleship Ministries for the ANE District for a **workshop** on Discerning Spiritual Gifts. In this workshop, we will explore the scriptures that outline the gifts of the Spirit, practice discernment together, and explore a new denominational resource for gifts discernment. A light lunch is included. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration. Registration Fee: $55 ($65 with .5 CEUs).

ETOWN COLLEGE

Leffler Lecture

Wed, Nov 4 at 7 pm, Leffler Chapel and Performance Center, Etown College. Liz Murray's lecture shares her remarkable journey from homelessness to Harvard, offering a powerful message about perseverance, personal responsibility, and the ability to overcome even the most difficult obstacles to create a life of purpose and possibility. For more details and to register, please click or scan the QR code provided.

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.

ECHOS

Emergency Shelter Volunteer Training

Sat, Nov 14 from 9 am-12 pm, ECHOS, 105 E Washington St, Etown. Click or scan the QR code to sign up for this training if you are interested in volunteering for the 2026-2027 shelter season.

Worship Attendance

Sunday, October 18

In-Person: 160 Livestream: 44

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square– October 14-19

General Fund: $3,090.00
Designated Gifts: $763.00
Tenant R & S: $1,055.95
CROP: $111.00
Chicken BBQ: $7,642.00

ELIZABETH HUGHES SOCIETY

Illustrated Presentation

Mon, Oct 26 at 6:30 pm, St Paul's UMC, 398 N Locust St, Etown. Join Jean-Paul Benowitz from Etown College, for a presentation drawn from his book "William Wilbur Miller Barbour: A Faith Full Witness for Human Rights" accompanied by a documentary film about Barbour's human rights journey. This event is free and open to the public.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Pizza w/Pastors–Dec 6
- Board Fellowship Dinner–Dec 9
- 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

Peace Corps Assignment



Rachel Engle, who just finished her 27 month Peace Corps assignment in San Bartolome & Gualaceo, Ecuador, shared her experience as a Youth Development Coordinator with the Etown, PA Rotary Club on Mon, Oct 19. Rachel also thanked the club for supporting her Peace Corps Grant that raised over $5,000 for athletic equipment for a Sports Club she formed from scratch for the youth of Gualaceo. The Rotary Club donated $1,000 to help aid her project.

Student of the Month



Jonah Bidgood Enders is Student of the Month at **Donegal HS!**

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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 **Heidelberg CoB** congregation for the week of **October 25th.**

STAFF OUT OF OFFICE

Crystal–Oct 27

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25 9:15 am Faith Formation 9:15 am Inquirers Class 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch 11:45 am Run For Peace Mtg 1 pm Biblical Studies Grp	**26** 7 pm Witness Mtg	**27** 10 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Nurture Mtg	**28** 9 am 125th Ann Mtg 9:30 am Quilters	**29** 10:30 am Chair Yoga 3 pm Brown Book Award Lecture, pt 1 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal 7 pm Brown Book Award Lecture, pt 2	**30**	**31** 9 am Community Gifts Workshop 10 am Knitting/Fiber Arts Grp (meet at the home of Karen Ziegler Ungemach)
November 1 **Remembrance Sunday** 9:15 am Faith Formation 9:15 am Inquirers Class 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch 1 pm Biblical Studies Grp	**2** 7 pm Christian Ed Mtg	**3** **Election Day** 8 am Men's Coffee 6:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Resources Mtg	**4** 9:30 am Quilters 7 pm Leffler Lecture	**5** 9:30 am Memory Loss Support Grp 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal	**6**	**7**

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.