



# Announcements & Upcoming Events

## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6-13, 2026

### Worship Services

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

- **Sept 6–Oct 4**—Sermon Series:

#### Come to the Table

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—September 6**
  - **Discovery Class, Handbell Workshop**, special time (9-10 am), choir room
  - **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.

- **Sept 6**—TJ Rockwell's
- **Sept 13**—Food Trucks and Lawn Concert

### 2027 Fellowship Directory

We invite all individuals, families, and newer attendees (both in-person and online) to update their contact information. You can do this by clicking or scanning the QR code, or by emailing your information to [info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org) by **Mon, Nov 2nd**. If you wish to opt out of the Fellowship Directory, please let us know through the same means. Our goal is to release the updated directory by the **end of December**.



### A Guide for Biblical Studies

**Sundays, Sept 6-Nov 29 from 1-2 pm** via Zoom. Join Chris Bucher, editor of this Guide, and Joe Sollenberger for a small group study of this fall's new *Salt & Light: A Guide for Biblical Studies*, a joint effort between Brethren Press and Menno Media. Click or scan the QR code to sign up or contact the church office. A guide and a Zoom link will be provided to those who sign up.



### Highlights...

Handbell Workshop—Sept 6  
Salt & Light Biblical Studies Group—Sept 6-Nov 29  
Wednesday Suppers—Sept 9-Oct 7  
Bluegrass Lawn Concert—Sept 13  
PeaceFest—Sept 19  
Pizza with the Pastors—Sept 20  
Brethren Disaster Relief Auction—Sept 25-26  
2027 Fellowship Directory Changes Due—Nov 2

### Bluegrass Lawn Concert

**Sun, Sept 13 at 12:30 pm**, Etown CoB lawn. Etown CoB is delighted to host FLATpick Earth Society who features the flat-picking guitar duo—Jesse Eisenbise and Gavin Horn-ing. This is a **free** concert, open to the public. **Food trucks** will be available! Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy fine guitar picking and singing! A family friendly event!

**Come to the Table**  
**Wednesday Suppers @ 5:45 pm**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 16, 23, 30, OCTOBER 7**

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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## 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

**TBD.** This group will resume in the fall. All youth grades 6-12.

### LGBTQ+ Working Group

**Mon, Sept 14 at 7 pm**, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Jim Beckwith](#) with any questions.

### Men's Coffee & Conversation

**Tues, Oct 6 at 8 am**, The Stables, 521 Rutts Rd, Etown. All men are invited! Questions? Contact Barry Garman, Ben Hoffman, George Snavelo or Jim Hoffer.

### Women's Bible Study

**Returns Tues, Sept 22 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, Oct 1 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**, Eisenbise home. All are welcome! Contact [Becky Eisenbise](#). Sponsored by the Nurture Commission.

### Climate Crisis Action Committee

**Thurs, Oct 1 at 7 pm**, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#).

### Immigration Support Committee

**Mon, Sept 14 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](mailto: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](mailto:FaithfulAction@etowncob.org).

## YOUTH EVENTS

### Grades 11-12

- **September 26—ANE**  
Youth Service Project at the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction - see Pastor Jason



## PeaceFest: Turning Communities Toward Peace

**Sat, Sept 19 from 11 am to 4 pm.**

Lititz CoB, 300 W Orange St, Lititz. People all ages are invited to attend PeaceFest. This is a free, family-friendly event. The festival will feature Shane Claiborne, co-founder of RAWtools, an organization committed to transforming weapons into symbols of hope. Click or scan the QR code for more information.



## Pizza with the Pastors

**Sun, Sept 20**, directly after worship, rm 102. All new-ish attendees are welcome for an informal time to connect with the pastors and get to know one another. Please RSVP by **Fri, Sept 18** to the church office at [info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org) or call 717-367-1000.

## Women's Bible Study

**Tuesdays, Sept 22-Nov 17 at 10 am**, Zoom. Join us this fall for the Women's Bible Study as we delve into Paul's Letter to the Philippians. There is no book purchase required for this study. If you're interested in participating, please contact Chris Bucher, JulieAnn Keith, or the church office. You will receive a Zoom link each week to join the study group. Questions? Contact Chris Bucher at [bucherca@gmail.com](mailto:bucherca@gmail.com).

## Adult Inquirers Class

We warmly invite everyone to join our **Adult Inquirers Class!** These classes are offered periodically to provide an opportunity to learn more about our congregation's

mission, history, beliefs, and practices. The next class will begin in **October**, with days, times, and location to be coordinated with interested participants. After completing the class, if you wish to join, new members will be welcomed on **Sun, Nov 29**, during our worship service. If you are interested in participating in this class, please contact the church office at [info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org) or speak with a Pastor.

## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

### Engage

A Church of the Brethren global mission gathering on **Sun, Sept 20 at 6:30 pm**, Lancaster CoB, 1601 Sunset Ave, Lancaster. Guest speakers include Roger Padilla, Eric Ramirez and Rebecca Dali. This event is **FREE** and open to the public. Click or scan the QR code for details.



## EVERENCE EVENTS

### Estate Planning: Made Clear

**Wed, Sept 16 at 2 pm**, webinar. In this webinar, Everence will walk you through the essential documents everyone needs at the end of life. You'll also learn that your will doesn't control your IRA. Beneficiary designations and account titling often carry more weight than your will. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



## COBYS FAMILY SERVICES

### Bike & Hike

**Sun, Sept 13 at 12 pm**, Lititz CoB, 300 W Orange St, Lititz. Come participate in the 30th anniversary of COBY's Bike & Hike. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



## ETOWN COLLEGE

### Event

#### Ware Lecture, Thurs, Sept 24 at 7 pm

Leffler Chapel, Etown College. Join **Aly Raisman**, team captain of the US Women's Olympic Gymnastics teams that won gold medals in both 2012 and 2016 to learn about her Olympic journey and personal experiences. Raisman will discuss resilience, leadership, mental health, self-care, body positivity, and the importance of creating safer, more supportive environments in sports and beyond. This event is **FREE** but registration is required. Click or scan the QR code to register.



### Young Center Event

#### Guest Lecture, Tues, Sept 29 at 7 pm

Bucher Meetinghouse, Etown College.

***Why We Need Anabaptism and the Black Church***, in this talk, **Rev. Dr.**

**Drew G. I. Hart** will explore why salvaging a faithful Christian witness benefits from a convergence of the prophetic stream of the Black Church and the radical discipleship wing of the Anabaptist tradition. This event is **FREE** and open to the public.

## HOPE WITHIN MINISTRIES

### Taste of the Nations

#### A Cultural Culinary Experience, Thursday, October 1

**from 5:30 to 8 pm**, Elizabeth-town Brethren in Christ Church (EBIC), 996 E High St, Etown. Join in this event to sample international foods from around the world, including: Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Thailand, and Ukraine, just to name a few. Cost is \$35 per adult, \$10 per child (12 and under). Click or scan the QR code for details and tickets.



## Worship Attendance

### Sunday, August 30

In-Person: 235      Livestream: 35

### Gifts Given

#### Cash, Checks & Square—August 24-31

General Fund: \$4,586.65

Designated Gifts: \$200.00

Tenant R & S: \$375.52

CROP: \$217.00

#### Hollinger's ACH—Aug 1-31

General Fund: \$3,494.00

#### Breeze ACH—August 1-31

General Fund: \$6,155.42

Designated Gifts: \$1,050.00

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Adult Inquirers Class Begins in October
- Taste of the Nations—Oct 1
- Atlantic Northeast District Conference—Oct 2-3
- Blessing of the Animals—Oct 4
- World Communion Sunday—Oct 4
- Chicken BBQ—Oct 17
- ANE Older Adult Coffee House—Oct 20
- Prime Time Lunch & Learn—Oct 21
- Spiritual Gifts Seminar—Oct 31
- Remembrance Sunday—Nov 1
- Organ Concert, Abbie Wood—Nov 13
- Fall Church Council Mtg—Nov 15
- Holiday Celebration—Nov 21

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

# COMMUNITY CORNER

## Free Community Movie Screening

**Fri, Sept 18 at 7 pm**, Etown Park Ampitheater, 204 E Washington St, Etown. **ECHOS** will host a free outdoor screening of **“No Place to Grow Old.”** The documentary focuses on the growing issue of homelessness among older adults and gives us an opportunity to better understand the challenges our senior neighbors face when they do not have a safe and stable place to call home. A panel discussion with local professionals will talk about the challenges and realities of elder homelessness

### Pastoral Team:

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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  
**Annville CoB**  
congregation for the week of  
**September 6th.**

### September 6-26

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                      | MONDAY                                                        | TUESDAY                                                                    | WEDNESDAY                                                                          | THURSDAY                                                                                  | FRIDAY                                             | SATURDAY                                                                                                          |
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| <b>6</b><br>9 am Handbell Wkshop<br>9:15 am Faith Formation<br>10:30 am Worship<br>11:45 am Lunch Bunch<br>1 pm Biblical Studies Grp                                                        | <b>7</b><br>Labor Day<br><b>Church Office Closed</b>          | <b>8</b><br>6:30 pm Yoga                                                   | <b>9</b><br>9:30 am Quilters<br>5:45 pm Wednesday Suppers                          | <b>10</b><br>10:30 am Chair Yoga<br>6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal                      | <b>11</b>                                          | <b>12</b><br>11 am Rich & Sandy Reichley Celebration of Life                                                      |
| <b>13</b><br>9:15 am Faith Formation<br>10:30 am Worship<br>12:30 pm Bluegrass Lawn Concert<br>1 pm Biblical Studies Grp                                                                    | <b>14</b><br>7 pm Immigration Support Mtg<br>7 pm LGBTQIA Mtg | <b>15</b><br>6:30 pm Yoga<br>6:30 pm Church Board Mtg                      | <b>16</b><br>9:30 am Quilters<br>5:45 pm Wednesday Suppers<br>7 pm Finance Mtg     | <b>17</b><br>10:30 am Chair Yoga<br>6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal                      | <b>18</b>                                          | <b>19</b><br>11 am PeaceFest                                                                                      |
| <b>20</b><br>9:15 am Faith Formation<br>10:30 am Worship<br>11:45 am Pizza w/Pastors<br>11:45 am Lunch Bunch<br>11:45 am Historical Mtg<br>12 pm Fall Festival<br>1 pm Biblical Studies Grp | <b>21</b><br>6:45 pm Church Board Mtg                         | <b>22</b><br>10 am Women's Bible Study<br>6:30 pm Yoga<br>7 pm Nurture Mtg | <b>23</b><br>9:30 am Quilters<br>5:45 pm Wednesday Suppers<br>7 pm Choir Rehearsal | <b>24</b><br>10:30 am Chair Yoga<br>6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal<br>7 pm Ware Lecture | <b>25</b><br>9 am Brethren Disaster Relief Auction | <b>26</b><br>7 am Brethren Disaster Relief Auction<br>7 am Car, Truck & Tractor Show<br>10 am Knitting/Fiber Arts |

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. Thanks to a recent upgrade **Guest Etown CoB** church wifi is now available for use without a password.