Announcements & Upcoming Events

JULY 26-AUGUST 2, 2026

Worship Services

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

- **July 5-26**–Sermon Series: **Summer Vacation: To the Mountains**
- **Aug 2-30**–Sermon Series: **Summer Vacation: At the Beach**

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 Summer Break

May 31 through August 30 there will be **NO Faith Formation classes** during the **9:15-10:15 am hour. SHINE** and **Nursery** care will be available during the worship hour starting at **10:15 am.** Faith Formation will resume on **September 6!**

Lunch Bunch

All are welcome! Contact Suzanne Taylor with questions.

- **July 26**–Mangia Mangia

Newsletter Articles Due

September-October 2026 newsletter articles are due to the church office on **Mon, Aug 10.** Please submit all articles to info@etowncob.org.

Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life service for **Linda Floyd Keesey** will be held on **Sun, July 26 at 1 pm** in the Etown CoB sanctuary. Visitation will begin at 12:30 pm. Click or scan the QR code for details and obituary.

Sermon Series: Summer Vacation: At the Beach

Sundays, August 2-30. We will wrap up our "Summer Vacation" by spending a few weeks "At the Beach"! Our focus will be on stories that take place on the shore of rivers or seas. Don't forget your sunscreen!

Christmas in July Potluck Breakfast

Sun, July 26 @ 9:15 am, Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us for a Christmas themed breakfast with the Christmas train set-up, bring an item to place under the Christmas tree for the food bank and a dish to share.

Quilters to Lititz CoB

Wed, July 29, leave from Etown CoB parking lot at **8:30 am** to head to Lititz CoB. They will work on this year's District Quilt.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

All children ages 4-10 are invited to join us **Aug 11-14** from 6-8 pm each night for VBS. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.

Highlights...

- Christmas in July Potluck Breakfast–July 26
- Vacation Bible School–Aug 11-14
- ANE Women's Camp–Aug 14-15
- Receiving New Members–Aug 23
- Outdoor Baptism–Aug 23
- Etown Fair–Aug 24-29
- Church Picnic–Aug 30

Receiving New Members

Sun, Aug 23, during worship. If you have participated in an Inquirers Class and are interested in being received as a new member by reaffirmation of faith, letter of transfer or baptism, please contact one of the pastors or the church office by **Fri, Aug 14.**

Outdoor Baptism

Sun, Aug 23 at 1 pm, exact location TBA. All are invited to come and support those choosing to join our congregation through baptism.

Etown CoB Booth at the Fair

The Witness Commission is organizing a congregational exhibit booth at the Etown Fair from **Mon, Aug 24 through Sat, Aug 29. Volunteers** from the church are needed to serve as hosts to the thousands of visitors who will be passing by the table during fair week. Click or scan the QR code or see the Friday morning all-church email for a link to sign up for a time slot as a volunteer booth host.

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

Summer Break. This group will resume in the fall. All youth grades 6-12.

LGBTQ+ Working Group

Mon, Aug 3 at 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact Jim Beckwith with any questions.

Men's Coffee & Conversation

Tues, Aug 4 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

Summer Break. 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, Aug 6 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

Summer Break. Rehearsals will resume on **August 27** with a potluck meal. A handbell workshop will be available **Sept 6.** Contact Jeffrey Clouser with questions and to register for the workshop.

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, Aug 20 at 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact Damon Wagner Fields.

Immigration Support Committee

Mon, Aug 17 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 5-12

- **August 2**—1st Sunday Hangout
- **August 16**—Sickman's Mill Tubing

Volunteer Training

Sun, Aug 30 from 9:15-10:15 am, Etown CoB, fellowship hall. All volunteers and those interested in volunteering to **work with our children and youth** are encouraged to join this training. The training will include an overview of our Child Protection Policy. Click or scan the QR code to view our policy and fill out the forms needed to volunteer.

Church Picnic

Sun, Aug 30, after worship, Etown CoB grounds. All are welcome to join in this time of fellowship. Feel free to bring along a side, snack or dessert to share, and a place setting, lawn chair and a game to play. Sponsored by the Nurture Commission.

Handbell Workshop for Inquiring/Inspiring Ringers

Sun, Sept 6, 9 am-10 am, choir room. Whether you are new to handbells or want to strengthen your foundation, this session offers a hands-on exploration of the essential techniques every ringer age 12 and older needs to know. **Class is limited to 15 ringers.** Please email Jeff Clouser at handbells@etowncob.org to reserve your spot and indulge your curiosity.

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 Horning. 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!

ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT (ANE)

ANE District Women's Camp

Aug 14-15, Camp Swatara. All women are invited. This year's theme is "Our Comeback Stories" (based on the book of Ruth) and the speaker is Marie Monville. Registration will open on **June 25** and close on **Aug 3.** Questions? Contact Karen Hackett at knk821@comcast.net or 302-540-6729. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.

EVERENCE EVENTS

Your Money and Your Purpose: Made Clear

Wed, Aug 19 at 2 pm, webinar. In this session, you'll explore the various ways to align your finances with purpose and live passionately toward your calling – with money as an ally, not an adversary. Explore the role of financial planning, charitable giving, estate planning, family-owned businesses, and intentional family conversations as tools to be used to pursue God's call. 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.

Worship Attendance

Sunday, July 19

In-Person: 172 Livestream: 42

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square– July 14-20

General Fund: $15,933.00
Designated Gifts: $18.00
CROP: $277.00

EMBRACE LANCASTER

Cupcake Concert

Tues, July 28 at 6:30 pm, St Matthew Lutheran Church, 700 Pleasant Rd, Lancaster. A Summer concert with Singing Resistance songs and crowd participation featuring **Liz Fulmer,** Central PA Music Award Best Christian Artist winner 2023. Enjoy Cupcakes by Casey Food Truck and refreshing lemonade. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Sponsored by Embrace and Singing Resistance Lancaster.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Handbell Workshop—Sept 6
- Bluegrass Lawn Concert—Sept 13
- Pizza with the Pastors—Sept 20
- Brethren Disaster Relief Auction—Sept 25-26
- Atlantic Northeast District Conference—Oct 2-3

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

Online Fellowship Time

Sundays, starting Aug 2 from 10 am-12 pm, via Zoom. All are welcome to join in this Zoom room anytime between 10 am and 12 pm for a time of greeting and conversation between in-person and online congregation participants. The Zoom cart will be in the Parlor for anyone who would like to stop by and say hello to our online friends. Scan the QR code to login from any device. A link is also provided in the Friday email.

STAFF OUT OF OFFICE

Naomi—July 23-31
Amy—July 27-29
Crystal—July 30-31

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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 **Cornerstone Christian Fellowship** congregation for the week of **July 26th.**

July 26-Aug 15

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 9:15 am Christmas in July Potluck Bkfst 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch 12:30 pm Linda Keesey's Celebration of Life	**27** 6:30 pm Witness Mtg	**28** 6:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Nurture Mtg	**29** 8:30 am Quilters at Lititz CoB	**30** 10:30 am Chair Yoga 2 pm **Church Office Closing Early**	**31**	**Aug 1**
2 10 am Online Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am 1st Sunday Hangout 11:45 am Lunch Bunch	**3** 7 pm Christian Ed Mtg 7 pm LGBTQ+ Wkg Grp Mtg	**4** 8 am Men's Coffee & Conversation 6:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Resources Mtg	**5** 9:30 am Quilters	**6** 9:30 am Memory Loss Support Grp 10:30 am Chair Yoga	**7**	**8**
9 10 am Online Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch	**10**	**11** 6 pm Vacation Bible School ~~6:30 pm Yoga~~ CANCELLED	**12** 9:30 am Quilters 6 pm Vacation Bible School	**13** ~~10:30 am Chair Yoga~~ CANCELLED 6 pm Vacation Bible School	**14** ANE District Women's Camp 6 pm Vacation Bible School	**15** ANE District Women's Camp

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.