



Announcements & Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 16-23, 2025

Worship Services

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

- **Nov 16**—All You Need Is Love, guest preacher David Radcliff
- **Nov 23**—Celebrate

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 16th**
 - **Discovery Class**, David Radcliff, *Around the world in 60 minutes*, 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 16**—Potluck lunch
- **Nov 23**—Mangia Mangia

Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life 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.



Fall Church Council Meeting

All are welcome during this time as the church body gathers to go over corporate business **today, after worship** we will gather in Fellowship Hall to enjoy a **potluck luncheon** and then commence with the council meeting. An email with a Zoom link and packet will be sent the morning of **Nov 16 at 10 am**.

Holiday Celebration

Sat, Nov 22, 10 am to 2 pm, Etown CoB. The event offers a festive time for **families** with activities such as **arts and crafts, a Secret Santa, a Silent Auction, a scavenger hunt, and a balloonist. Peter's Chicken BBQ** will be available for takeout, and there will be an affordable lunch and baked goods for sale.

Highlights...

Fall Church Council Meeting—Nov 16
Youth District Service Project Weekend—Nov 21-23
Holiday Celebration—Nov 22
SERRV Sale—Nov 23 & Dec 7
New Community Project Learning Tour Mtg—Nov 23
Family Dinner—Nov 23
Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service—Nov 26

The Witness Commission seeks **donations** for Secret Santa, Silent Auction, household goods, and baked goods by **November 20th**. Volunteers are needed for various tasks, including setup on **November 21st** and event assistance on **November 22nd**. Sign-up sheets are available in the Memorial Lobby or click or scan the QR codes.



Donate Items



Volunteer

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

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 Snavelly 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.

plan to join an informational meeting with **David Radcliff** in the parlor or on Zoom after worship on **Nov 23**.

- Learning Tour location: **Borneo, Malaysia**
- Dates: **June 16-24, 2026** (plus extra travel days)



Zoom link



NCP website

- Estimated per-person cost: at least **\$2,500** (program + flights)

Questions? Email Pastor Naomi at pastor-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

YOUTH EVENTS

Grades 5-12

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



Grades 9-12

- **Nov 21-23**—District Weekend Service Project, Washington DC
- **July 18-23, 2026**—National Youth Conference

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. 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.

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**.

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!

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Intercultural Ministries Offers Webinar

On **Thurs, Nov 23, from 11 am to 1 pm**, Intercultural Ministries is offering the webinar **Privilege and Being and Ally** with presenters Rev. Founa A. Badet, Director of Intercultural Ministries for the Church of the Brethren, and Dr. Meredith Gould. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



UNITED CHURCHES ELIZABETHTOWN AREA

United Churches Elizabethtown Area is so grateful to Etown CoB for their amazing food drive for the Community Cupboard this month! If you haven't had a chance to donate or would like to do more, please support us at the **Extra Give on November 21**. Your donation supports the Community Cupboard food pantry, the Clothing Barn clothing pantry, Military Share (a food program for

Worship Attendance

Sunday, November 9

In-Person: 284 Livestream: 48

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square—November 4-10

General Fund: \$4,506.50
Designated Gifts: \$473.43
Tenant R & S: \$6,428.57
CROP: \$77.00
Pavilion Project: \$125.00

veterans and their families), Meals on Wheels and the Community Place on Washington campus - where other social service resources are located. We rely on our wonderful, generous community to support our neighbors in need. Click or scan the QR code to donate.



LOOKING AHEAD

- 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
- Church Board Retreat—Jan 10

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

COMMUNITY CORNER

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Thurs, Nov 20, 4-8 pm, The Elizabeth, 18 N Market St. The event is a **Very Grinchy Christmas Tree Lighting** and will feature festive activities like cookie decorating, live performances, trolley rides, and a photo opportunity with **The Grinch and Santa**. The tree will be lit at 7:30 pm.

Please join us in praying for the
East Fairview CoB
congregation for the week of
November 16th.

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NOVEMBER 16–DECEMBER 6

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
16 9:15 Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Potluck Lunch & Fall Church Council	17 7 pm LGBTQIA Working Grp Mtg	18 10 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Nurture Mtg	19 9:30 am Quilters 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	20 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal	21 Youth District Wkd Service Project	22 Youth District Wkd Service Project 10 am Holiday Celebration
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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. Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Subject to change for holidays, vacation time or inclement weather.