



# Announcements & Upcoming Events

## APRIL 26-MAY 3, 2026

### Worship Services

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

- **April 12-May 31**—Sermon Series: Many Gifts, Same Spirit

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—April 26**
  - **Discovery Class, Greenland Climate Change** with Dr. Northington, Etown College Professor, 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.

- **April 26**—Lucky Ducks
- **May 3**—TJ Rockwell’s

### Church WiFi Network

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

### Spring Church Council Mtg

**Sun, May 17** after a **potluck** luncheon in fellowship hall. Commission reports are due **Mon, May 4**, send to [info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org). All are welcome during this time as the church body gathers to go over corporate business. Packets will be available by **Sun, May 10**. A Zoom option will be available. An email with a Zoom link will be sent the morning of **Sun, May 17 at 10 am**.

### May is Food Collection Month

**May 1-31**, Etown CoB Narthex.

The month of May is food collection month for Community Cupboard on Washington St. There will be a table set up in the Narthex (outside the sanctuary) for food donations. A list of most needed items will be available on the table. Click or scan the QR code for online shopping.



### Spring Workday

**Sat, May 2 at 8 am** until done, Etown CoB grounds. We will be weeding, mulching and trimming. Bring rakes, shovels, hedge trimmers, pitch forks, etc. Donuts and coffee will be provided. Contact the church office to sign up.

### Spring Birding Trip

**Sat, May 16-Mon, May 18**, Union County near Lewisbury. This birding trip is scheduled through Camp Swatara, and will be led by Paul Brubaker. Housing is at Zeager’s Mountain View Cabin. Cost is **\$100** which includes



### Highlights...

- May is Food Collection Month—May 1-31
- Spring Workday—May 2
- Commission Reports Due—May 4
- ANE Older Adult Spring Banquet—May 6
- Mother’s Day—May 10
- Spring Birding Trip w/Paul Brubaker—May 16-18
- Spring Church Council Mtg—May 17
- Young Adult Conference—May 22-24

housing and meals. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.

### Adult Inquirers Class

All are welcome to join us for an Adult Inquirers Class! These classes are held periodically to provide an opportunity to learn more about our congregation’s mission, history, beliefs and practices. The next class will be held on **Mondays in June, starting June 1 from 5:30-6:30 pm via Zoom**. If you miss a class on any given date, don’t let that prevent you from participating. There will be an opportunity for congregational membership later in the summer for those who are interested. To RSVP please contact the church office at [info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org) or speak with a Pastor.

## 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."

### Family Dinner

**Sun, April 26, 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!

### PRISM Youth Group

**Sun, May 17 from 4-6 pm**, rm 108. All youth grades 6-12.

Volunteers, click or scan the QR code to sign up.



### LGBTQ+ Working Group

**Mon, May 18 at 7 pm**, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Jim Beckwith](#) with any questions.

### Men's Coffee & Conversation

**Tues, May 5 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

**Tuesdays at 10 am**. 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.

### TransParent Support Group

**1st Wednesday at 7 pm**, Etown CoB.

A confidential, private meeting for parents and other adults to support their transgender loved ones of all ages. Questions? Contact:

[TransParentSupport@EtownCoB.org](mailto:TransParentSupport@EtownCoB.org).

### Memory Loss Support Group

**Thurs, May 7 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**. 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, June 11 at 7 pm**, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#).

### Immigration Support Committee

**Mon, May 4 at 7 pm**, rm 106 & Zoom. 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.

### 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).

"Living the Experience," an interactive historical reenactment of the Underground Railroad. A southern style meal will follow the reenactment. Cost is \$20 per person. Sign up

## Living the Experience

**Sat, June 6 at 11 am**,

Bethel AME Church, Lancaster. PrimeTime and the Racial Justice Working Group invites you to join us in



## YOUTH EVENTS



### Grades 5-12

- **May 3**—1st Sunday Hangout
- **May 17**—Governor Dick Hike & Ice Cream (after Church Council Mtg)
- **May 31**—5th Sunday Hangout
- **June 20**—Camp Swatara Day
- **August 2**—1st Sunday Hangout
- **August 16**—Sickman's Mill Tubing

### Grades 9-12

- **July 12-17, 2026**—NYC Pretrip
- **July 18-23, 2026**—National Youth Conference

### Grade 12

- **June 14**—Grad Sunday

in Memorial Lobby **now through May 3**. Click or scan the QR code to sign up online.

## ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ FUNDRAISER

The annual Chicken BBQ was held on **Sat, April 18**. The day was beautiful and the 400 meals prepared were sold out by 4:15 pm, with the event only starting at 3 pm. The meal consisted of a half BBQ chicken, baked potato, homemade baked beans, homemade pepper slaw, applesauce, roll and homemade cookies. The cookies were made by members of our congregation. There were no tickets to purchase and there was no set price, by donation only. The proceeds will be divided equally between The Haiti Medical Project and CCEPI. The total of the proceeds is still not final, but so far is **\$15,295**. Thank you for the many volunteers that make this project possible. This could not happen without your help! A special word of thanks to **Sandy Brubaker** who coordinates this event each year!

## ANE DISTRICT EVENTS

**Older Adult Luncheon,**  
**Wed, May 6 at 12 pm,**  
Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland.



The cost of **\$27** includes a meal, a concert by the Ridgeway Brass quintet, and fellowship. Special guest Don Fitzkee, this year's Annual Conference Moderator will be in attendance. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration or call ANE at 717-367-4730. Register by **Sun, April 26.**

## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

• **Intercultural Ministries**  
**Cafe: Faith & Culture**



**Conversations**—rooted in relationship, discipleship, and practical intercultural engagement—will be held once a month for the next few months. The online event starts on **Tues, April 21**, and continues on a monthly basis through **Oct 20**. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.

• **SLC Community Choirs** presents **From Sea to Shining Sea, Fri, May 1 at 7 pm**, Lancaster CoB, 1601 Sunset Ave, Lancaster. This concert is open to the public and **free** but donations will be accepted.

• **Go Fly a Kite, Sat, May 2 at 2 pm**, Hempfield CoB, 1186 Stevens St, Manheim. Bring your family, friends, and a kite for an afternoon of fellowship and kite flying lessons and demos with world renowned kite designer **Dodd Gross**. First **15 children** receive a kite. Bring a lawn chair.

• **Young Adult Conference (YAC), May 22-24**, Camp Blue Diamond, Petersburg, PA.



**Theme: Identity in Community,** Romans 12: 4-5 NIV. Ages 18-35. Pastor Naomi is set to be one of the speakers. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.

- **Annual Conference (AC), June 28-July 2**, Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Register now through **Sat, June 7. Non-Delegate Virtual Attendees are free**, register by **Tues, June 23**. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



## BRETHREN MENNONITE COUNCIL

**BMC's 50th Anniversary**  
**Gathering, May 29-31,**  
Minneapolis, MN. **Rooting**



**Our Stories: Reveling in 50 years of Queer & Trans Anabaptist Resilience**  
BMC is planning a weekend rooted in sacred story and joyful revelry! Register by **May 7**. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.

## HISTORIC ROCK FORD

**Lecture and Q&A**

**Wed, April 29 from 6:30-7:30 pm**, Historic Rock Ford, 881 Rockford Road, Lancaster.



Join **Kenneth Sensenig** as he presents **The American Revolution and Mennonites: A Crisis of Conscience** an exploration of the story of John and Anna Baer, Mennonite pacifists who faced an impossible dilemma: how to care for wounded soldiers whose cause contradicted their deepest beliefs. **\$10** general admission, **\$5** Rock Ford member. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.

## Worship Attendance

**Sunday, April 19**

In-Person: 198      Livestream: 46

## Gifts Given

**Cash, Checks & Square—**  
**April 7-13**

General Fund: \$5,557.95

Tenant R & S: \$185.79

CROP: \$98.00

Annual Chicken BBQ: \$15,295.00

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Music For Everyone Community Chorus—June 19
- Etown CoB Camp Swatara Weekend—June 19-21
- Father's Day—June 21
- Annual Conference—June 28-July 2
- Church Office Close—July 3
- National Youth Conference Pre-Trip—July 12-17
- National Youth Conference—July 18-23

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

# COMMUNITY CORNER

## Award Winners!



Congratulations to **Acacia Krieder** who won the **Tutor of the Year Award** from Etown College. Acacia also won the **Amos Curry Award** from the Etown College Chaplain's office. Congratulations to **Kara Bidgood Enders** for winning the **Amos Curry Award** from the Etown College Chaplain's office.

## Etown Farmer's Market Is Back!

Every **1st & 3rd Wednesday** from **May–October** from **3:30 pm–6:30 pm**. Christ Church UCC, 247 S Market St, Etown. Support local growers and community health.

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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  
**Schuylkill CoB**  
congregation for the week of  
**April 26th.**

## April 26-May 9

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 9:15 am Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Family Dinner 11:45 am Lunch Bunch 1 pm A Guide to Biblical Studies Grp	27 6:30 pm Witness Mtg	28 10 am Lenten Book Discussion Grp 6:30 pm Yoga	29 9:30 am Quilters	30 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal	May 1	2 8 am Etown CoB Spring Workday 11 am Online Ventures Course with David Radcliffe
3 9:15 am Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch 1 pm A Guide to Biblical Studies Grp	4 7 pm Christian Ed Mtg 7 pm Immigration Support Com Mtg	5 8 am Men's Coffee & Conversation 10 am Lenten Book Discussion Grp 6:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Resources Mtg	6 9:30 am Quilters 12 pm ANE Older Adult Luncheon 7 pm TransParent Support Grp	7 9:30 am Memory Loss Support Grp 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal	8	9 Etown College Commencement

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.