



Announcements & Upcoming Events

JANUARY 18-25, 2026

Worship Services

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

- **Jan 11-Feb 15**—Sermon Series: Illumination

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—January 18th**
 - Discovery Class**, Video Presentation of Dr. Jeanne Elberfeld's Etown College's 2025 Peace Fellow Lecture: *Peace Is Not in Our Control*, 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.

- **Jan 18**—Centerville Diner 2
- **Jan 25**—Lucky Ducks

Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life service for **Doran Mummau** will be held on **Sat, Jan 24th at 11:00 am** in the sanctuary and via livestream. Click or scan the QR code to view our new Celebration of Life web page.



Nursery Help Needed

Your loving arms and caring hearts are needed in the Church Nursery. Interested? Contact Deb Ziegler at 717-575-4637.

Star Words

If you have not yet received a Star Word and would like one, please see an usher on Sunday morning, contact a pastor or the church office, or click or scan the QR code to use the random Star Word generator.



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 this winter for **6 weeks** starting **Sunday, February 1** through **Sunday, March 8**. The sessions will be held during **Faith Formation Hour** and a **Zoom option** can be made available. 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 March for those who are interested.

Highlights...

Family Dinner—Jan 25
Music For Everyone Community Chorus—Feb 7
Youth Snow Tubing—Feb 8
Ash Wednesday—Feb 18
ANE Women's Spring Fellowship—March 21
Virginia University Concert Choir—March 23

To **RSVP** please contact the church office at info@etowncob.org or speak with a Pastor.

Faithful Nonviolent Action Email Alert Group

A new email group is being formed for folks who are interested in receiving information about nonviolent response opportunities in our local community or through our Church of the Brethren network. **If you would like to be a part of this new Faithful Nonviolent Action email alert group, please send a note of interest to FaithfulAction@etowncob.org, or sign up at the table in Memorial Lobby on Sunday morning Jan. 18 or 25.**

Brethren Disaster Ministry Trip

Sun, Jan 18th after worship, parlor. For all interested participants there will be a meeting to begin planning for our Brethren

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, Feb 8th 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, Jan 19th at 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Jim Beckwith](#) with any questions.

Men's Coffee & Conversation

Tues, Feb 3rd at 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 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.

Memory Loss/Caregivers Support Group

Thurs, Feb 5th 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, Jan 22nd at 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for info.

Immigration Support Committee

Mon, Feb 23rd at 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.

Film: An American Pastoral

Sun, Jan 18th at 2 pm, West Art: 800 Buchanan Ave, Lancaster. Come watch a screening of this award-winning documentary about the intense 2023 school board election in Etown. This timely film shows how a school board race became a microcosm of American national culture war. Featured were

Disaster Ministry trip. Our trip will take place **May 17-23**. During this trip participants will help with rebuilding from natural disasters. Help is also needed in the household area. Please attend the meeting for more information. Questions or to reserve your spot on the trip contact Dale or Deb Ziegler.



YOUTH EVENTS

Grades 6-12

- **Feb 8**—Snow Tubing
- **FaithX Trips**—Registration Jan 14th-April 1st, <https://www.brethren.org/faithx/>



Grades 9-12

- **Feb 27-March 1**—Roundtable 2026
- **July 12-17, 2026**—NYC Pretrip
- **July 18-23, 2026**—National Youth Conference

LifeGate and Elizabethtown CoB. After the screening, stay for a panel discussion hosted by Matt Johnson, featuring several of the individuals who appear in the film. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door if not sold out. Click or scan the QR code for details and tickets.

Family Dinner

Sun, Jan 25th, after worship, in Fellowship Hall. This potluck meal is an informal opportunity to share in food 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!

Music For Everyone (MFE) Community Chorus

Sat, Feb 7th at 7 pm, Etown CoB sanctuary and livestream. This is a free concert, open to the public. Music for this evening's concert will include national and international music, with themes of peace and social justice. A concert for all ages!

Ash Wednesday Service

Wed, Feb 18th at 6:30 pm, Etown CoB sanctuary and livestream. Ash Wednesday

marks the **beginning of Lent**, a time of prayer, and reflection in preparation for Easter. Imposition of ashes will be held.

Virginia State University Concert Choir

Mon, March 23rd at 7:30 pm, Etown CoB sanctuary and livestream. The VSU Concert Choir, under the leadership of Craig L. Robertson, is a collection of student musicians known for using their talents to create a praise and worship choral performance with a focus on Gospel music. A bonus will be the Elizabethtown College Concert Choir joining the VSU Concert Choir for a mass chorus! This is a free concert, open to the public.

Apollo Chamber Players

Sat, March 28th at 7 pm, Etown CoB sanctuary and livestream. Apollo Chamber Players, a professional string quartet from Houston, TX. This ensemble features multi-cultural music from around the globe and recent censorship and democracy-inspired commissions. This is a free concert, open to the public.

Pavilion Project Campaign

At a **Special Church Council Meeting**, our congregation voted to move forward with building a **multipurpose gathering space**—a new pavilion designed for fellowship events, community meals, children’s activities, and other ministries that connect and strengthen us. The project will proceed once we have secured **75%** of the total cost in pledges. We have secured over **49%** of our goal so far of **\$465,000**. **Paper** campaign packets are available at the back of the sanctuary. **Digital** packets are available on the church website, **etowncob.org**. We are deeply grateful for your prayerful consideration and support.

Etown CoB Prayer Requests

When you have a personal prayer request to share with pastors or the larger church family, a **new email address** has been created that will **automatically** be sent to pastors at all times, including when the church office is closed: **prayer@etowncob.org**.

You are also always welcome to use the pastors’ individual emails or call their offices directly, and voicemails will be automatically forwarded to them if they are not in their office:

Liz—pastorliz@etowncob.org
717-366-4831

Naomi—pastornaomi@etowncob.org
717-366-4836

Jason—jason@etowncob.org
717-366-4833

Join the Prayer Group

Often prayer requests from folks in our congregation are shared by email. If you are not a part of our congregational email group and would like to receive an email message when prayer needs are shared with that group, please email the church office at **info@etowncob.org** to request to be added to this list.

JOB OPENING

Congregational Organist/ Pianist

Etown CoB is looking for a **Congregational Organist/Pianist**. Visit **etowncob.org** for full job description and **submit a cover letter and resume to employment@etowncob.org**. Please share this with anyone who might be interested.

Worship Attendance

Sunday, January 11

In-Person: 211 Livestream: 51

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square— January 6-12

General Fund: \$103,874.50
Designated Gifts: \$9,195.00
Tenant R & S: \$6,065.94
CROP: \$177.25
Pavilion Project: \$5,555.00

FAITHX 2026

Join FaithX during Summer 2026 to serve, grow in faith, make friends, and experience something new! Participants will serve in a variety of ministry and non-profit settings, live and worship in community, make friendships, and explore a new place.

There are several trip opportunities for junior high, senior high, adults, and families. Click or scan the QR code for details and to register. **Registration is open now through April 1st.**



LOOKING AHEAD

- Apollo Chamber Players Classical Concert—March 28
- Palm Sunday—March 29
- Spring Love Feast—April 2
- Good Friday—April 3
- Easter—April 5
- Chicken BBQ—April 18
- Earth Day—April 22

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

STAFF OUT OF OFFICE

Crystal—Work from home: Jan 12-Feb 13

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS



Jan 5-Feb 13—Mon-Fri, 9 am-2 pm

Please join us in praying for the
Pottstown First CoB
congregation for the week of
January 18th.

Pastoral Team:

Jason Haldeman | jason@etowncob.org | 717-366-4833

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Liz Bidgood Enders | pastorliz@etowncob.org | 717-366-4831

Support Staff:

Rachel Bucher Swank, Music Coordinator/Choir Director | rachel@etowncob.org | 717-366-4837

Jeffrey Clouser, Memorial Bells Director | handbells@etowncob.org | 717-366-4837

Crystal Crater, Office Administrator and Marketing & Communications Coordinator
crystal@etowncob.org | 717-366-4832 | Mon-Fri, 8:30 am—4:30 pm

Brooke Bish, Administrative Assistant
brooke@etowncob.org | 717-366-4834 | Mon-Fri, 9 am—2 pm

Amy Zimmerman, Facilities Manager
amy@etowncob.org | 717-366-4838 | Mon-Fri, 8 am—3 pm

JANUARY 18–FEBRUARY 7

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18 9:15 Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch 11:45 am BDM Trip Mtg 1 pm A Guide to Biblical Studies Group	19	20 10 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Yoga	21 9:30 am Quilters 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	22 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal 7 pm Climate Crisis Action Mtg	23	24 11 am Doran Mumma's Celebration of Life Service
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February 1 9:15 Faith Formation 9:15 Adult Inq Class 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch 1 pm A Guide to Biblical Studies Group	2 6:30 pm Witness Mtg 7 pm Christian Ed Mtg	3 8 am Men's Coffee & Conversation 10 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Resources Mtg	4 9:30 am Quilters 7 pm TransParent Support Group	5 9:30 am Memory Loss Support Group 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal	6	7 7 pm Music for Everyone Community Chorus

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.