



Announcements & Upcoming Events

JULY 12-19, 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**

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 12**—Special Church Council Mtg
- **July 19**—Lucky Ducks

Special Church Council Meeting

Sun, July 12 after worship in the sanctuary. This meeting will focus mainly on the proposed **Pavilion Project** and voting on the next steps. Everyone is encouraged to attend! The packets were emailed on Sunday, July 5 and paper copies are available at the back of the sanctuary. A **Zoom** option is available. An email with a link will be sent the morning of **Sun, July 12 at 10 am**.

A Special Invitation for Online Attenders

Are you interested in new ways to connect with our congregation from a distance? Would you like to get to know other live-stream viewers? Please join us for an informal conversation on **Sun, July 19**, immediately after worship on Zoom. Contact the church office for a Zoom link.

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.

Highlights...

Special Church Council Mtg—July 12
National Youth Conference Pre-Trip—July 12-17
National Youth Conference—July 18-23
Christmas in July Potluck Breakfast—July 26
Vacation Bible School—Aug 11-14
ANE Women's Camp—Aug 14-15
Etown Fair—Aug 24-29
Church Picnic—Aug 30

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



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

TBD. 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

Grades 9-12

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

Save the Date!

Sermon Series:
**Come to
the Table**

**September 6
through
October 4**

**Join us every
Sunday morning
at 10:30 am
in-person or
via livestream.**

**Join us every
Wednesday for
evening suppers.**

Details to come.

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.

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.



ON EARTH PEACE (OEP)

3,000 Miles for Peace

July 1-30, virtual event hosted

through **Racery**. OEP invites you

to join in this fun peer-to-peer

virtual race fundraiser to support the work of

OEP. Throughout the month of **July**, the OEP

community will collectively walk, run, dance,

swim, shoot hoops—anything!—to accumu-

late miles towards the goal and support the

work of OEP. Click or scan the QR code for

details and registration.



EVERENCE EVENTS

Kids and Money: Made Clear

Wed, July 15 at 2 pm,

webinar. The money habits

children develop early can last

a lifetime. In this webinar, Everence walks

parents, grandparents and caregivers through

practical, age-appropriate ways to teach kids

about earning, saving, giving, and spending

wisely—from their first piggy bank to their

first part-time job. You'll come away with

tools and conversation starters you can start

using right away, grounded in the values of

stewardship and generosity. 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 5

In-Person: 161

Livestream: 52

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square—

June 30-July 6

General Fund: \$2,295.00

CROP: \$65.55

Hollinger's ACH—June 1-30

General Fund: \$3,494.00

Breeze ACH—June 1-30

General Fund: \$5,568.83

Designated Gifts: \$389.34

HARRISBURG PRIDE

Sat, July 25, 11 am-6 pm

Soldiers Grove

400 Commonwealth Ave, Harrisburg

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.

COMMUNITY CORNER

NYC Youth Trip

Every four years, Church of the Brethren youth from around the country gather together for the **National Youth Conference**. This year the conference will take place at the **YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado**. We have raised enough funds for this trip thanks to the generosity of the congregation and the organizational efforts of youth and parents. The NYC conference will be held **July 18-23** but our trip will depart on **July 12** for a fun adventure leading up to the conference itself. Prayers for safe travel and a fun and inspirational experience.

STAFF OUT OF OFFICE

Brooke—July 15-17

Jason—July 12-23

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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
Lititz CoB
congregation for the week of
July 12th.

July 12-Aug 1

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 NYC Pretrip 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Special Church Council Mtg	13 NYC Pretrip 6:30 pm Executive Committee Mtg	14 NYC Pretrip 6:30 pm Yoga	15 NYC Pretrip 9:30 am Quilters 7 pm Resources Mtg	16 NYC Pretrip 10:30 am Chair Yoga	17 NYC Pretrip	18 National Youth Conference
19 NYC 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Online Attenders Mtg 11:45 am Lunch Bunch	20 NYC 6:45 pm Church Board Mtg	21 NYC 6:30 pm Yoga	22 NYC 9:30 am Quilters	23 NYC 10:30 am Chair Yoga	24	25 10 am Knitting/Fiber Art Group
26 9:15 am Christmas in July Potluck Bkfst 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch	27 6:30 pm Witness Mtg	28 6:30 pm Yoga	29 8:30 am Quilters at Lititz CoB	30 10:30 am Chair Yoga 2 pm Church Office Closing Early	31	Aug 1

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.