



# Announcements & Upcoming Events

**FEBRUARY 1-8, 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—February 1st**
  - Discovery Class**, Faithful Nonviolent Action Group, 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.

- **Feb 1**—Lucky Ducks
- **Feb 8**—TJ Rockwell's

## Nursery Help Needed

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

## March—April Newsletter

Articles for the upcoming March—April *Along the Way* newsletter are due **Mon, Feb 9th**. Please send all articles to [info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org).

## 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. To **RSVP** please contact the church office at [info@etowncob.org](mailto: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

## Highlights...

**Music For Everyone Community Chorus**—Feb 7

**Youth Snow Tubing**—Feb 8

**Newsletter Articles Due**—Feb 9

**Ash Wednesday**—Feb 18

**Pizza with the Pastors**—March 1

**ANE Women's Spring Fellowship**—March 21

**Virginia University Concert Choir**—March 23

**Apollo Chamber Players**—March 28

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](mailto:FaithfulAction@etowncob.org).**

## 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

## 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, Feb 16th at 7 pm**, Zoom. All are

welcome! Contact [Jim Beckwith](#) with any

questions.

### Men's Coffee & Conversation

**Tues, March 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.

of prayer, and reflection in preparation for Easter. Imposition of ashes will be held.

### Family Dinner

**Sun, Feb 22nd, after worship**, in Fellowship Hall. This potluck meal is an informal opportunity to share in food and conversation and allow children to play

### 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/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

**Mon, March 2nd at 7pm**, 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.

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!

### Pizza with the Pastors

**Sun, March 1st**, directly after worship in

rm 102. All new-ish attenders are welcome for an informal time to connect with

## YOUTH EVENTS

### Grades 5-12

• **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

the pastors and get to know one another.

**RSVP** to the church office by **Wed, Feb 25th**.

## 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**. The project will proceed once we have secured **75%** of the total cost in pledges. We currently have over **50%** of the pledges needed. Pledges are due by the end of February. We are deeply grateful for your prayerful consideration and support.

## JOB OPENING

### Congregational Organist/ Pianist

Etown CoB is looking for a **Congregational Organist/Pianist**. Visit [etowncob.org](http://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.

## FAITHX 2026

Join FaithX during Summer 2026 to serve, grow in faith, make friends, and experience something new! 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.**



## ANE DISTRICT EVENTS

### Women's Spring Fellowship

**Sat, March 21st**, time TBA, Lancaster CoB. Come enjoy music, lunch, sessions on being and becoming, Q&A, and fellowship. Join Ann Van Hine, the widow of a FDNY firefighter (victim of Sept 11th), who will share her story of God's presence and peace as she navigated "a personal loss in the midst of a national tragedy." Details to come.

## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

### Young Adult Conference (YAC)

**May 22-24**, Camp Blue Diamond, Petersburg, PA. **Theme: Identity in Community**, Romans 12: 4- 5 NIV. YAC offers people ages 18-35 a chance to enjoy fellowship, worship, recreation, Bible study, service projects and more . . . with other young adults! Registration is now open. Intercultural, travel, and "active BVSer" scholarships are available through April 1st. Contact Becky Ullom Naugle with questions (bulloynaugle@brethren.org, 847-429-4385).

## ETOWN COLLEGE EVENTS

### Annual Social Justice Fair

**Fri, March 20th, 9 am-5 pm**, Eown College, The Bowers Center. The Social Justice Fair creates a vibrant space where students, faculty, staff, and community partners come together to reflect, connect, and engage in meaningful dialogue. Rooted in principles of peace, nonviolence, social justice, and human dignity, the fair celebrates the collective work of individuals and organizations committed to equity, education, and positive change. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration. Questions? Contact The Office of Civil Rights, Opportunity & Access at [civilrights@etown.edu](mailto:civilrights@etown.edu).



### Worship Snow Cancellation

**Sunday, January 25**

In-Person: 0

Livestream: 0

## COMMUNITY CORNER

### Prayer Vigil

**Sun, Feb 15th at 5 pm**, Lancaster Friends meetinghouse, 110 Tulane Terrace, Lancaster. Lancaster Friends Meeting (Quaker) invites all who share their deep pain in the brokenness and division within our country to join them in a prayer vigil. They hope that this will be the first of a rotating series of prayer vigils held by other local faith communities. Contact Nancy Bieber ([nlieber@gmail.com](mailto:nlbieber@gmail.com)) for more information about this first vigil.

### Etown Senior Top of L-L League Wrestling Podium



**Francis Burke**, center, gets congratulations from coaches Mike Sernoffsky and JP Stauffer after beating CV's Tanner Kane in their 145 pound bout during finlas action of the L-L League boys wrestling championship at MTHS on **Sat, Jan 24th**.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- 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

TEMPORARY HOURS

Jan 5-Feb 13—Mon-Fri, 9 am-2 pm

Please join us in praying for the  
**Paxton CoB**  
congregation for the week of  
**February 1st.**

## Pastoral Team:

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## Support Staff:

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Crystal Crater, Office Administrator and Marketing & Communications Coordinator

crystal@etowncob.org | 717-366-4832 | Mon-Fri, 8:30 am—4:30 pm

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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

## FEBRUARY 1 – 21

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 CANCELLED 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 pm Music for Everyone Community Chorus
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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.

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