



Announcements & Upcoming Events

WEEK OF OCTOBER 18-25, 2026

Worship Services

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

- **Oct 11-25**—Sermon Series: **Money, Money, Money**

Our Sunday worship services are live-streamed 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—October 18**
 - **Discovery Class**, “Congress Is the Broken Branch: Can the Midterm Elections Fix It?” with Fletcher McClellan, rm 102 & Zoom
 - **Bible Exploration** with David Leiter, rm 106 & Zoom
 - **Chalkboard Chat**, rm 110
 - **Sip N’ Chat**, Memorial Lobby

Lunch Bunch

All are welcome! Contact Suzanne Taylor with questions.

- **Oct 18**—TJ Rockwell’s
- **Oct 25**—Mangia Mangia

Nursery Help Needed

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

VUSA: Voices from Southern Africa

Sun, Oct 25 at 9:15 am, fellowship hall.

There is something special about making music together—and even more special when music brings communities together. The Etown CoB choir would like to invite you to join us for an exciting morning sharing with VUSA: Voices from Southern Africa choir. Based in the Washington DC metro area, VUSA (“Awaken”) is a choir that specializes in music from southern African countries. Members of the choir will lead an interactive Faith Formation in Fellowship Hall: all ages are welcome! In addition, the choir will share selections during the morning worship service beginning at 10:30 am. We hope you will join us as we build community through a shared love of music.

2027 Fellowship Directory

We invite all to update their contact information. You can do this by clicking or scanning the QR code, or by emailing info@etowncob.org by **Mon, Nov 9th**. If you wish to opt out of the Fellowship Directory, please let us know through the same means.



Classical Organ Concert

Fri, Nov 13 at 7 pm, sanctuary & via livestream. Come and enjoy an exciting organ recital featuring **Abbie Wood**, a Graduate student of Organ Performance at the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University. This concert is **free** and open to the public.

Highlights...

Women’s Bible Study—Now thru Nov 17
Fall Salt & Light Biblical Studies Group—Now thru Nov 29
Youth Corn Maze Outing—Oct 18
ANE Older Adult Coffee House—Oct 20
Prime Time Lunch & Learn—Oct 21
Spiritual Gifts Seminar—Oct 31
Remembrance Sunday—Nov 1
2027 Fellowship Directory Changes Due—Nov 9
Organ Concert, Abbie Wood—Nov 13
Fall Church Council Meeting—Nov 15
Holiday Celebration—Nov 21

Fall Church Council Mtg

Sun, Nov 15 after potluck lunch. All are welcome during this time that the church body gathers to go over corporate business. A potluck lunch will be served before the start of the meeting. Commission Reports are due **Mon, Nov 2** send to: info@etowncob.org. Packets will be sent via email, hard copies available by **Sun, Nov 8**.

Holiday Celebration

Sat, Nov 21 from 9 am-12 pm, fellowship hall. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for this family-friendly event, featuring a **balloon artist** who is sure to delight the kids. Activities will include **crafting**, making festive cards, and a **Secret Santa** area. Cookies, hot chocolate, coffee, and punch will be provided. **Peters’ Chicken BBQ** will be available for purchase.

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

Sat, Nov 14 at 7 pm, Radium Girls Play at EAHS. All youth grades 6-12.

Family Dinner

Sun, Oct 25, 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!

LGBTQ+ Working Group

Mon, Nov 9 at 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Jim Beckwith](#) with any questions.

Men's Coffee & Conversation

Tues, Nov 3 at 8 am, The Stables, 521 Rutts Rd, Etown. All men are invited! Questions? Contact Barry Garman, Ben Hoffman, George Snavelly or Jim Hoffer.

Women's Bible Study

Tues, Oct 20 at 10 am, Zoom. 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, Nov 5 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, choir room. Contact [Jeffrey Clouser](#) with questions.

Knitting/Fiber Arts Group

Last Saturday at 10 am. All are welcome! Contact [Becky Eisenbise](#). Sponsored by the Nurture Commission.

Climate Crisis Action Committee

Thurs, Dec 3 at 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#).

Immigration Support Committee

Mon, Oct 19 at 7 pm, Zoom and rm 106. 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 6-12



- **October 18**—Oregon Dairy Corn Maze 1-4 pm, cost \$10
- **November 1**—Backyard Hangout and Camp Fire at the Haldeman's 5-7 pm
- **November 30**—Washington DC Service Project Day Trip
- **December 14**—X-Mas Party and Gift Exchange 5-7pm

ATLANTIC NORTHEAST (ANE) DISTRICT

5th Annual Older Adult Coffee House

Tues, Oct 20 from 2-3:30 pm, Lancaster CoB, 1601 Sunset Ave, Lancaster. You are invited for coffee, tea, cookies, and music by talented local singer Peggy Keller with friends from all over the district. No registration required.

Community Gifts: Discerning the Spirit Together



Sat, Oct 31 from 9 am-3 pm, Etown CoB Fellowship Hall. The Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center invites you to join **Josh Brockway**, Director of Discipleship and Identity for the Church of the Brethren, and **Stan Dueck**, Director of Discipleship Ministries for the ANE District for a **workshop** on Discerning Spiritual Gifts. In this workshop, we will explore the scriptures that outline the gifts of the Spirit, practice discernment together, and explore a new denominational resource for gifts discernment. A light lunch is included. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration. Registration Fee: \$55 (\$65 with .5 CEUs).

ETOWN COLLEGE

Leffler Lecture

Wed, Nov 4 at 7 pm, Leffler Chapel and Performance Center, Etown College. Liz Murray's lecture shares her remarkable journey from homelessness to Harvard, offering a powerful message about perseverance, personal responsibility, and the ability to overcome even the most difficult obstacles to create a life of purpose and possibility. For more details and to register, please click or scan the QR code provided.



EVERENCE EVENTS

Financial Planning

Wed, Oct 21 at 2 pm, webinar. In this webinar, you'll learn how Everence financial planning can provide you with a dedicated decision partner, helping you reach your financial goals and align your financial decisions with your faith and purpose. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



PARISH RESOURCE CENTER

Building Belonging

Sat, Oct 24 from 9 am-4 pm, Highland Presbyterian Church, 500 E Roseville Rd, Lancaster. Join PRC and other Lancaster County faith leaders for a day of exploring how our congregation can help address Lancaster County's housing challenges. Featuring keynote speaker John Cleghorn, author of *Building Belonging: The Church's Call to Build Community and House our Neighbors*. Click or scan the QR code to register. **Registration is free, but please register by Sat, Oct 17 to account for lunch orders!**



ECHOS

Emergency Shelter Volunteer Training

Sat, Nov 14 from 9 am-12 pm, ECHOS, 105 E Washington St, Etown. Click or scan the QR code to sign up for this training if you are interested in volunteering for the 2026-2027 shelter season.



ELIZABETH HUGHES SOCIETY

Illustrated Presentation

Mon, Oct 26 at 6:30 pm, St Paul's UMC, 398 N Locust St, Etown. Join Jean-Paul Benowitz from Etown College, for a presentation drawn from his book "William Wilbur Miller Barbour: A Faith Full Witness for Human Rights" accompanied by a documentary film about Barbour's human rights journey. This event is free and open to the public.

Worship Attendance

Sunday, October 11

In-Person: 136 Livestream: 45

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square—October 6-13

General Fund: \$4,073.50
Designated Gifts: \$244.00
Tenant R & S: \$5,324.81
CROP: \$35.00

Updating Your Voting Plan

Is your registration up-to-date since your last move? Have you made your voting plan? What about family members, older and younger? Non-partisan voter registration information will be available on **Sun, Oct 18** in Memorial Lobby.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Pizza w/Pastors—Dec 6
- Susquehanna Chorale—Dec 20
- The Longest Night Service—Dec 21
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service—Dec 24
- Church Board Retreat—Jan 16
- Racial Justice: Documentary—Jan 16
- PrimeTime Trivia—Jan 23
- Bus Trip: National Museum of African American History and Culture—Feb 6

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

COMMUNITY CORNER

Congratulations Lancaster Mennonite (LM) Girls Volleyball Team!

The Lancaster Mennonite Girls Volleyball team are the Lancaster-Lebanon League section 3 champions! **Moriah Kraenbring** plays defensive specialist for LM. The team will play in the Lancaster-Lebanon League Girls Volleyball Championship tournament next week and the upcoming PA Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) District 3 tournament.

STAFF OUT OF OFFICE

Naomi—Oct 15-19

Pastoral Team:

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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 **Lampeter CoB** congregation for the week of **October 18th.**

OCTOBER 18-31						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18 9:15 am Faith Formation 9:15 am Inquirers Class 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch 1 pm Biblical Studies Grp	19 6:45 pm Board Mtg 7 pm Immigration Mtg	20 10 am Women's Bible Study 2 pm ANE Older Adult Coffee House 6:30 pm Yoga	21 9:30 am Quilters 12 pm PrimeTime Lunch & Learn 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	22 10:30 am Chair Yoga 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal	23	24
25 9:15 am Faith Formation 9:15 am Inquirers Class 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Lunch Bunch 11:45 am Run For Peace Mtg 1 pm Biblical Studies Grp	26 7 pm Witness Mtg	27 10 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Nurture Mtg	28 9 am 125th Ann Mtg 9:30 am Quilters	29 10:30 am Chair Yoga 3 pm Brown Book Award Lecture, pt 1 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal 7 pm Brown Book Award Lecture, pt 2	30	31 9 am Community Gifts Workshop 10 am Knitting/Fiber Arts Grp (meet at the home of Karen Ziegler Ungemach)

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.