



Announcements & Upcoming Events

MAY 17-24, 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—May 17**
 - **Discovery Class, Introduction of Reparations** with Deborah Wilson Gadsden and Marty Kelley, 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.

- **May 17**—Potluck & Council Meeting
- **May 24**—Mangia Mangia

Church WiFi Network

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

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.



Etown CoB Fair Booth

Volunteer Sign-Up

We are seeking **25-30 enthusiastic volunteers** to assist at the Etown CoB booth during the Etown Fair this August. Your participation will help us make a positive impact on our community. If we do not gather enough interest this year, we will aim to try again next year. **Interested in making a difference?** Please sign up in Memorial Lobby on **Sunday, May 24**, or get in touch with **Damon Wagner Fields** for more information. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Drama Group

Organizational Meeting

Tues, May 26 at 7pm, via Zoom. Are you interested in being a part of the Drama Group? Performing small skits during worship once a month or so? All are welcome. Contact **Deborah Santiago** (717-917-4378 or djs4818@comcast.net) if you wish to join our Zoom organizational Meeting.

Highlights...

May is Food Collection Month—
May 1-31
Spring Church Council Mtg—May 17
Young Adult Conference—May 22-24
Newsletter Articles Due—June 15
Music For Everyone Community Chorus—June 19
Etown CoB Camp Swatara Weekend—
June 19-21
Father's Day—June 21

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 or speak with a Pastor.

Pizza With The Pastors

Sun, June 14, directly after worship in rm 102. All new-ish attenders are welcome for an informal time to connect with the pastors and get to know one another. **RSVP to the Church Office by June 12th** at info@etowncob.org or call 717-367-1000.

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, May 24, 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

Summer Break. This group will resume in the fall. All youth grades 6-12.

LGBTQ+ Working Group

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

Men's Coffee & Conversation

Tues, June 2 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

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.

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 Support Group

Thurs, June 4 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, June 15 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.

YOUTH EVENTS

Grades 5-12

- **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

Music for Everyone (MFE) Community Chorus

Fri, June 19 at 7 pm, Etown CoB Sanctuary. This is a **free** concert and 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!

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. 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.

ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT EVENTS

Tour and Hymn Sing

Sun, May 31 at 2 pm, Bucher Meeting House, 376 Schaeffer Rd, Lebanon. This public event will celebrate the historic meeting house and cemetery. The event includes building and cemetery tours that will begin at **2 pm**. Then an old-fashioned hymn sing led by **Bob Kettering** will begin at **3 pm**.

COMMUNITY PLACE ON WASHINGTON (CPOW)

Maintenance Volunteers Needed

CPOW is building a strong maintenance team with plumbing, painting, HVAC, electrical, handyman skills, and related roles to keep their buildings running smoothly. If you are interested in helping, contact the Campus Manager at cpowmanager@gmail.com or 223-216-1923.

EVERENCE EVENTS

Investing: Made Clear

Wed, May 20 at 2 pm, webinar. This webinar breaks down investing essentials in plain language. An Everence Certified Financial Planner will walk you through the different types of investments, how risk and reward work together, and key strategies like diversification and compounding. You'll also explore how your faith values can shape the way you invest. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



COMMUNITY CORNER

Elizabethtown Blues

Rugby Program Turns 10



The Elizabethtown Blues rugby program, now celebrating a decade, owes much of its success to members of the Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren. Run through the Rheems Athletic Association, the club has established a permanent home at Old Trolley Line Park and boasts a range of age-level teams. **Kenny Burke**, the head coach and commissioner, started the club with his family's involvement along with others in our congregation, including **Will and Jo Hershey, Greg and Karin Lazakovits, and Mandy and Connor Hileman**. All of their kids have played rugby with Rheems, as have the Burke kids, **Francis and James**. **Kenny and Paula Burke**, both former rugby players, inspired their sons and others in the community by establishing youth and high school teams to ensure a robust rugby presence. The club has grown significantly, attracting nearly **60 kids** for the spring season and achieving impressive results, including an undefeated high school season and state titles at various levels. The Burkes, along with other dedicated coaches and volunteers, continue to nurture the sport in Elizabethtown, aiming for sustained growth and fostering a love for rugby within the community. Etown CoB rugby players

Worship Attendance

Sunday, May 10

In-Person: 181 Livestream: 46

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square— May 5-11

General Fund: \$3,207.50
Designated Gifts: \$160.00
Tenant R & S: \$512.90
CROP: \$73.00

Hollinger's ACH—April 1-30

General Fund: \$3,494.00

Breeze ACH—April 1-30

General Fund: \$7,257.22
Designated Gifts: \$2,881.13
Pavilion Project: \$151.26

have included **Ryan Siler, Kai and Julia Lazakovits, Connor Hileman, Bre and Gavin Wertman, Julia Garber and Hanna and Ngaire Hershey**. Click [here](#) to view the LancasterOnline article.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Annual Conference—June 28-July 2
- Church Office Closed—July 3
- Special Church Council Mtg—July 12
- National Youth Conference Pre-Trip—July 12-17
- National Youth Conference—July 18-23
- Vacation Bible School—Aug 11-14
- Etown Fair—Aug 24-29
- Church Picnic—Aug 30

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

THANK YOU!

In times of need, it's people like Kay Luckenbill who truly make a difference. We are incredibly grateful for her willingness to step in as our Choir



Accompanist as we were looking for new staff. Her talent and dedication have not only enhanced our choir's performances but have also brought a sense of harmony and continuity to our program. We feel truly fortunate to have had her share her musical gifts with us during this time.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, May 25—Memorial Day

Pastoral Team:

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

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Support Staff:

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

Karen Deering, Pianist and Accompanist | karenleedeering@gmail.com

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Beth Dreyer-DeGoede, Choir Accompanist | bddegoede@gmail.com

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


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

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
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congregation for the week of
May 17th.

May 17-30

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
17 Spring Birding Trip 9:15 am Faith Formation 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Potluck & Spring Council Mtg 2 pm A Guide to Biblical Studies Grp 2 pm Governor Dick Hike & Ice Cream	18 Spring Birding Trip 7 pm LGBTQIA Working Grp Mtg	19 6:30 pm Yoga	20 9:30 am Quilters	21 Chair Yoga CANCELLED 6:15 pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal	22 Young Adult Conference	23 Young Adult Conference
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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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