



Announcements & Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 27-NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Worship Services

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

- **Oct 6 - Nov 10**—6 Principles of Kingian Nonviolence

Faith Formation Hour

Every Sunday from 9:15-10:15 am

- **Children & Youth Faith Formation**—Ages 0—12th grade
- **Adult Faith Formation**
October 27

— **Discovery Class**, Fletcher McClellan, Presentation on the State of Politics, rm 102

— **Bible Exploration** with David Leiter, rm 106

— **Young Adults**, Pastor Naomi's Study

— **Chalkboard Chat**, rm 110

— **Sip N' Chat**, Memorial Lobby

- **Inquirers Class**
Parlor

Lunch Bunch

All are welcome! Contact Suzanne Taylor with questions.

- **October 27**—Centerville Diner 2
- **November 3**—Love Feast

2025 Pledge Letters and Cards

Pledge letters and cards were mailed. Please return the cards



to the church office or fill out the electronic form (click or scan the QR code) by **Nov 1st**.

Hurricane Relief

Help fill Clean Up Buckets for Brethren Disaster Ministries warehouse. BDM has distributed over 3,000 clean up buckets for hurricane relief efforts. Help to restock! Click or scan the QR codes to learn more.



LGBTQIA Book Club

Wed, Oct 30 @ 7 pm, Etown CoB parlor. In celebration of LGBTQ History month, we will be reading two short articles “How the Nazi Regime’s Pink Triangle Symbol Was Repurposed for LGBTQ Pride” and “A Brief History of the Rainbow Flag.” These articles will then be discussed during our time together. Please sign up to receive the articles in the narthex on **Sundays Oct 20 & 27** or contact the church office.

Special Love Feast

Sun, Nov 3, Etown CoB fellowship hall. This Special Love Feast will have an Election Day preparation focus. Join us in-person or via livestream for this special service that will begin during morning worship in the sanctuary and then move to the Fellowship Hall for feetwashing, a fellowship meal, and a time of communion. Deb Ziegler is in need of help before and after this event. Please contact Deb at 717-575-4637 or debzotr@hotmail.com if you are able to help.

Highlights...

- LGBTQIA Book Club—Oct 30
- Special Love Feast—Nov 3
- Fall Council Meeting & Potluck—Nov 17
- Holiday Celebration—Nov 23
- Remembrance Sunday—Nov 24
- SERRV Items Sale—Nov 24, Dec 1 & 8
- Community Thanksgiving Eve Service—Nov 27
- Reception of New Members—Dec 8
- Candlelight Christmas Concert—Dec 13
- Christmas Memories—Dec 14
- The Longest Night Service—Dec 21

Fall Church Council Meeting & Potluck

Sun, Nov 17, after worship. All are welcome to join during this time as the church body gathers to go over corporate business. After worship we will gather in Fellowship Hall to enjoy a potluck lunch and then commence with the council meeting. Commission reports are **due Wed, Oct 30**, send to info@etowncob.org. Packets will be available by **Sun, Nov 10**. A Zoom option will be available. An email with a Zoom link will be sent the morning of **Nov 17 at 10 am**.

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."

Men's Coffee & Conversation

Tues, Nov 5 @ 8 am, Garman's home. 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 @ 10 am, Zoom. Topics vary. Contact [JulieAnn Keith](#) or [Chris Bucher](#) with questions.

Yoga

Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm, rm 101. Contact [Peggy Shaffer](#) with questions.

**CANCELLED
OCT 29**

Quilters

Wednesdays @ 9:30 am, rm 230
Quilting Coordinator: Peg Over
Contact the [church office](#) with questions.

Racial Justice Working Group

2nd Wednesday @ 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [JulieAnn Keith](#) with questions.

LGBTQ+ Working Group

3rd Thursday @ 7pm, Zoom. Contact [Rose Baer](#) with questions.

Memory Loss/Caregivers

Support Group

Thur, Nov 7 @ 9:30 am, parlor & Zoom.
Contact [Barb Sweigart](#) with questions.

Chair Yoga

Thursdays @ 10:30 am,
rm 101. Contact [Peggy Shaffer](#) with questions.

**CANCELLED
OCT 31**

Memorial Bell Rehearsal

Thursdays @ 6:15 pm, choir rm. Contact [Ron Bellamy](#) with questions.

Prism Youth Group

Fridays @ 6:30 pm, Youth Room 108. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome! Gatherings are open to everyone—regardless of gender identity or church affiliation. Volunteers, click or scan QR code to sign up.



Knitting/Fiber Arts Group

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

Climate Crisis Action Committee

TBD @ 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for info.

Immigration Support Group

Tues, Oct 29 @ 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for info.

Holiday Celebration

Sat, Nov 23, 10 am-2 pm, Etown CoB fellowship hall. All are welcome to this family-friendly event with silent auction items, FREE gently used clothing & housewares, bake sale and FOOD! Children's activities include a balloon artist, Secret Santa shop, crafts, playing bells and a photo booth.

The Holiday Celebration Committee is looking for volunteers to help the week



before the event and day of. They are also in need of donated items such as, baked goods, hand-crafted items, gently used clothing and housewares, Secret Santa items, etc. Please contact Sandy Brubaker, Karen Ungemach or Peggy Shaffer with questions. Click or scan the QR code for details or to sign-up.



Donation

SERRV Sale

Sun, Nov 24, Dec 1 & 8, memorial lobby. Karen Ungemach will have a SERRV

Jr/Sr High Youth Events

- **Nov 22-24**—Weekend District Service Project, Washington DC, RSVP to Pastor Jason
- **Dec 1**—1st Sunday Hangout
- **Dec 2**—Service Project, Washington DC, RSVP to Pastor Jason
- **Dec 15**—Christmas Party

table available with items to purchase for the holiday season.

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wed, Nov 27 @ 7 pm, Christ UCC. All are welcome to join with Elizabethtown community members from other congregations for this ecumenical service. Pastor Naomi will be giving the message.

Candlelight Christmas Concert

Fri, Dec 13 @ 7:30 pm, Etown CoB sanctuary. Come and enjoy Susquehanna Chorale's Annual Candlelight Christmas Concert. Seating is limited so pre-purchase your tickets by clicking or scanning the QR code before **3 pm on Dec 13**. Ticket purchases will also be available at the door.



Christmas Memories

Sat, Dec 14 @ 6:30 pm, Etown CoB fellowship hall. Join us as we focus this year on Christmas past, present and future. An evening for sharing our Christmas stories, traditions and refreshments. Sponsored by PrimeTime

The Longest Night Service

Sat, Dec 21 @ 6 pm, Etown CoB sanctuary. The Winter Solstice is the longest night of the year. With the shortest amount of daylight, this day, close to Christmas, is

a good reminder that there are those who struggle to find the light in this season of joy. For anyone who has suffered loss or grief, or for whom Christmastime is challenging or complicated. This simple service provides space for those who enter this season with sorrows or burdens, a time to light candles, to reflect on the light that shines in the darkness, and to find hope that endures through times of struggle.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Tiny Retreat

A tiny retreat is a chance to take a break from the day and, just for a moment, lay down all you are carrying. Retreat to a sacred space of beauty, scripture, and meditation. Be blessed. Click or scan the QR code to sign up to receive email notifications for weekly Tiny Retreats.



2025 BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRY TRIP

May 17-24, location is to be determined. Save the Date! Only 15 spots are available. Those who are interested in joining please contact Deb and Dale Ziegler.

ETOWN COLLEGE

SNOWDEN LECTURE:

Open to the Spirit: On Writing a New History of the Brethren in Christ Church in the 20th Century

Tues, Nov 19 @ 7 pm, Bucher Meeting-house. Devin Manzullo-Thomas will discuss his forthcoming book, *Open to the Spirit*, and the opportunities provided by centering women, racial and ethnic minorities, politics, economics, and related matters in telling a

richer and more robust story of the Brethren in Christ community in the United States and Canada. <https://www.etown.edu/centers/young-center/events.aspx>

VENTURES IN CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Understanding Grief to Find Hope and Healing

Tues, Nov 19 & 26, 7:00-8:30 pm, Central Time. Presented by Chris Whitacre and Kathy Reid. The course will be held online in two sessions. Continuing education credit is available for \$10. To learn more and to register, visit <https://www.mcpherson.edu/ventures/>.

ECHOS

Etown Emergency Shelter Volunteer Training

Volunteers needed for evening, overnight, morning, meals, and cleaning shifts.

- **New Volunteer Training—Nov 6, 6-8 pm**, ECHOS, 105 E Washington St, Etown
- **Returning Volunteers—Nov 7, 6-8 pm**, ECHOS, 105 E Washington St, Etown

Questions? Contact Carrie Stricker at volunteer@echoslancaester.org or call 717-361-0740.

PA INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT (IPL)

PA IPL's 2024 Faithful Voter Reflection Guides

These guides are available in the literature racks in the narthex area outside of the sanctuary. You are welcome to take one. A digital copy is available: <https://action.interfaithpowerandlight.org/vg24english>

Worship Attendance

Sunday, October 20

In-Person: 195 Livestream: 29

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square— October 15-21

General Fund: \$4,231.00

Designated Gifts: \$14.00

CROP: \$248.28

Tenant R & S: \$1,180.00

PARISH RESOURCE CENTER

Learning Opportunities

PRC has a variety of topics of interest and with Etown CoB's membership our congregation qualifies for discounted pricing for all of their seminars and webinars.

Click or scan the QR code for details and registration or call 717-299-1113.



Learning Opportunities

Partner With Us meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Click on the title for details.

Refugee Welcome Collective Lunch and Learn meets several times a month.

Click on the title for details.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Church Board Retreat—TBD
- Lunch & Learn w/Jean-Paul Benowitz—Feb 26
- Ash Wednesday—Mar 5
- Lent Begins—Mar 9
- Palm Sunday—Apr 13
- Easter Sunday—Apr 20

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

ETOWN COB COMMUNITY CORNER

Thank You Letter from CWS

Thank you for your support! - Jeremy R.
Thank you for your support! - Anthony M.
Thank you for your support! - Anthony M.
Thank you for continuous support in helping us welcome new comers. - ebenezer
Thank you we appreciate everything and look forward to more - Monar Mega
Thank you for your support! - Jeremy R.
Thank you for your support! - Anthony M.
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Dear Friends at Elizabethan CoB,
We want to send a special thanks for your ongoing quarterly donations to CWS Lancaster. As you know, these funds are used to truly help change the lives of refugees resettling here. Because of partners like you, they receive a warm welcome and much needed funds to make a smoother transition.
Thank you, Penny Eschler

Please join us in praying for the
Harrisburg First CoB
congregation for the week of
October 27th.

Church Office Holidays:

Nov 28 & 29—Thanksgiving Break

Dec 24 & 25—Christmas Break

Dec 31—Closing at 12:30 pm - New Year's Eve

Jan 1—Closed - New Year's Day

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.

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Amy Zimmerman, Facilities Manager
amy@etowncob.org | 717-367-1000 ext. 6 | Mon-Fri, 8 am—3 pm

CALENDAR

Sunday, Oct 27

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am

Adult Inquirers Class @ 9:15 am, parlor

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am, Centerville Diner 2

Book Discussion with Pastor Naomi @ 1 pm, Zoom

Tuesday, Oct 29

Women's Bible Study @ 10 am, Zoom

Immigration Support Committee Mtg @ 7 pm, Zoom

Wednesday, Oct 30

Quilters @ 9:30 am, rm 230

Choir Practice @ 7 pm, choir rm

LGBTQIA Book Club @ 7 pm, parlor

Thursday, Oct 31

Memorial Bell Rehearsal @ 6:15 pm, choir rm

Friday, Nov 1

Prism @ 6:30 pm, rm 108

Sunday, Nov 3

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am

Adult Inquirers Class @ 9:15 am, parlor

Love Feast @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Book Discussion with Pastor Naomi @ 1 pm, Zoom

Monday, Nov 4

Church Board Mtg @ 6:45 pm, rm 102 & Zoom

Christian Ed Commission Mtg @ 7 pm, Pastor Jason's Study

Resources Commission Mtg @ 7 pm, rm 108

Tuesday, Nov 5

Men's Coffee & Conversation @ 8 am, Barry & Sandy Garman's Home

Women's Bible Study @ 10 am, Zoom

Wednesday, Nov 6

Quilters @ 9:30 am, rm 230

Choir Practice @ 7 pm, choir rm