



# Announcements & Upcoming Events

**MARCH 9-16, 2025**

## Worship Services

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

- **March 9-April 20**—Lent Series: Everything in Between

Please visit [sanctifiedart.org](#) to learn more about the visuals and some worship elements used for Lent.

## Faith Formation Hour

Every Sunday from 9:15-10:15 am

- **Children & Youth Faith Formation**—Ages 0–12th grade
- **Adult Faith Formation** March 9

— **Discovery Class**, “Faith on the Margins” - a Work of the People Video, Presentation and Discussion, rm 102 & Zoom

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

— **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.

- **March 9**—Lucky Ducks
- **March 16**—TJ Rockwell’s

## Food Drive

Etown CoB is collecting for Community Cupboard through the month of March. A table for donations will be in the narthex along with a list of most needed items. Click or scan the QR code to order from the Amazon list.



## Lenten Devotionals

*Take Up Your Cross* is now available **FREE** in Memorial Lobby, Church Office or Sanctuary. You can also order a paper or pdf copy at [brethrenpress.com](#) for \$4.50.

## Calling All Graduates!

On **Sun, May 4th** we would like to honor and recognize all high school graduates, college graduates, post-grad certifications, PHD’s, etc... If you are graduating we would like to share in your celebration by recognizing your accomplishment. Please provide a picture and your graduation info to the church office ([info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org)) by **April 16th** for publication in the newsletter.

## Affinity Group Mtg & Meal

**March 9 @ 11:45 am**, Fellowship Hall. The meal being served will be vegetarian chili. This group is a welcoming and inclusive community centered around sharing meals as a way to foster connection, support and belonging. Designed as a safe space for marginalized individuals and their allies. Sponsored by the LGBTQ+ Working Group.

## Highlights...

Spring Forward!—Mar 9

Lent Begins—Mar 9

Affinity Group—Mar 9

Women’s Spring Fellowship—Mar 15

Music for Everyone Concert—Mar 15

Lenten Home Gatherings—March 16-April 6

LGBTQIA Book Club—March 24

Chicken BBQ—April 5

Handbell Festival Public Concert—April 5

Graduate Info Due—April 16

Family Camping—June 13-15

## Music For Everyone!

**Sat, March 15 @ 7 pm**, sanctuary.

This is a free concert, open to the public. The concert will include national and international folk music, with themes of peace and social justice. A concert for all ages!

## Lenten Home Groups

We are excited for our Lenten Home Groups to begin on **Sunday March 16th!** These small and intimate in-home gatherings provide an opportunity to get to know others in the congregation. For four weeks the Lenten Home Groups will gather together for a simple meal, fellowship and conversation around the table. A virtual Zoom “Lenten Zoom Gathering” group will also be meeting

## 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, Apr 1 @ 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.

### Quilters

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

### Memory Loss/Caregivers Support Group

**Thur, Apr 3 @ 9:30 am**, parlor & Zoom.  
Contact [Barb Sweigart](#) with questions.

### Chair Yoga

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

### Memorial Bell Rehearsal

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

### LGBTQ+ Working Group

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

### Prism Youth Group

**Fridays @ 6:30 pm**, Youth Room 108. All youth grades 6-12. 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

**Thurs, May 1 @ 7 pm**, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for info.

### Immigration Support Group

**Mon, Mar 24 @ 7 pm**, 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. Please RSVP by signing up in the narthex area or with Pastor Jason!

### LGBTQIA Book Club

**Mon, Mar 24 @ 6:30 pm**, parlor. The group will discuss the last half of the book *Tomorrow Will Be Different* by Sarah McBride. If you would like to join in the discussion. Read chapter 8 through the end. Click or scan the QR code to purchase the book.



### Handbell Festival Public Concert

**Sat, April 5 at 6 pm**, St Joseph Catholic School, 420 E Simpson St, Mechanicsburg. All are welcome to enjoy this festival closing concert. Etown CoB Memorial Bell members will be attending the all-day festival before the concert begins.

## Jr/Sr High Youth Events

### Grades 6-12

- **Mar 15-16**—Camp Swatara One Night Retreat

### Grades 6-8

- **June 20-22**—National Youth Junior High Conference

### Grades 9-12

- **July 18-23, 2026**—National Youth Conference

## Chicken BBQ 2025

**Sat, April 5, 3-5 pm**, Etown CoB. All proceeds benefit The Haiti Medical Project and CCEPI. No need to purchase a ticket. The meal is by donation and includes half a chicken, baked potato, baked beans, pepper slaw, roll, applesauce and cookies. Pick up meals between 3-5 pm or until sold out under the portico.

## Annual Family Camping Weekend

**June 13-15**, Camp Swatara. We have cabins reserved for Father's Day weekend. A limited number of cabins are reserved and will be first come first serve. Small cabin - \$160, sleeps 5; the large cabin - \$180, sleeps 9. RSVP's and any questions, contact Pastor Jason at [jason@etowncob.org](mailto:jason@etowncob.org).

## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

### National Interfaith Vigil and Day of Action

**Tues, March 11 @ 1 pm**, Washington, DC or Zoom. Join us in praying for and with our migrant neighbors, and calling on our members of Congress to protect their rights with humane



policies and adequate funding. The first vigil will start at 1:00 pm ET. Please RSVP by clicking or scanning the QR code. Contact Susie & Damon Wagner Fields if you are interested in carpooling.

## Christian Citizenship Seminar (CCS)

**April 5-9**, Washington DC. The theme for this year is Faith for Change. **Cost is \$525.** Click or scan the QR code for details and registration or contact Becky Naugle at 847-429-4385 or [bullom-naugle@brethren.org](mailto:bullom-naugle@brethren.org).



## National Jr High Conference

**June 20-22**, Juniata College, PA. Junior High youth (completed grades 6 - 8) and their adult advisors are invited to this weekend of faith formation, friendship, and fun! Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



## BRETHREN MENNONITE COUNCIL

### Fabulous Fierce & Sacred

**May 2-4, 2025**, West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship and Germantown Mennonite Church, cohosted with Ambler CoB. This retreat is led by and for LGBTQIA+ Anabaptists to celebrate queer & trans joy and belonging. This retreat is open to all ages. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



## PARISH RESOURCE CENTER (PRC)

### How to Talk about LGBTQ Topics with Kids

**Thurs, March 13 @ 7 pm**, online only. The Etown



CoB LGBTQ+ Working Group encourages everyone to take part in the workshop, teachers, parents, and grandparents. Cost is \$13 per person since Etown CoB holds a PRC membership. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.

## Immigration Legal Service Clinic

Parish Resource Center will host weekly evening legal clinics to support immigrants who are fighting against deportation. New volunteer orientation training will be held monthly. The next volunteer trainings will be **Sat, March 15th and Sat, April 19th** from 9-10:30 am at Parish Resource Center, 2160 Lincoln Hwy E #18, Lancaster. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



## PRC's Housewares Pantry

PRC is in need of gently used or new housewares. Click or scan the QR code for most needed items. Donations can be dropped off at 2160 Lincoln Highway E #18, Lancaster.



## ETOWN COLLEGE

### Young Center Events

- **Now-May 16, High Library Idea Lab** is hosting an exhibit *Preserving the Stories of Etown Students and Alumni of Color*.
- **Thurs, March 20 @ 6 pm**, Susquehanna Room of Myer Hall. The **Annual Young Center Banquet**. A reception for Durnbaugh Lecturer John D. Roth begins at 5:30 pm.
- **Thurs, March 20 @ 7 pm**, Susquehanna Room of Myer Hall. In this **Durnbaugh Lecture**, John D. Roth



## Worship Attendance

### Sunday, March 2

In-Person: 197      Livestream: 55

## Gifts Given

### Cash, Checks & Square—February 25-March 3

General Fund: \$29,841.50  
Tenant R & S: \$4,914.00  
CROP: \$219.00

### Hollinger's ACH—February 1-28

General Fund: \$3,942.00

### Breeze ACH—February 1-28

General Fund: \$6,804.66  
Designated Gifts: \$4,190.60  
Capital Campaign: \$505.30  
CROP: \$71.22

examines the question, What is the role of the Bible today among the heirs of the Anabaptist and Pietist traditions? Copies of the *Anabaptist Community Bible* will be available for sale at the lecture.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Christian Citizenship Seminar—Apr 5-9
- Palm Sunday—Apr 13
- New Member Reception—Apr 13
- The Mistake: A Theatrical Production—April 15
- Love Feast—April 17
- Easter Sunday—Apr 20
- New & Renew Conference—May 14-16
- Concert—May 16
- Spring Council Mtg—June 1
- CoB Annual Conference—July 2-6

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

## COMMUNITY CORNER

### Senior Breaks Etown High School Swim Record!

Julia Garber broke a 22-year-old Elizabethtown High School record in the 100-meter butterfly at the PIAA District 3 Girls 3A Championship! According to the Elizabethtown Aquatic Club FB page, she was under a minute, with a time of 59.73 seconds. Congratulations, Julia!

### Job Well Done!

We would like to congratulate the participants in last weekend's musical performance of Little Women at Lancaster Mennonite High School: Landon Nyveldt (cast), Dakoda Kraenbring (stage crew), and Micah Bidgood Enders was one of the professional musicians in the orchestra.

Please join us in praying for the  
**Drexel Hill CoB**  
congregation for the week of  
**March 9th**

### Church Office Holidays:

Apr 18—Closed - Good Friday

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](mailto: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.

### Pastoral Team:

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## MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9 Inquirers Class Faith Formation Worship LGBTQIA Affinity Support Grp Lunch Bunch	10 Church Board Mtg	11 Women's Bible Study Yoga	12 Quilters	13 Chair Yoga Memorial Bell Rehearsal	14 Prime Time Mtg Prism	15 Women's Spring Fellowship Youth Retreat Music for Everyone Concert
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