



# Announcements & Upcoming Events

**MARCH 23-30, 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 23**
  - **Discovery Class**, Tim Courtright, Exec. Director at Camp Swatara, 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 23**—Mangia Mangia
- **March 30**—Amato's Pizza

## 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.

## Calling All Graduates!

We would like to honor and recognize all high school graduates, college graduates, post-grad certifications, PHD's, etc on **Sunday, May 25**. Please provide a picture and your graduation info to the church office ([info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org)) by **April 14th** for publication in the newsletter.

## Special Church Council Meeting

**Sun, Mar 30, directly after worship, sanctuary & Zoom.** The primary purpose for this meeting is to affirm Amy Karr as Board Chair Elect. The meeting agenda will be available by email and print copies available at the back of the sanctuary. Please join us for this important meeting.

## Reception of New Members

**Sun, Apr 13** during worship. If you have participated in an Inquirers Class and are interested in being received as a new member by reaffirmation of faith, letter of transfer or by baptism, please contact the church office or speak with a pastor by **March 31**.

## Anabaptist Community Bible

The church office has extra Anabaptist Community Bibles for sale. We have 5 soft touch and 7 hardcover Bibles. The price for the soft

## Highlights...

- LGBTQIA Book Club—March 24
- Special Church Council Meeting—March 30
- Chicken BBQ—April 5
- Handbell Festival Public Concert—April 5
- Christian Citizenship Seminar—April 5-9
- Affinity Group Potluck—April 6
- Palm Sunday—April 13
- New Member Reception—April 13
- Graduate Info Due—April 14
- Newsletter Articles Due—April 14
- The Mistake: A Theatrical Production—April 15
- Love Feast—April 17
- Easter Sunday Service & Activities—April 20

touch is \$55.99 and the hardcover cost is \$43.99, this is a discounted price from the cost at Brethren Press. If you are interested please contact the church office.

## 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 the discussion, read chapter 8 through the end. Click or scan the QR code to purchase the book.

## 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

**Thurs, Apr 3 @ 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.

## Children's Palm Sunday Song Practice

**Sun, Mar 30 & Apr 6 @ 10:10-10:25 am**. Children in grades K-4 will practice in the Blaze room. Children ages 2 - 5 years will learn the song in the Shine class and are welcome to participate during the Palm Sunday service. All children interested in singing during worship are invited to a rehearsal with the adult choir at **9 am on Palm Sunday**,

**April 13**. Questions? Contact Lynne Hockley (717) 468-2632.

## 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

## Jr/Sr High Youth Events

### Grades 6-12

- **April 6**—First Sunday Hangout

### Grades 6-8

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

### Grades 9-12

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

meals between 3-5 pm or until sold out under the portico.

## 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.

## Affinity Group Potluck

**April 6 @ 5:30 pm**, Fellowship Hall. The Affinity Group is a welcoming space for LGBTQ+ adults and their allies. You are not required to bring a food item to attend. Sponsored by the LGBTQ+ Working Group. Click or scan the QR code to sign-up for the potluck.



## Annual Family Camping Weekend

**June 13-15**, Camp Swatara. We have cabins reserved for Father's Day weekend. Three large cabins are left, \$180, sleeps 9. RSVP's and any questions, contact Pastor Jason at [jason@etowncob.org](mailto:jason@etowncob.org).

## SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES NETWORK (SCN)

### SCN Training

Tues, March 25 @ 1 pm

via Zoom. Harnessing Our Power to End Political Violence is a workshop on how to interrupt political violence towards LGBTQIA+ and other marginalized groups. This training is FREE. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

### 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 [bullomnaugle@brethren.org](mailto:bullomnaugle@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)

### Immigration Legal Service Clinic

PRC will host weekly evening clinics to support immigrants who are fighting against deportation. New volunteer training will be held on **Sat, April 19 from 9-10:30 am** at PRC, 2160 Lincoln Hwy E #18, Lancaster. Click or scan 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, April 3 @ 7 pm**, Bucher Meetinghouse. **Brown Book Award Lecture: Debating Sustainability.** Guest speaker Royden Loewen, will consider transnational flows of agricultural knowledge and sustainability. Copies of *Mennonite Farmers* will be available for sale and signing after the lecture.
- **Tues, April 15 @ 7 pm**, Bucher Meetinghouse. **Kreider Lecture: Negotiating the Kingdoms.** Corey Colyer's lecture will explore how different



### Worship Attendance

Sunday, March 16

In-Person: 198 Livestream: 54

### Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square—  
March 11-17

General Fund: \$3,209.00

Tenant R & S: \$462.99

CROP: \$170.27

Anabaptist affiliations approach ongoing clashes between state authorities and Plain communities in modern America.

Click or scan the QR code for details of these events.

### Lecture Series

- **Thurs, Apr 10 @ 7 pm**, Leffler Chapel. **Ware Lecture** on Peacemaking with human rights activist and recipient of the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize, Nadia Murad.



Click or scan the QR code for details.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- New & Renew Conference—May 14-16
- Ron Bellamy & Linda Lorgus Concert—May 16
- Spring Council Mtg—June 1
- Family Camping Wkd—June 13-15
- 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

### Fellowship Garden Plots

Fellowship Garden plots will soon be ready. Contact Lowell West (717-361-5615) if you are interested in selecting a garden plot to plant, maintain, and harvest this planting season, alongside garden plots of other community members.



### You are Invited!

You are invited to share with the office staff ideas for local and community highlights that feature participants in our congregation. Please submit items to share by 12 noon on Wednesdays to [info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org). Photos are welcome.

Please join us in praying for the  
**Indian Creek CoB**  
congregation for the week of  
**March 23rd**

### Church Office Holidays:

Apr 18—Closed - Good Friday

Event **Packets** can be found under “Forms” on the church [website](http://www.etowncob.org) 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
23 Inquirers Class Faith Formation Worship Lunch Bunch	24 Immigration Support Comm Mtg	25 Women's Bible Study Yoga	26 Quilters	27 Chair Yoga Memorial Bell Rehearsal LGBTQIA+ Working Grp Mtg	28 Prism	29 Knitting/Fiber Arts Grp
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6 Faith Formation Worship 1st Sunday Hangout Lunch Bunch Affinity Grp Potluck	7 Resources Comm. Mtg C. E. Comm. Mtg Witness Comm. Mtg	8 Women's Bible Study Yoga	9 Quilters Choir Rehearsals	10 Chair Yoga Memorial Bell Rehearsal	11 Prime Time Mtg Prism	12