



Announcements & Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 6-13, 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 6**
 - **Discovery Class**, Sara Haldeman Scarr speaks to the class about Kingian Nonviolence, rm 102
 - **Bible Exploration** with David Leiter, rm 106
 - **Young Adults**, Parlor
 - **Chalkboard Chat**, rm 110
 - **Sip N' Chat**, Memorial Lobby

Lunch Bunch

All are welcome! Contact Suzanne Taylor with questions.

- **October 6**—Church Potluck
- **October 13**—Amato's Pizza

Potluck Luncheon

Sun, Oct 6, after worship. All are welcome to join us for a time of food and fellowship. Please feel free to bring a hot or cold dish, desserts, etc. to share.

Inquirers Class

If you would like to learn more about this congregation and discern whether church membership is right for you, please join us for the next Inquirers Class series, on Sunday mornings during the Faith Formation hour from **Oct 13 through Nov 24**. You may be new to the congregation or have been attending for some time and have not yet become a member. For those who decide to join the congregation, we will receive new members on **Dec 8th**.

Voter Registration Opportunity

Sun, Oct 6 & 13. There will be a table in Memorial Lobby with information and forms for voter registration. If you have been delaying this important task, we may be able to help you get this done! October 16 is the deadline to register to vote, or to update your information. Contact 1-877-VOTESPA (1-877-868-3772), www.pa.gov or www.vote411.org to get voting-related questions answered.

Hurricane Helene Relief

As media report that the death toll from Hurricane Helene has topped 200 — with more than half of the deaths in western North Carolina — Brethren Disaster Ministries and Children's Disaster Services (CDS) have begun active responses to aid survivors of the storm and its aftermath. For information about how you can help, visit: <https://www.brethren.org/news/2024/how-you-can-help/>

Highlights...

- Potluck Luncheon—Oct 6
- Voter Registration Opportunity—Oct 6 & 13
- ANE District Conference—Oct 11-12
- Nov/Dec Newsletter Articles—Due Oct 14
- ANE Older Adult Coffee House—Oct 15
- Inquirers Class—Oct 13-Nov 24
- Stroopies Tour—Oct 25
- Guess Who's Coming to Dinner—Oct 26

Nov-Dec Newsletter

Articles for the upcoming Nov/Dec *Along the Way* Newsletter are due **Mon, Oct 14**. Please send all articles to info@etowncob.org.

2025 Pledge Letters and Cards

Pledge letters and cards were mailed earlier this week. Please return the cards to the church office or fill out the electronic form (click or scan the QR code) by **November 1st**.



ATTENTION ALL GROUPS!

Please consider taking a group photo and submit to the church office to be placed in the Pictorial Directory. Also, if you attend an event, consider taking photos and submit those to the church office. Please label with the activity or group name and if possible, list the people from left to right who are in the

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, Garmans' 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.

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, Oct 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.

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.

<https://etowncob.my.canva.site/pictorial-directory-2025>.

Stroopies Tour, Lancaster Sweet Shoppe & Southern Market

Fri, Oct 25 @ 9 am, Etown CoB parking lot. Join us to learn about Stroopies and their story of a company that provides meaningful employment to resettle refugee women in Lancaster. Space is



photo. There's still time to get your photo to the church office by **Oct 16. Final Call!**

Extended! Pictorial Directory Submissions

If you take a photo on your own, please note that high-resolution, horizontal photos work best. Click or scan the QR code for instructions and information on how to participate! Or visit



Jr/Sr High Youth Events

- **Oct 6**—Potluck Luncheon
- **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

limited to 20 people. Sign-ups have begun in Memorial Lobby. Contact Gina Strouse or the church office with questions. Click or scan the QR code for info.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Sat, Oct 26 @ 5:30 pm, locations vary. All are welcome to join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Hosts will provide a main dish, and guests will provide a dessert, salad, or vegetable. Sign-ups have begun in Memorial Lobby. Contact Gina Strouse or the church office with questions.



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.

Upcoming Holiday Celebration

The Holiday Celebration Committee is looking for people to donate baked goods and hand-crafted items to sell or auction off

during this event on **Sat, Nov 23**. Please contact Sandy Brubaker, Karen Ungemach or Peggy Shaffer if you are able to donate items.

ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Older Adult Coffee House

Tues, Oct 15, 2-3:30 pm, Lancaster CoB. Savor coffee, tea and cookies and enjoy a special presentation *A Celebration of Music: Handbells* featuring Ron Bellamy. This event is FREE and NO registration required.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

CROP Hunger Walk

Sun, Oct 20 @ 1:30 pm, Christ Lutheran Church, Etown.



No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the Elizabethtown CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a gathering of people in a place. Be a part of a movement, taking steps and raising funds to provide meals for those in our own community and supporting programs that create greater food security in communities all around the world. Click or scan the QR code to register.

ETOWN COLLEGE

CONCERT: Celebrating the Music of Ephrata with Ephrata Cloister Chorus

Mon, Oct 21 @ 7 pm, Leffler Chapel and Performance Center. Featuring Ephrata Cloister Chorus and will also include music composed at the Lititz Moravian community; selections from the Shaker community of Mt. Lebanon, New York; music of William Billings; African American Spiritual hymnody; and several contemporary sacred anthems. For

more information visit <https://www.etown.edu/centers/young-center/events.aspx>.

LEFFLER LECTURE: The Green Path Ahead: Indigenous Teachings for the Next Economy

Thurs, Oct 24 @ 7 pm, Leffler Chapel. Winona LaDuke is an economist, environmentalist, and writer known for her work on tribal land claims and preservation and commitment to sustainability. A two-time U.S. vice president candidate for the Green Party, she has drawn upon her work as a global leader and activist on culturally-based sustainable development strategies, renewable energy, water, and sustainable food systems. LaDuke will share her vision for a transition, one that is equitable and just for everyone, including Mother Earth. <https://www.etown.edu/offices/president/lecture-series.aspx>.

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>

EVERENCE

Free Medicare Workshop

Thurs, Oct 10 @ 6:30 pm, Neffsville Mennonite Church. Click or scan the QR code to register or call 717-653-6662.



Worship Attendance

Sunday, September 29

In-Person: 180 Livestream: 46

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square— September 24-30

General Fund: \$27,535.00

Designated Gifts: \$145.00

CROP: \$134.00

Tenant R & S: \$1,045.90

BRETHREN HOUSING ASSOCIATION (BHA)

Little Black Dress Soiree

Thurs, Oct 10 @ 5:30 pm,

Historic King Mansion, Harrisburg. Enjoy food, fellowship and raise money to support single parent families experiencing homelessness in our community. Click or scan the QR code for tickets.



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.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Love Feast—Nov 3
- Fall Church Council Mtg—Nov 17
- Holiday Celebration—Nov 23
- Remembrance Sunday—Nov 24
- SERRV Items Sale—Nov 24, Dec 1 & 8
- Susquehanna Chorale—Dec 13
- Christmas Memories—Dec 14

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

ETOWN COB COMMUNITY CORNER

SOLD! Disaster Relief Auction



Quilt made by our quilters group recently sold at the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction held Sept 27 & 28 for \$700.

STAFF VACATIONS

Crystal—Sept 21-Oct 6, office hours 9 am-4:30 pm during this time.

Please join us in praying for the
Nuevo Amanecer CoB
congregation for the week of
October 6th.

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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CALENDAR

Sunday, Oct 6

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am
Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream
Potluck Lunch @ 11:45 am, Fellowship Hall
Kingian Nonviolence Training Weekend @ 1 pm, Fellowship Hall
Book Discussion with Pastor Naomi @ 6 pm, Zoom

Monday, Oct 7

Christian Ed Commission Mtg @ 7 pm, Pastor Jason's Study
Resources Commission Mtg @ 7 pm, rm 108

Tuesday, Oct 8

Women's Bible Study @ 10 am, Zoom
Yoga @ 6:30 pm, rm 101

Wednesday, Oct 9

Quilters @ 9:30 am, rm 230
Choir Practice @ 7 pm, choir rm
Racial Justice Working Group Mtg @ 7 pm, Zoom

Thursday, Oct 10

Chair Yoga @ 10:30 am, rm 101
Memorial Bell Rehearsal @ 6:15 pm, choir rm

Friday, Oct 11

ANE District Conference Seminar @ 4 pm, Mountville CoB
ANE District Conference Worship @ 7 pm, Mountville CoB

Saturday, Oct 12

ANE District Conference @ Elizabethtown College

Sunday, Oct 13

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am
Adult Inquirers Class @ 9:15 am
Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream
Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am, Amato's Pizzeria
Book Discussion with Pastor Naomi @ 1 pm, Zoom

Monday, Oct 14

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