



Announcements & Upcoming Events

JULY 21-28, 2024

Worship Services

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

- **June 2-Aug 25**—Named and Unnamed
- Our 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

All classes are on summer break. Nursery and SHINE will be available during worship. Kids' Club will continue to dismiss during worship after Children's Time. Classes will resume as normal on **August 25th**.

Lunch Bunch

All are welcome! Contact Suzanne Taylor with questions.

- **July 21**—Lucky Ducks
- **July 28**—TJ Rockwell's

New Youth Group - Prism

Fridays @ 6:30 pm, Youth Room 108. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome! Our gatherings are open to everyone—regardless of gender identity or church affiliation—because we believe God's love is fully inclusive. This will be a relaxed space for kids to hang out, play games, make crafts, and enjoy snacks in a safe and affirming environment. Come be a part of our community!

Etown CoB Pictorial Directory



We are excited to announce that we are creating a **NEW Pictorial Directory** that will be released at the end of the year! Get your cameras ready this summer! Take a great family/participant photo! Pets welcome! High-resolution, landscape photos work best. **All photos and information are due Oct 1.** Click or scan the QR code for instructions and information on how to participate! Or visit <https://etowncob.my.canva.site/pictorial-directory-2025>. If you have any questions or need help, please contact the church office at info@etowncob.org or call 717-367-1000.

Women's Bible Study Breakfast

Tues, July 30 @ 9 am, Gus's Keystone Restaurant. All women are welcome. RSVP to Peggy Shaffer by **July 28th**.

Special Church Council Meeting

Sun, Aug 4, directly after worship, sanctuary & Zoom. This meeting is to put forth a vote to call Pastor Liz to the congregation as 2/3-time pastor, beginning Sept 1, 2024. The vote will include two pieces: to call Pastor Liz to ministry at Etown CoB and to approve the compensation package. There will also be a final report and recommendation from the Endowment Integrity

Highlights...

- Special Church Council Mtg—Aug 4
- Newsletter Articles—Due Aug 12
- VBS—August 13-16
- Women's Fellowship Camp—Aug 16-17
- LGBTQIA Book Club—Aug 19
- Etown Fair—Aug 19-24
- Church Picnic—Aug 25
- Annual Family Camp Auction—Aug 30-31
- Etown CoB Pictorial Directory—Due Oct 1

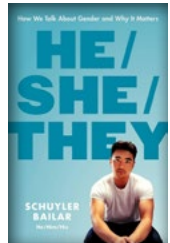
Committee. Please join us for this important meeting.

Sept/Oct Newsletter

Articles for the upcoming Sept/Oct *Along the Way* Newsletter are due **Mon, Aug 12**. Please send all articles to info@etowncob.org.

LGBTQIA Book Club

Etown CoB has started a new book club for anyone interested in learning more about the LGBTQIA community. The first meeting will be held on **Mon, Aug 19 @ 7 pm** in the parlor. To participate, read the first book, *He/She/They* by Schuyler Bailar and be ready to discuss on Aug 19th. This book clearly and compassionately addresses



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

Tuesday, Aug 6 @ 8 am, Garmans' home. All men are invited for coffee and conversation. Questions or transportation, contact Barry Garman, Ben Hoffman, George Snavey or Jim Hoffer.

Women's Bible Study

Topics vary. Contact [JulieAnn Keith](#) or [Chris Bucher](#) with questions.

SUMMER
BREAK

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.

Memory Loss/Caregivers Support Group

Thursday, Aug 8 @ 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 Practice

Contact [Ron Bellamy](#) with questions.

SUMMER
BREAK

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

Thursday, Aug 22 @ 7 pm, Zoom.
All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner](#) [Fields](#) for information.

Church Picnic

Sun, Aug 25, directly after worship,
Etown CoB. All are welcome to join us for this Nurture Commission sponsored afternoon of fellowship, food and fun! Feel free to bring along a side, snack or dessert to share, and a place setting, lawn chair and a game to play.

BRETHREN VOLUNTEER SERVICES (BVS)

Fall Orientation

Sept 17-25, Camp Brethren
Heights in Rodney, MI. Registra-



Jr/Sr High Youth Events

- **July 21**—Sickman's Mill Tubing, cost is \$15, leave from church at 1 pm and return around 5 pm. Contact Jake and Ally Bradley to RSVP or questions.
- **Aug 4**—1st Sunday Hangout

tion deadline **July 22nd**. Click or scan the QR code for more details or to register.

CAMP SWATARA

Summer Camp

You're invited to explore the program guide and find camps that you want to take part in this summer. Join in the fun at Camp Swatara. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration or call 717-933-8510.



ANE District Women's Camp

August 16-17, Camp Swatara. All women are welcome to join in this weekend of worship, Bible study, singing, hiking, crafts, canoeing, swimming and more! This year's theme: Playground Rules with speaker Gail Koskia. Click or scan the QR Code for details and registration.



Annual Family Camp Auction

Children's auction is **Fri, Aug 30 @ 7 pm**, main auction is on **Sat, Aug 31 @ 9 am**, East Lodge, Camp Swatara. Auction proceeds benefit Family Camp at Camp Swatara. If you would like to donate items to the auction contact Sandy Hughes at 717-679-1995 or Ryan Arndt at 717-926-1939 to arrange item pick up.

fundamental and complex topics of the transgender community. Contact the church office with any questions.

Vacation Bible School

Aug 13-16 @ 6 pm - 8:15 pm, Etown CoB. "Seekers in Sneakers," is this year's theme! All children ages 4-10 are invited to join us. Click or scan the QR code to register or contact the church office.



Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lynne Hockley.

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER (SVMC)

Continuing Education

Clergy and laity 2024 schedule. Click [here](#) for details or contact Karen Hodges at Karen-Hodges@svmccob.org or call 717-361-1450. CEU's available. A schedule is available on the community bulletin board in the Narthex.

COBYS

Back-2-School Drive

Help Support Foster Families through COBYS Back-2-School Drive. Click or scan the QR code for the Amazon Wish List for back-2-school items to be donated.



Bike & Hike

Sun, Sept 8, 12-4 pm, Lititz CoB. Come join us to help support COBYS ministries. All proceeds from the event support COBYS ministries. Registration is open. Click or scan the QR code for information and registration.



EMBRACE LANCASTER

Free Cupcake Concert

Tues, July 23 from 6:30-8:30 pm, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 700 Pleasure Rd, Lancaster. *Featuring* Central PA Music Awards Best Christian Artist for 2023! **Liz Fulmer SINGING OUT LOUD AND PROUD** Cupcakes by Casey food truck will feature homemade cupcakes and refreshing lemonade. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets. Additional parking available at the Lancaster Catholic High School.

Here's a recent WITF interview with Liz:

<https://www.witf.org/2023/11/13/witf-music-liz-fulmer/>

EVERENCE

Free Medicare Workshop

Wed, Aug 22 @ 6:30 pm, join this seminar to learn more about Medicare enrollment, medical & drug coverage, and supplemental plans. Click or scan the QR code to register or call 717-653-6662.



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.



MOUNT GREтна AREA

Gretna Music

Summer Season—Through Sept 7

Click or scan the QR code for summer line up details, view special pricing, purchase online tickets or download a mail-in order form or call 717-361-1508 with questions.



Mt Gretna Bible Festival

Through August 25

This year's Bible Festival includes ecumenical services, speakers, concerts and a children's program. Some concert highlights are a Hymn sing with Bob Kettering on July 31, Handbell Festival on Aug 3 and the Susquehanna Chorale on Aug 18. Most events are held at the Tabernacle in Mt Gretna. Visit mtgretnatabernacle.org for full event information or grab a brochure from the literature rack.

Worship Attendance

Sunday, July 14

In-Person: 153 Livestream: 51

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square— July 9-15

General Fund: \$9,995.64
Designated Gifts: \$675.00
CROP: \$52.60
Tenant R & S: \$5,426.90

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Training and Learning Opportunities

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

LOOKING AHEAD

- COBYS Bike & Hike—Sept 8
- Free Community Vocal Concert featuring Ana Santiago—Sept 13
- Nate Hosler Event—Sept 14
- Women's Coffee & Conversation with Pat Leiter & Marie Monville—Sept 22
- Brethren Disaster Relief Auction—Sept 27-28
- Pictorial Directory Photo & Info Deadline—Oct 1
- Kingian Nonviolence Training Weekend—Oct 4-6
- ANE District Conference—Oct 11-12
- Fall Church Council Mtg—Nov 17
- Holiday Celebration—Nov 23
- 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.

SUMMER PASTORAL CARE

During the summer at times when our Pastoral Team is unavailable, a team of volunteers with pastoral care experience will work together to provide congregational care to the best of their ability. Please contact the church office and they will contact the care team volunteer on call.

STAFF OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Naomi—July 18-29, professional growth, International Institute on Peace Education in Nepal

Pastor Liz—July 31-Aug 2, professional growth, Festival of Biblical Storytellers

Amy—July 27-31. Contact Kurt Sollenberger for all emergency building needs.

SABBATH REST

Pastor Jason—June 9-August 24

Please join us in praying for the
Hempfield CoB
congregation for the week of
July 21st.

Church Office Holidays:

Mon, Sept 2—Labor Day

Nov 28 & 29—Thanksgiving Break

Dec 24 & 25—Christmas Break

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

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.

Pastoral Team:

Jason Haldeman

jason@etowncob.org | 717-367-1000 ext. 2 | Mon-Thurs, 8:30 am—4:30 pm

Naomi Kraenbring

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Liz Bidgood Enders

pastorliz@etowncob.org | 717-367-1000 ext. 5 | Mon, Wed 8:30 am—4:30 pm, Thurs, am

Support Staff:

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Rachel Bucher Swank, Music Coordinator | rachel@etowncob.org | 717-367-1000 ext. 4

Ron Bellamy, Memorial Bells Director | ringinron@gmail.com

Crystal Crater, Office Administrator and Marketing & Communications Coordinator
crystal@etowncob.org | 717-367-1000 ext. 0 | Mon-Fri, 8:30 am—4:30 pm

Brooke Bish, Administrative Assistant

brooke@etowncob.org | 717-367-1000 ext. 1 | Mon-Fri, 9 am—2 pm

Amy Zimmerman, Facilities Manager

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 21

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am, Lucky Ducks

Jr/Sr High River Tubing @ 1 pm,
Sickman's Mill

Tuesday, July 23

Yoga @ 6:30 pm, rm 101

Liz Fulmer Concert @ 6:30 pm, St
Matthew Lutheran Church, Lancaster

Wednesday, July 24

Quilters @ 9:30 am, rm 230

Finance Committee Mtg @ 7 pm, rm
102 & Zoom

Thursday, July 25

Chair Yoga @ 10:30 am, rm 101

Saturday, July 27

Knitting/Fiber Arts Group @ 10 am,
Home of Becky & Jeff Eisenbise

Sunday, July 28

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am, TJ Rockwell's

Tuesday, July 30

Women's Bible Study Breakfast @ 9 am, Gus's Keystone Family Restaurant

Yoga @ 6:30 pm, rm 101

Wednesday, July 31

Quilters @ 9:30 am, rm 230

Thursday, Aug 1

Memory Loss Support Group @ 9:30 am, parlor & Zoom

Chair Yoga @ 10:30 am, rm 101

Sunday, Aug 4

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Special Church Council Mtg @ 11:45 am, sanctuary & Zoom

Jr/Sr High Youth 1st Sunday Hangout @ 12 pm, rm 108