



Announcements & Upcoming Events

AUGUST 25-SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Worship Services

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

- **Aug 25**—Named and Unnamed
- **Sept 1-29**—Here I am

Faith Formation Hour

Every Sunday from 9:15-10:15 am

- **Children & Youth Faith Formation**—Ages 0–12th grade
- **Adult Faith Formation**
August 25

- **Discovery Class**, CoB Annual Conference Wrap Up with Etown CoB Delegates, rm 102 & livestream
- **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.

- **August 25**—Church Picnic
- **September 1**—Centerville Diner 2

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!

Faith Formation Leaders Needed!

The Christian Ed Commission is actively looking for leaders for both children's and young adult Faith Formation programs this fall. We'd like to offer opportunities for all ages, but it takes a lot of volunteers to make that happen. If you feel called in this direction, please contact either Pastor Jason or Lynne Hockley.

Etown CoB Pictorial Directory

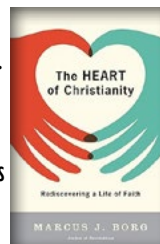


We are creating a **NEW Pictorial Directory** that will be released at the end of the year! Get your cameras ready this summer! Take a great family/participant photo! Pets welcome! High-resolution, horizontal photos work best.

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.

Book Discussion with Pastor Naomi

Sundays, Sept 8-Nov 24, 1-2 pm, Zoom only. "What does it mean to be Christian today?" You are invited to read and discuss with us, wherever you are



Highlights...

- Annual Family Camp Auction—
Aug 30-31
- Book Discussion with Pastor Naomi—
Sept 8-Nov 24
- COBYS Bike & Hike—Sept 8
- Free Community Vocal Concert—
Sept 13
- Nathan & Jennifer Hosler—Sept 14
- Women's Coffee & Conversation—
Sept 22
- Brethren Disaster Relief Auction—
Sept 27-28
- Kingian Nonviolence Training
Weekend—Oct 4-6
- Etown CoB Pictorial Directory—
Due Oct 1

on your spiritual journey. Please read the 1st chapter before Sept 8. The book can be found on Amazon. Contact the church office if the cost is a barrier. Book scholarships are available upon request. Registration is not required but is helpful. Visit the church website, etowncob.org, or contact the church office to register. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87846259669>

Free Community Vocal Concert

Fri, Sept 13 @ 7 pm, sanctuary & livestream. The Etown CoB Concert Committee has planned an exciting concert featuring

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, Sept 3 @ 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.

FALL
SESSION
BEGINS
SEPT 10

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, Sept 12 @ 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.

BEGINS
SEPT 5

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.

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

September, 26 @ 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for information.

vocalist Ana Santiago. This event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6 pm.

An Evening with Nathan & Jennifer Hosler

Sat, Sept 14 from 6-8 pm, sanctuary & livestream. Join us for an evening with Nathan and Jennifer Hosler to reflect on their recent trips to the Holy Land. Both Nate and Jenn have been involved in various capacities to push Congress and the Administration to call for a ceasefire in Palestine and to stop fueling the humanitarian catastrophe. You will gain insights into the current situation in

the region and will be equipped with options for response and how you can take action.

Women's Coffee & Conversation

Sun, Sept 22 from 3-5 pm,
Etown CoB fellowship hall. **Finding God and the Good In Our Hard Places** with Pat Leiter and Marie Monville, wife of 2006 Nickel Mines school shooter, Charlie Roberts. All women are welcome to join us to hear Marie's story and then talk with Pat about finding God in everyday situations. Come have refreshments and chat



Jr/Sr High Youth Events

- **Sept 1**—1st Sunday Hangout
- **Oct 6**—1st Sunday Hangout
- **Oct 19**—Youth Day at Camp Swatara, RSVP to Pastor Jason by Sept 15.

with them. Reservations requested. Click or scan the QR code to register or contact the church office.

Fifth Sunday Forum

Sun, Sept 29, Faith Formation Hour, Etown CoB fellowship hall. All Faith Formation classes are welcome to join us for a special Immigration Support Group guest speaker **Kate Good**, Executive Director, Parish Resource Center. Kate is a trained immigration legal advocate. She will be addressing immigration issues and PRC's commitment in providing services to the local immigrant community.

Kingian Nonviolence 16-Hour Training Weekend

Oct 4-6, Etown CoB fellowship hall. Etown CoB will be hosting and sponsoring a partnership with On Earth Peace for a weekend of Kingian Nonviolence Training. This 16-hr training on the principles of Kingian Nonviolence will be led by Sara Haldeman-Scarr and Samuel Sarpiya. Cost is \$35 per person. If \$35 is too much, you can pay what you can. See payment options on the registration page. Click or scan the QR code to register or contact the church office.



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 limited to 20 people. Sign-ups for this Prime Time sponsored event will begin in Mid-September in Memorial Lobby. Contact Gina Strouse or the church office with questions. Click or scan the QR code to learn more.

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 with church friends old and new. We will need hosts who provide a main dish, and guests who will provide a dessert, salad, or vegetable. You will not know ahead of time who will be joining you. That's part of the fun, being surprised! Sign-ups for this Nurture Commission & Prime Time sponsored event will begin in Mid-September in Memorial Lobby. Contact Gina Strouse or the church office with questions.



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 that will be held on **Sat, Nov 23**. Please contact Sandy Brubaker, Karen Ungemach or Peggy Shaffer if you are able to donate these items.

CAMP SWATARA

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. Proceeds benefit Family Camp at Camp Swatara. Questions? Contact Sandy Hughes at 717-679-1995 or Ryan Arndt at 717-926-1939.

Youth Day at Camp Swatara

Sat, Oct 19, 9 am-4 pm, Camp Swatara. All Junior and Senior High youth and their advisories are welcome for this day full of fun and activities. The speaker for this event is Michele Gibble. If interested, contact Pastor Jason before Sept 15.

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER (SVMC)

Continuing Education

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

COBYS

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.



ETOWN COLLEGE

LECTURE: Discovering Fianna Bucher Meyer

Thurs, Sept 19 @ 7 pm, Bucher Meetinghouse. Nancy L. Bieber will talk about discovering her grandmother, Fianna Bucher Meyer, while unearthing boxes of letters in an attic a century after Fianna's death and how her research uncovered more about Fianna's life. For more information visit <https://www.ETOWN.EDU/centers/young-center/events.aspx>

Worship Attendance

Sunday, August 18

In-Person: 144 Livestream: 56

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square— August 13-19

General Fund: \$4,981.00

Designated Gifts: \$40.00

CROP: \$143.54

VBS: \$348.50

SYMPOSIUM: What Does It Mean to Be Church? Anabaptist and Pietist Perspectives

Sat, Sept 21, 9 am-3 pm, Bucher Meetinghouse. Tony Walsh, Sam Funkhouser and Jeff Bach will lead this discussion of various Brethren and Mennonite groups of Plain or mainline identity to discuss their concepts of church and the similarities or differences they notice among various groups. For more information visit <https://www.ETOWN.EDU/centers/young-center/events.aspx>

LOOKING AHEAD

- ANE District Conference—Oct 11-12
- Stroopies Tour & More—Oct 25
- Guess Who's Coming to Dinner—Oct 26
- Fall Church Council Mtg—Nov 17
- Holiday Celebration—Nov 23
- Remembrance Sunday—Nov 24
- 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

2024 Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to **Heidi Ebersole** for being recognized as Middletown Area School District 2024 Teacher of the Year. This shows your commitment to education and outstanding achievements as a teacher. Well done!

Blue Ribbon Winner

Kevin Karr won a Blue Ribbon at the Etown fair for his Banana Bread! Congratulations! So, when do we get to have a taste of that award-winning bread?

CHURCH OFFICE NOTES

Lost and Found

There is a lost and found in the Church Office. Missing an item? Stop by the office to see if your item has been turned in.

Please join us in praying for the
Iglesia Berith,
Oasis De Esperanza CoB
congregation for the week of
August 25th.

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:

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Liz Bidgood Enders

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CALENDAR

Sunday, Aug 25

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Church Picnic @ 11:45 am, Etown CoB Church Grounds

Monday, Aug 26

Witness Commission Mtg @ 6 pm, Zoom

Gifts Discernment Committee Mtg @ 7 pm, parlor

Tuesday, Aug 27

Yoga @ 6:30 pm, rm 101

Wednesday, Aug 28

Quilters @ 9:30 am, rm 230

Thursday, Aug 29

Chair Yoga @ 10:30 am, rm 101

Friday, Aug 30

Prism Youth Group @ 6:30 pm, rm 108

Saturday, Aug 31

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

Sunday, Sept 1

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am, Centerville Diner 2

Monday, Sept 2

Church Office CLOSED

Tuesday, Sept 3

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

Yoga @ 6:30 pm, rm 101

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

Resources Commission Mtg @ 7 pm, rm 108

Wednesday, Sept 4

Quilters @ 9:30 am, rm 230