



Announcements & Upcoming Events

APRIL 28-MAY 5, 2024

Worship Services

All are welcome to join us every Sunday @ 10:30 am in-person or via [livestream!](#) Contact the church office with any questions.

- **April 28**—From the Dust of the Ground
- **May 5-26**—Espiritu

Our Sunday 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

Every Sunday from 9:15-10:15 am

- **Children & Youth Faith Formation**—Ages 0–12th grade
- **Adult Faith Formation**
April 28

- **Discovery Class**, *An Engaging Garden Where Children and Wildlife Thrive* with Lisa Doseff, rm 102 & zoom
- **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.

- **April 28**—TJ Rockwell's
- **May 5**—Potluck Renovation Celebration

Etown CoB Spring Clean Up

Sat, May 4 @ 8 am until done. Come help us with weeding, mulching and trimming around the Church grounds. Bring rakes, shovels, hedge trimmers, pitch (mulch) forks, etc. Donuts and coffee provided. Click or scan the QR code or contact the Church Office to let us know that you are available to help.



Spring Church Council Meeting & Lunch

All are welcome to join in this time that the church body gathers to go over corporate business. On **Sun, June 2** after worship we will gather in Fellowship Hall to enjoy a Youth Fundraising Meal and then commence with the council meeting.

Commission reports are due **Wed, May 15**. Please send reports to the church office at info@etowncob.org. A zoom option is available for those who cannot come in person. The link will be sent via email that morning.

Fellowship Garden Plots

Fellowship Garden plots are 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.

Family Dinner

Sun, April 28 after worship, fellowship hall. This is an informal opportunity to share in food and conversation and allow children

Highlights...

Etown CoB Spring Clean Up—May 4
Potluck Renovation Celebration—May 5
Birding Adventure—May 9
All Church Roller Skating Event—May 26
Graduate Sunday—June 2
NYC Fundraiser Meal—June 2
Spring Church Council Mtg—June 2
Etown CoB Camp Swatara Weekend—
June 14-16, RSVP by May 1st
Messenger Magazine—Tiny Stories

to play together. While created with young families in mind, the Family Dinner is open to all ages and is an intergenerational opportunity to fellowship, all are invited! Bring along a dish to share, hope to see you there!

Potluck Renovation Celebration

Sun, May 5th after worship, fellowship hall. All are welcome to help us celebrate the new renovations to our building. Please feel free to bring a hot or cold dish, desserts, etc. to share. Plates, cups and silverware will be provided.

Birding Adventure

Thurs, May 9 @ 9 am, Old Trolley Line Park, Etown. All are welcome to join in this bird watching 2-hour Prime Time sponsored event. Contact Gina Strouse at 717-341-0712 or gastrouse@comcast.net to register.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY ONGOING EVENTS

Visit our online [events calendar](#) for locations and updates of each event.

Adult Faith Formation

Sundays @ 9:15 am

A new speaker every week, visit the [events calendar](#) for details. Click [here](#) to view previously recorded Faith Formation classes.

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, May 7 @ 8 am, Garman's

All men are invited for coffee and conversation. Questions or transportation, contact Barry Garman, Ben Hoffman, George Snavelly or Jim Hoffer.

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 10 am,

presented by Chris Bucher.

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.

Memory Loss/Caregivers Support Group

1st Thursday @ 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

Thursdays @ 6:15 pm,

Contact [Ron Bellamy](#) with questions.

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 23 @ 7 pm, zoom. All

are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for information.

Etown CoB Camp Swatara Weekend

June 14-16

All are welcome to join us for a weekend of fun! Cost is \$170 for a large cabin that sleeps 9 and \$150 for a small cabin that sleeps 5. Cabins are limited. RSVP to Pastor Jason by **Wed, May 1**.

Roller Skating Event

Sun, May 26 from 5-7 pm, Mt Gretna Roller Rink. Cost of admission is FREE. Skate rentals will cost \$5. Friends and families are welcome!

Jr/Sr High Youth Events

- **May 5**—Potluck Renovation Celebration
- **May 19**—Governor Dick Hike & Ice Cream
- **May 26**—Roller Skating at Mt Gretna Roller Rink
- **June 2**—NYC Fundraiser Meal

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN/AFFILIATES EVENTS

National Young

Adult Conference

May 24-26, Camp Shepherd's

Spring, Sharpsburg, MD. **Theme: Transformed by God.** Ages 18-35. Registration is open. Early bird cost is \$275 before **April 30**. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration or call 847-429-4385



BHA 2024 Golf Tournament

Fri, May 31 @ 6:30 am,

Fairview Golf Course, 2399 Quentin Rd, Lebanon. Proceeds benefit

single parents and their children experiencing homelessness. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration or contact Jessica Vinton at jvinton@bha-pa.org or 717-233-6016 ext. 819.



Camp Swatara

Summer Camp Registration

Are you excited for Summer

Camps?! 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.



Annual Conference

July 3-7, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Registration is now open.



**MARCH 19
-MAY 21**

Advance discount registration closes on **June 10**. Click or scan the QR code for details.

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center (SVMC)

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

MESSENGER MAGAZINE

Tiny Stories

Messenger Magazine is interested in your tiny stories—stories that reveal the spirit and heart of the Church of the Brethren.

Entries are limited to 100 words. The story should have a beginning, middle and end. It should be a narrative account of something that happened to convey one thing that you like about the Church of the Brethren. Send submissions to messenger@brethren.org and include your name, congregation, and town. You will be contacted if your story is used.

EVERENCE

Free Medicare Workshop

May 9 @ 6:30 pm, Neffsville Mennonite Church, 2371 Lititz Pike, Lancaster. 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

Etown CoB is a member of PRC which has many learning opportunities with a large variety of topics. With Etown CoB's membership our congregation



qualifies for discounted pricing for all of the seminars and webinars that they offer. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration or call 717-299-1113.

SUSQUEHANNA CHORALE

1000 Beautiful Things

- **Fri, May 17 @ 7:30 pm**, Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey
 - **Sat, May 18 @ 7:30 pm**, Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg
 - **Sun, May 19 @ 4 pm**, Calvin & Janet High Center for Worship and the Performing Arts, Messiah University, Grantham
- Call the Messiah University Box office at 717-691-6036, option 1 for tickets.

COMMUNITY

Lancaster County National Day of Prayer

Thurs, May 2 @ 6:15 pm, Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Rd, Lancaster. Special music guest: Charles Billingsley, Christian music artist. Visit lancasterndp.com for more information.

Gretna Music

Summer Season—June 9-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.



Worship Attendance

Sunday, April 21

In-Person: 206 Livestream: 44

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square— April 16-22

General Fund: \$13,314.00
CROP: \$60.00
Tenant R & S: \$581.12

Staff Vacations

Crystal Crater will be on vacation **April 27-May 12**, returning to the office **May 13**. Office hours during this time will be M-F from 9 am-4:30 pm. Contact Brooke Bish at info@etowncob.org with any church office needs. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Pastor Jason's Sabbath Rest—June 9-August 24
- Lancaster Pride—June 15
- Grove UMC Youth Choir Community Concert—June 21
- York County Pride—June 22
- Classical Concert—June 28
- Lititz Pride—June 29
- Annual Conference—July 3-7
- VBS—August 13-16
- Etown Fair—August 19-24
- Church Picnic—August 25
- Brethren Disaster Relief Auction—Sept 27-28
- ANE District Conference—Oct 11-12
- Holiday Celebration—Nov 23
- Susquehanna Chorale—Dec 13

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

ETOWN COB COMMUNITY CORNER

Elizabethtown Farmers Market Coming Soon!

Opening day is May 1st and will help every first and third Wednesday through October. The market is open from 3 to 6 pm and located in center square Etown. The market will feature a blend of local passion and talent. As the market evolves and grows new vendors are sure to join. The non-profit Elizabethtown Farmers Market was established to create a gathering place where businesses, farmers and neighbors cultivate community through the exchange of fresh goods and information. Contact Madison Snyder, Market Manager, at 717-287-9413 for questions or for more information.

Please join us in praying for the
Palmyra CoB
congregation for the week of
April 28th.

Church Office Holidays:

Mon, May 27—Memorial Day
Thurs, July 4—Independence Day
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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Support Staff:

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

Crystal Crater, Office Administrator and Marketing & Communications Coordinator
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Brooke Bish, Administrative Assistant

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Amy Zimmerman, Facilities Manager

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 28

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Family Dinner @ 11:45 am, fellowship hall

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

Monday, April 29

Immigration Support Committee Mtg @ 7 pm, zoom

Tuesday, April 30

Women's Bible Study @ 10 am, zoom

Yoga @ 6:30 pm, rm 101

Wednesday, May 1

Quilters @ 9:30 am, rm 230

ANE Older Adult Spring Luncheon @ 12pm, Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland

Thursday, May 2

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

Chair Yoga @ 10:30 am, rm 101

Memorial Bell Rehearsal @ 6:15 pm, choir rm

National Day of Prayer @ 6:15 pm, Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Rd

Sunday, May 4

Etown CoB Spring Clean Up @ 8 am, Etown CoB grounds

Sunday, May 5

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Potluck Renovation Celebration @ 11:45 am, fellowship hall

Monday, May 6

Witness Commission Mtg @ 6 pm, zoom

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

Resources Commission Mtg @ 7 pm, rm 108