



# Announcements & Upcoming Events

**MAY 5-12, 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.

- **May 5-26**—Spirit

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**  
**May 5**

— **Discovery Class**, *Belonging* with Kevin Shorner-Johnson, 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.

- **May 5**—Potluck Renovation Celebration
- **May 12**—Mother's Day

## 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.

## 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](mailto:info@etowncob.org). Packets will be sent via email and hard copies will be available by **Sun, May 26**. 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.

## Birding Adventure

**Thurs, May 9 @ 9 am**, Old Trolley Line Park, Etown. All are welcome to join in this

## Highlights...

Potluck Renovation Celebration—May 5

Birding Adventure—May 9

Janice Lehman's Celebration of Life—  
May 18

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

Free Community Concert—June 21

Classical Concert—June 28

Messenger Magazine—Tiny Stories

bird watching 2-hour Prime Time sponsored event. Contact Gina Strouse at 717-341-0712 or [gastrouse@comcast.net](mailto:gastrouse@comcast.net) to register.

## Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life service for Janice Lehman will be held on **Sat, May 18 @ 1:00 pm** in the sanctuary and via livestream. Click or scan the QR code to view our new Celebration of Life web page.



## 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!

## 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.

### Free Community Concert

**Fri, June 21 @ 7 pm**, sanctuary.

Welcome Grove UMC Youth Choir from West Chester, PA who will be sharing the love of God through Music! Traditional, contemporary and international music styles will be heard. This event is free and open to the public. Doors will open at 6:30 pm.

## 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

## Classical Concert

**Sat, June 28 @ 7 pm**, sanctuary. The Classical Concert Committee presents an exciting organ recital featuring Abbie Wood, a Senior Organ Performance Major at Syracuse University. This event is free and open to the public. Doors will open at 6:30 pm.

## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN/AFFILIATES EVENTS

### 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](mailto:jvinton@bha-pa.org) or 717-233-6016 ext. 819.



### 3000 Miles for Peace

This June, the On Earth Peace community will collectively walk, run, dance, swim, shoot hoops, towards our 3,000 mile goal. Money raised through the 3000 Miles for Peace event will go towards the 2024 budget and to the Paul Zeigler Young Peacemaker Fund endowment. If you would like to participate in this fundraising event click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



## 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 still available! RSVP to Pastor Jason ASAP.

## 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. 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](mailto:KarenHodges@svmcobb.org) or call 717-361-1450. CEU's available. A schedule is available on the community bulletin board in the Narthex.

### Haiti Update

Haiti remains in a dire situation. As affirmed in the 1982 statement on refugees, the CoB supports "(...) legislation and public policies which welcome and promote the welfare of immigrants and refugees." We as a people guided by teachings of Jesus in compassion and the love for all, we must ensure that no Haitian is sent back to dangerous, unlivable conditions. The Church of the Brethren Office of Peacebuilding and Policy calls on the Biden Administration and Congress to take immediate humanitarian action for the people in and from Haiti. **You can help!** Please click or scan the QR code to learn more.



## 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. 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](mailto: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.



## 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

### Kraybill Benefit Auction, Pig Roast and Chicken BBQ

**May 10 & 11**, Kraybill Mennonite School, 598 Kraybill Church



### Worship Attendance

#### Sunday, April 28

In-Person: 203      Livestream: 52

### Gifts Given

#### Cash, Checks & Square—April 22-29

General Fund: \$4,523  
Designated Gifts: \$550  
CROP: \$88.00  
Tenant R & S: \$727.23

#### Hollinger's ACH—April 1-30

General Fund: \$4,742.00

#### Breeze ACH—April 1-30

General Fund: \$ 6,777.71  
Designated Gifts: \$503.27  
Capital Campaign: \$505.30  
Kitchen & FH Reno: \$101.26

Rd, Mount Joy. Click or scan QR code for details.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Pastor Jason's Sabbath Rest—June 9-August 24
- Lancaster Pride—June 15
- York County Pride—June 22
- 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.

## Staff Vacations

Pastor Liz will be on vacation **May 6 through 10**. Please contact Pastor Naomi or Pastor Jason for pastoral care needs during this time.

Pastor Jason will be traveling to Bethany Seminary next weekend for commencement ceremonies to be held on **May 12**. Congratulations to Jason as he celebrates the completion of his seminary education!

Crystal Crater is on vacation and **will return 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](mailto:info@etowncob.org) with any church office needs. Thank you.

Please join us in praying for the  
**Veritas**  
congregation for the week of  
**May 5th.**

### 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](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:

Jason Haldeman

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Naomi Kraenbring

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Liz Bidgood Enders

[pastorliz@etowncob.org](mailto:pastorliz@etowncob.org) | 717-367-1000 ext. 5 | Mon, Thurs, 8:30 am—4:30 pm

## Support Staff:

Kim Glass, Music Coordinator/Accompanist | [kim@etowncob.org](mailto:kim@etowncob.org) | 717-367-1000 ext. 4

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Ron Bellamy, Memorial Bells Director | [ringinron@gmail.com](mailto:ringinron@gmail.com)

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

Brooke Bish, Administrative Assistant

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Amy Zimmerman, Facilities Manager

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## CALENDAR

### 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

### Tuesday, May 7

**Men's Coffee and Conversation @ 8 am**, the home of Barry and Sandy Garman's

**Women's Bible Study @ 10 am**, zoom

**Yoga @ 6:30 pm**, rm 101

### Wednesday, May 8

**Quilters @ 9:30 am**, rm 230

**Finance Committee Mtg @ 7 pm**, zoom  
**Racial Justice Working Grp @ 7 pm**, zoom

### Thursday, May 9

**Birding Adventure @ 9 am**, Old Trolley Line Park, Etown

**Chair Yoga @ 10:30 am**, rm 101

**Memorial Bell Rehearsal @ 6:15 pm**, sanctuary

### Friday, May 10

**Kraybill Mennonite Auction & Pig Roast @ 4 pm**, Kraybill Mennonite School, Mt Joy

### Saturday, May 11

**Kraybill Mennonite Auction & Chicken BBQ @ 8 am**, Kraybill Mennonite School,

### Sunday, May 5

**Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am**

**Worship @ 10:30 am**, sanctuary & livestream