



Announcements & Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 17-24, 2024

Worship Services

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

- **Nov 17 & 24**—Grateful
- **Dec 1-Jan 5**—Advent and Christmas Series: Words for the Beginning

Faith Formation Hour

Every Sunday from 9:15-10:15 am

- **Children & Youth Faith Formation**—Ages 0–12th grade
- **Adult Faith Formation November 17**
 - **Discovery Class**, ANE District Reporting, rm 102
 - **Bible Exploration** with David Leiter, rm 106
 - **Young Adults**, Pastor Naomi's Study
 - **Chalkboard Chat**, rm 110
 - **Sip N' Chat**, Memorial Lobby
- **Inquirers Class** Parlor

Lunch Bunch

All are welcome! Contact Suzanne Taylor with questions.

- **November 17**—Church Potluck and Fall Council Meeting
- **November 24**—TJ Rockwell's

Hurricane Relief

Help fill Clean Up Buckets for Brethren Disaster Ministries warehouse. BDM has distributed over 3,000 clean up buckets for hurricane relief efforts. Help to restock! Click or scan the QR codes to learn more.



Item Sign Up or Volunteer



Monetary Donation

2024 Advent Devotionals

The 2024 Advent Devotionals “Sing Gloria!” by Laura Stone from Brethren Press and the 2024 Advent theme devotional “Words for the Beginning” by A Sanctified Art are available for FREE in the back of the sanctuary. Please contact the church office with any questions.

Fall Church Council Meeting & Potluck

Sun, Nov 17, after worship. All are welcome to join during this time as the church body gathers to go over corporate business. After worship we will gather in Fellowship Hall to enjoy a potluck lunch. Please feel free to bring a hot or cold dish, desserts, etc. to share. The council meeting will start immediately after lunch. Packets are available at the back of the sanctuary. A Zoom option will be available. An email with a Zoom link will be sent the morning of **Nov 17 at 10 am.**

Holiday Celebration

Sat, Nov 23, 10 am-2 pm, Etown CoB fellowship hall. All are welcome to this fam-

Highlights...

- 2024 Advent Devotionals Available Now!
- Fall Council Meeting & Potluck—Nov 17
- LGBTQ+ Working Group Meeting—Nov 21
- Holiday Celebration—Nov 23
- Remembrance Sunday—Nov 24
- SERRV Items Sale—Nov 24, Dec 1 & 8
- Community Thanksgiving Eve Service—Nov 27
- Reception of New Members—Dec 8
- Candlelight Christmas Concert—Dec 13
- Christmas Memories—Dec 14
- The Longest Night Service—Dec 21

ily-friendly event with silent auction items, FREE gently used clothing & housewares, bake sale and FOOD! Children's activities include a balloon artist, Secret Santa shop, crafts, playing bells and a photo booth.

The Holiday Celebration Committee is looking for volunteers to help the week before the event and day of. They are also in need of donated items such as, baked goods, hand-crafted items, gently used clothing and housewares, Secret Santa items, etc. Please contact Sandy Brubaker, Karen Ungemach or



Volunteer



Donations

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, Dec 3 @ 8 am, Garman's 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.

Memory Loss/Caregivers Support Group

Thur, Dec 5 @ 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.

LGBTQ+ Working Group

3rd Thursday @ 7pm,
Zoom. Contact [Rose Baer](#) with questions.

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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

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

Racial Justice Working Group

All are welcome! Contact [JulieAnn Keith](#) for date and time and with any questions.

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wed, Nov 27 @ 7 pm, Christ UCC. All are welcome to join with Elizabethtown community members from other congregations for this ecumenical service. Pastor Naomi will be giving the message and Kim Glass will be providing music. A community chorus will be singing two pieces during the service. If you are interested in participating, please see Kim

Peggy Shaffer with questions. Click or scan the QR code for details or to sign-up.

SERRV Sale

Sun, Nov 24, Dec 1 & 8, memorial lobby. Karen Ungemach will have a SERRV table available with items to purchase for the holiday season.

Jr/Sr High Youth Events

- **Dec 1**—1st Sunday Hangout
- **Dec 2**—Service Project, Washington DC, RSVP to Pastor Jason
- **Dec 15**—Christmas Party

Glass or Pastor Naomi, and plan to arrive early for a 6 pm rehearsal before the service begins on Nov 27.

Reception of New Members

Sun, Dec 8 during worship. If you have participated in an Inquirers Class and are interested in being received as a new member by reaffirmation of faith, letter of transfer or by baptism, please contact the church office or speak with a pastor by Friday, Nov 29.

Candlelight Christmas Concert

Fri, Dec 13 @ 7:30 pm,
Etown CoB sanctuary. Come and enjoy Susquehanna Chorale's Annual Candlelight Christmas Concert. Seating is limited so pre-purchase your tickets by clicking or scanning the QR code before **3 pm on Dec 13**. Ticket purchases will also be available at the door.



Seekers Christmas Party

Fri, Dec 13 @ 6 pm, at the home of David and Lisa Clemens, 345 Ridge Rd, Etown. For ages +/- 40-80. Potluck, BYOB, White Elephant Gift Exchange, laughter, music and Christmas fun. Ugly Christmas Sweaters welcome. Hosted by Kurt Sollenberger and Lisa Clemens.

Christmas Memories

Sat, Dec 14 @ 6:30 pm, Etown CoB fellowship hall. Join us as we focus this year on Christmas past, present and future. An evening for sharing our Christmas stories,

traditions and refreshments. Sponsored by Prime Time.

Newsletter Articles

January-February 2025 Newsletter articles are due to the church office on **Mon, Dec 16**. Please submit all articles to info@etowncob.org.

The Longest Night Service

Sat, Dec 21 @ 6 pm, Etown CoB sanctuary. The Winter Solstice is the longest night of the year. With the shortest amount of daylight, this day, close to Christmas, is a good reminder that there are those who struggle to find the light in this season of joy. For anyone who has suffered loss or grief, or for whom Christmastime is challenging or complicated. This simple service provides space for those who enter this season with sorrows or burdens, a time to light candles, to reflect on the light that shines in the darkness, and to find hope that endures through times of struggle.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tues, Dec 24 @ 7 pm, sanctuary & livestream. All are welcome to join in this traditional candlelight service. Bring cookies to share after the service in fellowship hall for conversation and fellowship.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Tiny Retreat

A tiny retreat is a chance to take a break from the day and, just for a moment, lay down all you are carrying. Retreat to a sacred space of beauty, scripture, and meditation. Be blessed. Click or scan the QR code to sign up to receive email notifications for weekly Tiny Retreats.



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.

ETOWN COLLEGE

SNOWDEN LECTURE:

Open to the Spirit: On Writing a New History of the Brethren in Christ Church in the 20th Century

Tues, Nov 19 @ 7 pm, Bucher Meeting-house. Devin Manzullo-Thomas will discuss his forthcoming book, *Open to the Spirit*, and the opportunities provided by centering women, racial and ethnic minorities, politics, economics, and related matters in telling a richer and more robust story of the Brethren in Christ community in the United States and Canada. <https://www.etown.edu/centers/young-center/events.aspx>

ELIZABETHTOWN CHILD CARE CENTER (ECCC)

ECCC 2024 ExtraGive

Fri, Nov 22. ECCC needs your help to reach their goal of \$10,000 and 250 donors to help continue their work in enriching the lives of children and families in the Greater Elizabethtown area. Click or scan the QR code to donate online. Contributions can be mailed directly to ECCC, 777 S Mount Joy St, Etown, PA 17022.



Worship Attendance

Sunday, November 10

In-Person: 206 Livestream: 43

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square— November 5-11

General Fund: \$14,925.50

Designated Gifts: \$1,015

Tenant R & S: \$2,848.54

CROP: \$118.88

VENTURES IN CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Understanding Grief to Find Hope and Healing

Tues, Nov 19 & 26, 7:00-8:30 pm, Central Time. Presented by Chris Whitacre and Kathy Reid. The course will be held online in two sessions. Continuing education credit is available for \$10. To learn more and to register, visit <https://www.mcpherson.edu/ventures/>.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Church Board Retreat—Jan 4
- Lunch & Learn w/Jean-Paul Benowitz—Feb 26
- Ash Wednesday—Mar 5
- Lent Begins—Mar 9
- Christian Citizenship Seminar—Apr 5-9
- Palm Sunday—Apr 13
- Easter Sunday—Apr 20

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

ETOWN COB COMMUNITY CORNER

Senior Recital

Music Education major Micah Bidgood Enders will be having his senior recital (euphonium) at Elizabethtown College in Zug Recital Hall on **Wednesday, November, 20th, at 7:30 pm**. The recital is free and open to the public.

STAFF OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Naomi—Nov 21-26, American Academy of Religion (San Diego)

Please join us in praying for the
Ephrata CoB
congregation for the week of
November 17th.

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, November 17

CoB LEAD Conference @ 9 am, Ephrata CoB

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:30 am

Adult Inquirers Class @ 9:30 am, parlor

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Potluck Luncheon @ 11:45 am, fellowship hall

Fall Church Council Mtg after Potluck, fellowship hall & Zoom

Book Discussion with Pastor Naomi @ 6:30 pm, Zoom

Tuesday, November 19

Women's Bible Study @ 10 am, Zoom

Yoga @ 6:30 pm, rm 101

Wednesday, November 20

Quilters @ 9:30 am, rm 230

Nurture Commission Mtg @ 7 pm, Pastor Jason's Study & Zoom

Thursday, November 21

Chair Yoga @ 10:30 am, rm 101

Memorial Bell Rehearsal @ 6:15 pm, sanctuary

Friday, November 22

Sr High DC Service Project Weekend, Washington DC

Prism @ 6:30 pm, rm 108

Saturday, November 23

Sr High DC Service Project Weekend, Washington DC

Holiday Celebration @ 10 am, fellowship hall

Sunday, November 24

Sr High DC Service Project Weekend, Washington DC

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:30 am

Worship & Remembrance Sunday @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

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

Tuesday, November 26

Yoga @ 6:30 pm, rm 101

Wednesday, November 27

Quilters @ 9:30 am, rm 230