



# Announcements & Upcoming Events

**SEPTEMBER 8-15, 2024**

## Worship Services

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

- 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 September 8**
  - **Discovery Class**, Civil Rights Movement Bus Tour, pt 2, 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.

- **September 8**—Lucky Ducks
- **September 15**—TJ Rockwell's

## Faith Formation Leaders Needed!

The Christian Ed Commission is actively looking for leaders for nursery and children's 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.

## Pizza with the Pastors

Are you new-ish to the Etown CoB congregation? Join others who have begun attending in the last year or so for Pizza with the Pastors, immediately following worship on **September 29th!**

## ATTENTION ALL GROUPS!

Please consider taking a group photo and submit to the church office to be placed in the Pictorial Directory. Also, if you attend an event, consider taking photos and submit those to the church office. Please label with the activity or group name and if possible, list the people from left to right who are in the photo. **Due by Oct 16.**

## 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 and 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](mailto:info@etowncob.org) or call 717-367-1000.

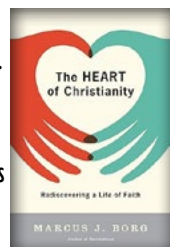
## Highlights...

- Book Discussion with Pastor Naomi—Sept 8-Nov 24
- COBYS Bike & Hike—Sept 8
- Women's Bible Study—Sept 10-Nov 19
- Vocal Concert by Ana Santiago—Sept 13
- Women's Coffee & Conversation—Sept 22
- LGBTQIA Book Club—Sept 25
- Climate Crisis Action Committee Mtg—Sept 26
- Brethren Disaster Relief Auction—Sept 27-28
- Kingian Nonviolence Training Weekend—Oct 4-6
- Etown CoB Pictorial Directory—Due Oct 1

## 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 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



## 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, Oct 1 @ 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.

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### 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

**Thur, 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.

### 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.

### LGBTQIA Book Club

**Wed, Sept 25 @ 6 pm**, parlor. We will continue the discussion on the book **He/She/They** by Schuyler Bailar.

### Climate Crisis Action Committee

**Thur, Sept 26 @ 7 pm**, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for info.

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



## Jr/Sr High Youth Events

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

### 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 training 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. The registration deadline is **Sept 29**.



### 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.



the church website, [etowncob.org](#), or contact the church office to register. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87846259669>

### Vocal Concert by Ana Santiago

**Fri, Sept 13 @ 7 pm**, sanctuary & live-stream. The Etown CoB Concert Committee has planned an exciting concert featuring vocalist Ana Santiago. This event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6 pm.

Contact Gina Strouse or the church office with questions. Click or scan the QR code for info.

## **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. 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. 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 on **Sat, Nov 23**. Please contact Sandy Brubaker, Karen Ungemach or Peggy Shaffer if you are able to donate items.

## **CAMP SWATARA**

### **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**.

## **ON EARTH PEACE**

### **Just Give 'Em the News**

A Ted & Co TheaterWorks performance **Sat, Sept 28, at 7:30 pm,** via live-stream. Join On Earth Peace for its 50th Anniversary celebration with a performance by Ted & Co with an original production. This is a family friendly event — kids are welcome!

Tickets are required for this fundraising event.

[GET TICKETS HERE!](#)

## **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](https://www.etown.edu/centers/young-center/events.aspx)

### **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](https://www.etown.edu/centers/young-center/events.aspx)

### **PEACE FELLOW LECTURE: Earthkeeping As Peacemaking**

**Tues, Oct 1 @ 7 pm,** Susquehanna Rm, Myer Hall. David Radcliff, Director of New Community Project, will present his lecture, "Earthkeeping as Peacemaking" which centers on the confluence of peacemaking and environmental care. The lecture is sponsored by the Etown College Peace Fellowship in conjunction with CGUP. This event is free and open to the public. For more information visit [https://www.etown.edu/centers/global/ peacefellow.aspx](https://www.etown.edu/centers/global/peacefellow.aspx)

## **Worship Attendance**

### **Sunday, September 1**

In-Person: 158      Livestream: 57

## **Gifts Given**

### **Cash, Checks & Square— August 27-September 3**

General Fund: \$11,286.80  
Designated Gifts: \$1,005.00  
Capital Campaign: \$20,000.00  
CROP: \$96.00  
Tenant R & S: \$996.12

### **Hollinger's ACH—August 1-31**

General Fund: \$4,742.00

### **Breeze ACH—August 1-31**

General Fund: \$5,513.57  
Designated Gifts: \$1,329.24  
Capital Campaign: \$505.30


## **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
- SEERV Items Sale—Nov 24, Dec 1 & 8
- 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.

# BRETHREN HOUSING ASSOCIATION (BHA)

## Little Black Dress Soiree

**Thurs, Oct 10 @ 5:30 pm,**   
Historic King Mansion, 2201 N  
Front St, Harrisburg. Enjoy food,  
fellowship and raise money to support single  
parent families experiencing homelessness  
in our community. Click or scan the QR code  
for tickets.

## 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.

## STAFF VACATIONS

Brooke—Sept 12-19

Crystal—Sept 21-Oct 6

Please join us in praying for the  
**Paxton CoB**  
congregation for the week of  
**September 8th.**

### Church Office Holidays:

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](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:

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## CALENDAR

### Sunday, Sept 8

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

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

**Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am,** Lucky Ducks

**COBYS Bike and Hike @ 12 pm,** Lititz  
CoB

**Book Discussion with Pastor Naomi @  
1 pm,** Zoom

### Monday, Sept 9

**Church Board Mtg @ 6:45 pm,** rm 102  
& Zoom

### Tuesday, Sept 10

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

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

### Wednesday, Sept 11

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

**Choir Practice @ 7 pm,** choir rm

**Racial Justice Working Group @ 7 pm,**  
Zoom

**Finance Committee Mtg @ 7 pm,** rm  
102 & Zoom

### Thursday, Sept 12

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

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

**Memorial Bell Rehearsal @ 6:15 pm,**  
choir rm

### Friday, Sept 13

**Prism Youth Group @ 6:30 pm,** rm 108

**Ana Santiago Concert @ 7 pm,** sanctu-  
ary & livestream

### Sunday, Sept 15

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

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

**Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am,** TJ Rockwell's  
**Book Discussion with Pastor Naomi @  
1 pm,** Zoom