



# Announcements & Upcoming Events

**MAY 12-19, 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**—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**  
**May 12**

— **Discovery Class**, Brethren Disaster Ministry *Reporting on Rebuilding Trip to Madisonville, KY*, 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 12**—Mother's Day
- **May 19**—Mangia Mangia

## 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.

## 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

## Highlights...

- Janice Lehman's Celebration of Life—  
May 18
- All Church Roller Skating Event—May 26
- God & Country Film Screening—June 1
- Graduate Sunday—June 2
- NYC Fundraiser Meal—June 2
- Spring Church Council Mtg—June 2
- Pastor Jason's Sabbath Rest—  
June 9-August 24
- Etown CoB Camp Swatara Weekend—  
June 14-16
- Free Community Concert—June 21
- Classical Concert—June 28
- Messenger Magazine—Tiny Stories

rentals will cost \$5. Friends and families are welcome!

## GOD & COUNTRY Film Screening

**Sat, June 1 @ 7 pm**, sanctuary. Join us for the screening of the movie GOD & COUNTRY. This film will explore some of the same "Perils of Christian Nationalism" that this congregation discussed when we published our own statement as a full page ad in LNP. The text of that statement is available on the [HOME page](#) of our church website. To learn more about this specific film visit [godandcountrythemovie.com](http://godandcountrythemovie.com)

## 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, June 4 @ 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.

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### 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.

### 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.

## Jr/Sr High Youth Events

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

## Classical Concert

**Fri, 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.



## 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@svmccob.org](mailto:KarenHodges@svmccob.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.

## 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

### 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.



### 2024 Learning Tours

#### New Community Project

- Ecuadorian Jungle—June 1-7
- Dineh Navajo Reservation, NM—June 20-26
- Denali/Kenai Fjords, Alaska—July 27-Aug 4
- Arctic Village, Alaska—Aug 4-12



### Worship Attendance

#### Sunday, May 12

In-Person: 182      Livestream: 62

### Gifts Given

#### Cash, Checks & Square— April 29-May 6

General Fund: \$3,978.00  
CROP: \$53.20

Click or scan the QR code for details or call 540-855-1199 with any questions.

### CWS Training and Learning Opportunities

**Partner With Us** meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Click on the title for details.

**Refugee Welcome Collective Lunch and Learn** meets several times a month.

Click on the title for details.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Lancaster Pride—June 15
- York County Pride—June 22
- Lititz Pride—June 29
- Annual Conference—July 3-7
- VBS—August 13-16
- Women's Fellowship Camp—August 16-17
- Etown Fair—August 19-24
- Church Picnic—August 25
- Brethren Disaster Relief Auction—Sept 27-28
- Kingian Nonviolence Training Weekend—Oct 4-6
- 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

### Etown HS Prom Queen

Olivia Nilsen, daughter of Hyung Ku Nilsen and Amy Nilsen of Etown, has been crowned this year's prom queen!

### Staff Vacations

Pastor Jason will be traveling to Bethany Seminary for commencement ceremonies to be held on **May 11**. Congratulations to Jason as he celebrates the completion of his seminary education!

Crystal Crater is on vacation **returning May 13**. Office hours will return to normal hours on May 14th, M-F from 8:30 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  
**Conestoga CoB**  
congregation for the week of  
**May 12th.**

### 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

Rachel Bucher Swank, Music Coordinator | [rachel@etowncob.org](mailto:rachel@etowncob.org) | 717-367-1000 ext. 4

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 12

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

### Monday, May 13

Church Board Mtg @ 6:45 pm, rm 102

### Tuesday, May 14

Women's Bible Study @ 10 am, zoom

Yoga @ 6:30 pm, rm 101

### Wednesday, May 15

Quilters @ 9:30 am, rm 230

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

### Thursday, May 16

Chair Yoga @ 10:30 am, rm 101

Memorial Bell Rehearsal @ 6:15 pm,  
choir rm

### Saturday, May 18

Great Giving Event @ 7 am, Etown CoB  
parking lot

Celebration of Life for Janice Lehman  
@ 1 pm, sanctaury

### Sunday, May 19

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am, Mangia  
Mangia

Jr/Sr High Hike & Ice Cream @ 1 pm,  
Governor Dick, Mt Gretna

### Tuesday, May 21

Women's Bible Study @ 10 am, zoom

Yoga @ 6:30 pm, rm 101

### Wednesday, May 22

Quilters @ 9:30 am, rm 230

### Thursday, May 23

Chair Yoga @ 10:30 am, rm 101

Memorial Bell Rehearsal @ 6:15 pm,  
choir rm

Climate Crisis Action Committee Mtg  
@ 7 pm, zoom