



# Announcements & Upcoming Events

**NOVEMBER 3-10, 2024**

## Worship Services

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

- **Oct 6-Nov 10**—6 Principles of Kingian Nonviolence
- **Nov 17 & 24**—Grateful
- **Dec 1-Jan 5**—Advent 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 October 27**
  - **Special Faith Formation Class**, Part 1 of 2, Paul & Sandy Brubaker give presentation on Haiti, Fellowship Hall
  - **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 3**—Love Feast
- **November 10**—Lucky Ducks

## 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



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## Special Love Feast

**Sun, Nov 3**, Etown CoB fellowship hall.

This Special Love Feast will have an Election Day preparation focus. Join us in-person or via livestream for this special service that will begin during morning worship in the sanctuary and then move to the Fellowship Hall for footwashing, a fellowship meal, and a time of communion.

## 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. Commission reports are **due Tues, Nov 5**, send to [info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org). Packets will be available by **Sun, Nov 10**. A Zoom option will be available. An email with a Zoom link will be sent the morning of **Nov 17 at 10 am**.

## Highlights...

- Fall Council Meeting & Potluck—Nov 17
- 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

## Holiday Celebration

**Sat, Nov 23, 10 am-2 pm**, Etown CoB fellowship hall. All are welcome to this family-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 Peggy Shaffer with questions. Click or scan the QR code for details or to sign-up.



Volunteer



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## 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, Nov 5 @ 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.

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NOV 5**

### Quilters

**Wednesdays @ 9:30 am**, rm 230  
Quilting Coordinator: Peg Over  
Contact the [church office](#) with questions.

### Racial Justice Working Group

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

### LGBTQ+ Working Group

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

### Memory Loss/Caregivers Support Group

**Thur, Nov 7 @ 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. 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.

### 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.

### Remembrance Sunday

During worship on **Nov 24th** we will be remembering loved ones who have passed on from life to life in the past year. Please contact the church office at [info@etowncob.com](mailto:info@etowncob.com).

org by **Mon, Nov 11th** if you have a loved one that you would like to remember on this day. In the email, please submit a photo along with date of birth and date of death. The photo and dates will be placed on a slide and shared during the time of remembrance.

### Community Thanksgiving Eve Service

**Wed, Nov 27 @ 7 pm**, Christ UCC. All are welcome to join with Elizabethtown com-

## Jr/Sr High Youth Events

- **Nov 22-24**—Weekend District Service Project, Washington DC, RSVP to Pastor Jason
- **Dec 1**—1st Sunday Hangout
- **Dec 2**—Service Project, Washington DC, RSVP to Pastor Jason
- **Dec 15**—Christmas Party

munity members from other congregations for this ecumenical service. Pastor Naomi will be giving the message.

### 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.



### 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 Ti me

### 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.

## 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>

## 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/>.

## ECHOS

### Etown Emergency Shelter Volunteer Training

Volunteers needed for evening, overnight, morning, meals, and cleaning shifts.

- **New Volunteer Training—Nov 6, 6-8 pm**, ECHOS, 105 E Washington St, Etown
- **Returning Volunteers—Nov 7, 6-8 pm**, ECHOS, 105 E Washington St, Etown

Questions? Contact Carrie Stricker at [volunteer@echoslancaester.org](mailto:volunteer@echoslancaester.org) or call 717-361-0740.

## PA INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT (IPL)

### PA IPL's 2024 Faithful Voter Reflection Guides

These guides are available in the literature racks in the narthex area outside of the sanctuary. You are welcome to take one. A digital copy is available: <https://action.interfaithpowerandlight.org/vg24english>

### Worship Attendance

Sunday, October 27

In-Person: 176 Livestream: 51

### Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square—  
October 22-28

General Fund: \$17,695.00

Designated Gifts: \$477.00

CROP: \$89.00

## PARISH RESOURCE CENTER

### Learning Opportunities

PRC has a variety of topics of interest and with Etown CoB's membership our congregation qualifies for discounted pricing for all of their seminars and webinars. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration or call 717-299-1113.



### 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

- Church Board Retreat—TBD
- Lunch & Learn w/Jean-Paul Benowitz—Feb 26
- Ash Wednesday—Mar 5
- Lent Begins—Mar 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

### Donegal High School Marching Band to Compete

Donegal High School Marching Band finished in first place at the Manheim Central competition that was held on October 26. The Color Guard won high auxiliary. The Cavalcade Championships, a tournament celebrating the performance of marching bands from around the region, was held on Saturday, November 2 at Cumberland Valley High School. Jonah Bidgood Enders plays in the percussion section and Liam Nornhold participates in color guard.

Please join us in praying for the  
**Quakertown CoB**  
congregation for the week of  
**November 3rd.**

#### 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](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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Liz Bidgood Enders | [pastorliz@etowncob.org](mailto:pastorliz@etowncob.org) | 717-367-1000 ext. 5

#### Support Staff:

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[amy@etowncob.org](mailto:amy@etowncob.org) | 717-367-1000 ext. 6 | Mon-Fri, 8 am—3 pm

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, Nov 3

**Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am**  
**Adult Inquirers Class @ 9:15 am**, parlor  
**Love Feast @ 10:30 am**, sanctuary & Fellowship Hall  
**Worship @ 10:30 am**, sanctuary & livestream  
**Book Discussion with Pastor Naomi @ 1 pm**, Zoom

### Monday, Nov 4

**Church Board Mtg @ 6:45 pm**, rm 102 & Zoom  
**Christian Ed Commission Mtg @ 7 pm**, Pastor Jason's Study  
**Resources Commission Mtg @ 7 pm**, rm 108

### Tuesday, Nov 5

**Men's Coffee & Conversation @ 8 am**, Barry & Sandy Garman's Home  
**Women's Bible Study @ 10 am**, Zoom

### Wednesday, Nov 6

**Quilters @ 9:30 am**, rm 230  
**Choir Practice @ 7 pm**, choir rm

### Thursday, Nov 7

**Memory Loss Support Group @ 9:30 am**, Zoom & parlor  
**Chair Yoga @ 10:30 am**, rm 101  
**Memorial Bell Rehearsal @ 6:15 pm**, choir rm

### Friday, Nov 8

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

### Sunday, Nov 10

**Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am**  
**Adult Inquirers Class @ 9:15 am**, parlor  
**Worship @ 10:30 am**, sanctuary & livestream  
**Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am**, Lucky Ducks  
**Book Discussion with Pastor Naomi @ 1 pm**, Zoom

### Tuesday, Nov 12

**Women's Bible Study @ 10 am**, Zoom  
**Yoga @ 6:30 pm**, rm 101

### Wednesday, Nov 13

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