

Announcements & Upcoming Events

MAY 26-JUNE 2, 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
- **June 2-Aug 25**—Named and Unnamed

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 26

— **Discovery Class**, *The (Spiritual) Work of the People* with Liz Bidgood Enders

— **Bible Exploration** with David Leiter, rm 106

— **Young Adults**, Parlor

— **Chalkboard Chat**, rm 110

— **Sip N' Chat**, Memorial Lobby

Starting **June 9th** all Classes will begin a summer break with the exception of Bible Exploration which will continue to meet through June 23rd. Nursery and SHINE will be available during worship. Kids' Club will continue to dismiss during worship after Children's Time. Classes will resume as normal on **August 25th**.

Lunch Bunch

All are welcome! Contact Suzanne Taylor with questions.

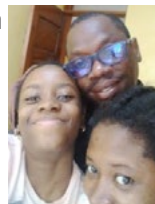
- **May 26**—Amato's Pizza
- **June 2**—NYC Youth Fundraiser Lunch

Reception of New Members

Sun, June 23 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.

Haitian Family

Our congregation has been waiting for the arrival of a Haitian family. They are scheduled to fly out of Cap Haitien on May 31st, but have a dangerous six hour trip to reach that airport. Please keep Fenite and Naelle in your prayers as they travel. The Witness Commission is busy preparing an apartment for this family and could use some help to move furniture and clean the furniture on June 1st. Contact Paul or Sandy Brubaker if interested in helping. Also, some of you volunteered to purchase specific items to help this family get started. Please give those items to Sandy Brubaker before June 1st. Thank you so much for your love, prayers and concern regarding this mission of service to a family in need of safety and security.



Highlights...

June is Pride Month

God & Country Film Screening—June 1

Graduate Sunday—June 2

NYC Fundraiser Meal—June 2

Spring Church Council Mtg—June 2

Etown CoB Camp Swatara Weekend—
June 14-16

Free Community Concert—June 21

Reception of New Members—June 23

Classical Concert—June 28

Potluck Breakfast Gathering—June 30

Messenger Magazine—Tiny Stories

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.

Hard copies of the packets will be available and also sent via email **Sun, May 26**.

A Zoom option is available for those who cannot come in person. The Zoom link will be sent via email June 2nd.

Newsletter Articles

July-August 2024 Newsletter articles are due to the church office on **Mon, June 10**. Please submit all articles to info@etowncob.org.

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

Topics vary. Contact [JulieAnn Keith](#) or [Chris Bucher](#) with questions.

SUMMER
BREAK

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

Contact [Ron Bellamy](#) with

questions.

SUMMER
BREAK

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

Tuesday, May 28 @ 7 pm, Zoom. All

are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for information.

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](#)

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.

Jr/Sr High Youth Events

- **May 26**—Roller Skating at Mt Gretna Roller Rink
- **June 2**—NYC Youth Fundraiser Meal
- **June 14**—Camp Swatara

2 cabins are still available! RSVP to Pastor Jason ASAP.

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.

Classical Concert

Fri, June 28 @ 7 pm, sanctuary. The

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.

Potluck Breakfast Gathering

Sun, June 30 @ 9:30 am, fellowship

hall. All are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship and to feel free to bring a hot or cold dish to share. Items should be brought to fellowship hall by 9:15 am. Dishes and silverware will be provided.

Vacation Bible School

Aug 13-16, Etown CoB. VBS is just 3 short

months away! This year's theme is from the Shine curriculum called "Seekers in Sneakers." We need lots of volunteers to run a successful program. If you'd enjoy helping with these fun evenings of playing, singing, and learning alongside the children of our church and community, please contact Lynne Hockley.

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 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 a 3,000 mile goal. Money raised through the 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

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@svmcob.org

svmcob.org or call 717-361-1450. CEU's available. A schedule is available on the community bulletin board in the Narthex.

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 and include your name, congregation, and town. You will be contacted if your story is used.

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.



June is Pride Month

- **Sat, June 15 @ 12 pm**, Lancaster Pride Festival, Lancaster Convention Center, 25 S Queen St, Lancaster
- **Sat, June 22 @ 11 am**, All Trans Memorial Hall, 334 Carlisle Ave, York
- **Sat, June 29 @ 11 am**, Lititz Pride Festival, Lititz Springs Park, 24 N Broad St, Lititz

CWS Training and Learning Opportunities

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

Worship Attendance

Sunday, May 19

In-Person: 182

Livestream: 37

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square—May 13-20

General Fund: \$4,609.05

CROP: \$139.05

Tenant R & S: \$89.92

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

Click on the title for details.

LOOKING AHEAD

- 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
- Women's Coffee & Conversation - Sept 22
- 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.

CAMP SWATARA HELP NEEDED!

Counselors and volunteers are needed for several camp sessions from **June 16-July 26**.

Are you available for one week or more? If you are interested in being a counselor, please click this link: <https://www.campswatara.org/employment-opportunities> to apply. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please click this link: <https://www.campswatara.org/volunteer-opportunities> to apply. The campers need your support! Thank you!

SABBATH REST

Pastor Jason—June 9-August 24.

Please join us in praying for the
Stevens Hill Community CoB
congregation for the week of
May 26th.

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](#) 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.

Pastoral Team:

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Naomi Kraenbring

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Liz Bidgood Enders

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Amy Zimmerman, Facilities Manager

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CALENDAR

Sunday, May 26

Young Adult Conference, Sharpsburg, MD

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am, Amato's Pizza

All Church Roller Skating @ 5 pm, Mt Gretna Roller Skating Rink, Mt Gretna

Monday, May 27

Church Office - CLOSED

Tuesday, May 28

Yoga @ 6:30 pm, rm 101

Wednesday, May 29

Quilters @ 9:30 am, rm 230

Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm, choir rm

Thursday, May 30

Chair Yoga @ 10:30 am, rm 101

Friday, May 31

3,000 Miles for Peace Kickoff Event @ 2 pm, Zoom

Saturday, June 1

GOD & COUNTRY Film Screening @ 7 pm, sanctuary

Sunday, June 2

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Spring Church Council and NYC Youth Fundraiser Lunch @ 11:45 am, fellowship hall and Zoom

Monday, June 3

Witness Commission Mtg @ 6 pm, Zoom

Christian Ed Commission Mtg @ 7 pm, Pastor Jason's Study

Immigration Support Group @ 7 pm, Zoom

Resources Commission Mtg @ 7 pm, rm 108