



Announcements & Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY 16-23, 2025

Worship Services

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

- **Feb 2-March 2**—Sermon Series: Wrestling with Words

Faith Formation Hour

Every Sunday from 9:15-10:15 am

- **Children & Youth Faith Formation**—Ages 0—12th grade
- **Adult Faith Formation February 16**
 - **Discovery Class**, “Theology and Spirituality in Times of Rupture” - Video Presentation, rm 102 & Zoom
 - **Bible Exploration** with David Leiter, rm 106 & Zoom
 - **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.

- **February 16**—Mangia Mangia
- **February 23**—Amato’s Pizza

Red Cards

Anyone interested in the Red Cards with information about immigrants’ rights please see a pastor. If you would like to request bulk amounts please call the church office with

the amount needed and the office will let you know when they are ready for pick-up.

Pictorial Directories are Available

Directories are located at the back of the sanctuary or contact the church office.

Inquirers Class

Feb 16-March 23 during Faith Formation Hour. If you would like to learn more about this congregation and discern whether church membership is right for you, please join us for the next Inquirers Class series. You may be new to the congregation or have been attending for some time and have not yet become a member. For those who decide to join the congregation, we will receive new members on **Apr 13th**. Please RSVP to a pastor or the church office if you plan to join. Interested youth, please contact Pastor Jason at jason@etowncob.org.

Kitchen Committee Mtg

The Resources Commission is forming a new Kitchen Committee whose job will be to coordinate and oversee activities requiring the use of the church kitchen. An organizational meeting will be on **Sat, Feb 22 @ 2 pm** in the Parlor for anyone interested in learning more about our new committee. Questions? See Becky Eisenbise.

Family Dinner

Sun, Feb 23 @ 5 pm, fellowship hall. This is a potluck meal for families with children of all ages, but anyone should feel

Highlights...

- Inquirers Class—Feb 16-Mar 23
- Kitchen Committee Meeting—Feb 22
- Family Dinner—Feb 23
- Lunch & Learn w/ Jean-Paul Benowitz—Feb 26
- LGBTQIA Book Club—Feb 27
- Ash Wednesday—Mar 5
- Lent Begins—Mar 9
- Women’s Spring Fellowship—Mar 15

welcome to come and join in this shared meal. Don’t miss this great opportunity for children to play and for families to connect with one another!

Lunch and Learn

Wed, Feb 26 @ 12 pm, Centerville Diner 2 in Mount Joy. Prime Time presents Jean-Paul Benowitz speaking on “Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in the History of Elizabethtown College.” Sign up in Memorial Lobby on **Feb 16 & 23**. RSVP appreciated but not required. Contact Lois Herr at herrlk@me.com or 717-371-5721

LGBTQIA Book Club

Thurs, Feb 27 @ 6:30 pm, parlor. The group will discuss the book *Tomorrow Will Be Different* by Sarah McBride. If you would like to join in the discussion. Read the intro through chapter 7 for Feb 27th. Click or scan the QR code to purchase the book.



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, Mar 4 @ 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, Mar 6 @ 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.

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

Thurs, Feb 27 @ 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for info.

Immigration Support Group

Mon, Feb 24 @ 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.

Lenten Home Groups

This year during the Lenten season we will be offering "Lenten Home Groups" on Sunday afternoons/evenings. There will be four weeks of small in-home gatherings where folks will come together for a shared meal and conversation. Please consider whether you would be willing to open up your home, provide leadership, cook a meal or participate in these



"Lenten Home Groups." Click or scan the QR code to sign-up to be a host/facilitator.

Adult Choir Rehearsals

All singers are welcome to join the Adult Choir. Rehearsals will be held on several Wednesdays from 7-8 pm in the choir room. See the church calendar for exact dates. Contact Rachel Bucher Swank with questions.

Jr/Sr High Youth Events

Grades 6-12

- **Mar 15-16**—Camp Swatara One Night Retreat

Grades 6-8

- **June 20-22**—National Youth Junior High Conference

Grades 9-12

- **July 18-23, 2026**—National Youth Conference

Annual Family Camping Weekend

June 13-15, Camp Swatara. We have cabins reserved for Father's Day weekend. A limited number of cabins are reserved and will be first come first serve. Small cabin - \$160, sleeps 5 the large cabin - \$180, sleeps 9. RSVP's and any questions, contact Pastor Jason at jason@etowncob.org.

ANE (ATLANTIC NORTH-EAST) DISTRICT

Women's Spring Fellowship

Sat, March 15 @ 8:30 am - 2:30 pm, 60 Clay St, Mountville. Join us for fellowship and to listen and learn from Pastor Dave Weiss! Special music by Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren praise band. Offering will benefit Camp Swatara's Monarch Camp. Registration cost is \$20. Registration Closes on March 2. Childcare available for ages 3-8.



CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Ventures Course

Tues, Feb 18 @ 6 pm CT, online. The Ventures in Christian



Discipleship program at McPherson College presents “Luke and Acts: Turning the World Upside Down” presented by Dr. Chris Bucher and Dr. Bob Neff. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.

Christian Citizenship Seminar (CCS)

April 5-9, Washington DC. The theme for this year is Faith for Change. **Cost is \$525**. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration or contact Becky Naugle at 847-429-4385 or bullom-naugle@brethren.org.



National Jr High Conference

June 20-22, Juniata College, PA. Junior High youth (completed grades 6 - 8) and their adult advisors are invited to this weekend of faith formation, friendship, and fun! Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.



FaithX Experiences Summer 2025

FaithX experiences are short-term service trips. Opportunities for Junior High through Older Adults is available. Registration is open and will close **Tues, April 1**. Click or scan the QR code for schedule, details and registration or contact Marissa Witkovsky-Eldred at 847-429-4337 or faithx@brethren.org.



PARISH RESOURCE CENTER (PRC)

How to Talk about LGBTQ Topics with Kids

Thurs, March 13 @ 7 pm, online only. The Etown CoB LGBTQ+ Working Group encourages everyone to take part in the workshop,



teachers, parents, and grandparents. Cost is \$13 per person since Etown CoB holds a PRC membership. Click or scan the QR code for details and registration.

ETOWN COLLEGE

Young Center Events

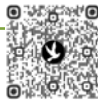
- **Now-May 16, High Library Idea Lab** is hosting an exhibit **Preserving the Stories of Etown Students and Alumni of Color**. This exhibit will also share the work of Etown CoB Racial Justice Working Group including Etown’s history as a “sundown town.”
- **Tues, Feb 18 @ 7 pm**, via Zoom or in the Bucher Meetinghouse. **Lecture: America’s Refugee Capital**, Naomi Kraenbring will share early thoughts on themes, interpretation, analysis, and conclusions from her dissertation work, still in progress. Zoom link: <https://etown.zoom.us/j/98782139786>
- **Wed, Feb 26 @ 7 pm**, Winters Alcove, High Library. **Lecture: Researching & Recording BIPOC Student History at Etown College**, Students Kalen Tendo and Jordyn Dutko will share their recent research with Archivist Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh on the history of students of color at Etown College.



Click or scan the QR code for details.

Lecture Series

- **Thurs, Apr 10 @ 7 pm**, Leffler Chapel. **Ware Lecture** on Peacemaking with human rights activist and recipient of the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize, Nadia Murad.



Click or scan the QR code for details.

Worship Attendance

Sunday, February 9

In-Person: 161 Livestream: 70

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square—February 4-10

General Fund: \$4,379.50

Designated Gifts: \$1,645.95

Tenant R & S: \$6,447.05

CROP: \$217.00

OTHER EVENTS

Who Is Elijah?

An Interfaith Conversation

Thurs, Feb 20 @ 7 pm,

Shaari Shomayim, 75 E James St, Lancaster. Join Rabbi Jack Paskoff, Rev. Jennifer Mattson and Dr. Shahid Babar as they discuss Elijah, a Biblical and Qur’anic figure shared by Judaism, Christianity and Islam. This event is available by Zoom and in-person. To register please click or scan the QR code.



LOOKING AHEAD

- Chicken BBQ—April 5
- Christian Citizenship Seminar—Apr 5-9
- Palm Sunday—Apr 13
- New Member Reception—Apr 13
- Love Feast—April 17
- Easter Sunday—Apr 20

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

BETHANY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Course Offering

March 17-19, Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, IN. The registration deadline has been extended for the class **Ministering Across Cultures: Building Bridges Through Intercultural Competence** with instructor: Darla Kay Deardorff. This short 3-day course explores what it means to be inter-culturally competent today. It equips pastors and leaders with the skills, knowledge, and insights needed to engage with and minister to our diverse neighbors. Through assigned readings, class discussions and activities, and some online work, we will delve into how to build relationships across differences as Christ calls us to be “one body.” For details and to register click or scan the QR code.



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Please join us in praying for the **Lampeter CoB** congregation for the week of **February 16th.**

Church Office Holidays:
 Apr 18—Closed - Good Friday

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.

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Ushers Breakfast Inquirers Class Faith Formation Worship Lunch Bunch		Women's Bible Study Yoga Nurture Comm Mtg	Quilters	Chair Yoga Memorial Bell Rehearsal LGBTQIA+ Working Grp Mtg	Prism	Knitting/Fiber Arts Grp Kitchen Comm Mtg
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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