



# Announcements & Upcoming Events

**AUGUST 4-11, 2024**

## Worship Services

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

- **June 2-Aug 25**—Named and Unnamed
- **Sept 1-29**—Here I am

## Faith Formation Hour

All classes are on summer break. 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.

- **August 4**—Special Church Council Mtg
- **August 11**—Mangia Mangia

## Sept-Oct Newsletter

Articles for the upcoming Sept/Oct *Along the Way* Newsletter are due **Mon, Aug 12**. Please send all articles to [info@etowncob.org](mailto:info@etowncob.org).

## Prism Youth Group

**Fridays @ 6:30 pm, Youth Room 108.** All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome! Our gatherings are open to everyone—regardless of gender identity or church affiliation—because we believe God's love is fully inclusive. This will be a relaxed space for kids to hang out, play games, make crafts, and enjoy snacks in a safe and affirming environment. Come be a part of our community!

## Etown CoB Pictorial Directory



We are excited to announce that we are creating a **NEW Pictorial Directory** that will be released at the end of the year! Get your cameras ready this summer! 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.

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

## Vacation Bible School



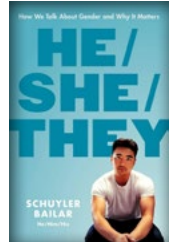
**Aug 13-16 @ 6 pm - 8:15 pm, Etown CoB.** "Seekers in Sneakers," is this year's theme! All children ages 4-10 are invited to join us. Click or scan the QR code to register or contact the church office. Volunteers are needed. Questions? Contact Lynne Hockley.

## Highlights...

- Special Church Council Mtg—Aug 4
- Newsletter Articles—Due Aug 12
- VBS—August 13-16
- Women's Fellowship Camp—Aug 16-17
- LGBTQIA Book Club—Aug 19
- Etown Fair—Aug 19-24
- Church Picnic—Aug 25
- Annual Family Camp Auction—Aug 30-31
- Etown CoB Pictorial Directory—Due Oct 1

## LGBTQIA Book Club

Etown CoB has started a new book club for anyone interested in learning more about the LGBTQIA community. The first meeting will be held on **Mon, Aug 19 @ 7 pm** in the parlor. To participate, read the first book, *He/She/They* by Schuyler Bailar and be ready to discuss on Aug 19th. This book clearly and compassionately addresses fundamental and complex topics of the transgender community. Contact the church office with any questions.



## Church Picnic

**Sun, Aug 25, directly after worship, Etown CoB.** All are welcome to join us for this Nurture Commission sponsored afternoon of

## 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

**Tuesday, Aug 6 @ 8 am**, Garmans' home. All men are invited for coffee and conversation. Questions or transportation, contact Barry Garman, Ben Hoffman, George Snaveley 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.

### Racial Justice Working Group

**2nd Wednesday @ 7 pm**, Zoom

All are welcome! Contact [JulieAnn Keith](#) with questions.

### Memory Loss/Caregivers Support Group

**Thursday, Aug 8 @ 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.

### 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

**Thursday, Aug 22 @ 7 pm**, Zoom.

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

### An Evening with Nathan & Jennifer Hosler

**Sat, Sept 14 from 6-8 pm**, sanctuary & livestream. Join us for an evening with Nathan and Jennifer Hosler to reflect on their recent trips to the Holy Land. Both Nate and Jenn have been involved in various capacities to push Congress and the Administration to call for a ceasefire in Palestine and to stop fueling the humanitarian catastrophe. You will gain insights into the current situation in the region and will be equipped with options for response and how you can take action.

## Jr/Sr High Youth Events

- **Aug 4**—1st Sunday Hangout
- **Sept 1**—1st Sunday Hangout
- **Oct 6**—1st Sunday Hangout
- **Oct 19**—Youth Day at Camp Swatara, RSVP to Pastor Jason by Sept 15.

## 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. Come have refreshments and chat with them. Reservations requested. Click or scan the QR code to register or contact the church office.



## CAMP SWATARA

### Youth Day at Camp Swatara

**Sat, Oct 19 from 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.

### ANE District Women's Camp

**August 16-17**, Camp Swatara.

All women are welcome to join in this weekend of fellowship and fun! This year's theme: Playground Rules with speaker Gail Koskia. Click or scan the QR Code for details and registration.



fellowship, food and fun! Feel free to bring along a side, snack or dessert to share, and a place setting, lawn chair and a game to play.

## Free Community Vocal Concert

**Fri, Sept 13 @ 7 pm**, sanctuary & livestream. 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.

## Annual Family Camp Auction

Children's auction is **Fri, Aug 30 @ 7 pm**, main auction is on **Sat, Aug 31 @ 9 am**, East Lodge, Camp Swatara. Proceeds benefit Family Camp at Camp Swatara. Questions? Contact Sandy Hughes at 717-679-1995 or Ryan Arndt at 717-926-1939.


## SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER (SVMC)

### Continuing Education

Clergy and laity 2024 schedule. Click [here](#) for details or contact Karen Hodges at [Karen-Hodges@svmccob.org](mailto:Karen-Hodges@svmccob.org) or call 717-361-1450. CEU's available. A schedule is available on the community bulletin board in the Narthex.


## BRETHREN VILLAGE (BV)

### Annual Golf Tournament

**Thurs, Sept 12, 7 am-6 pm**,  Iron Valley Golf Club, Lebanon. Proceeds benefit BV Good Samaritan Fund. Click or scan the QR code for details and to register by Aug 12.


## COBYS

### Bike & Hike

**Sun, Sept 8, 12-4 pm**, Lititz  CoB. Come join us to help support COBYS ministries. All proceeds from the event support COBYS ministries. Registration is open. Click or scan the QR code for information and registration.

## EVERENCE

### Free Medicare Workshop

**Wed, Aug 22 @ 6:30 pm**,  join this seminar to learn more about Medicare enrollment, medical & drug coverage, and supplemental

plans. Click or scan the QR code to register or call 717-653-6662.

## 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. 

## MOUNT GREтна AREA

### Gretna Music

#### Summer Season—Through 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. 

### Mt Gretna Bible Festival

#### Through August 25

This year's Bible Festival includes ecumenical services, speakers, concerts and a children's program. Most events are held at the Tabernacle in Mt Gretna. Visit [mtgretnatabernacle.org](http://mtgretnatabernacle.org) for full event information or grab a brochure from the literature rack.

## CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

### 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.

## Worship Attendance

### Sunday, July 28

In-Person: 164 Livestream: 39

### Gifts Given

### Cash, Checks & Square— July 23-29

General Fund: \$5,566.00

Designated Gifts: \$1,010.00

CROP: \$92.00

Tenant R & S: \$1,504.00

## LOOKING AHEAD

- COBYS Bike & Hike—Sept 8
- Free Community Vocal Concert featuring Ana Santiago—Sept 13
- An Evening with Nathan & Jennifer Hosler—Sept 14
- Women's Coffee & Conversation with Pat Leiter & Marie Monville—Sept 22
- Brethren Disaster Relief Auction—Sept 27-28
- Pictorial Directory Photo & Info Deadline—Oct 1
- Kingian Nonviolence Training Weekend—Oct 4-6
- ANE District Conference—Oct 11-12
- Fall Church Council Mtg—Nov 17
- Holiday Celebration—Nov 23
- 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.

## SUMMER PASTORAL CARE

During the summer at times when our Pastoral Team is unavailable, a team of volunteers with pastoral care experience will work together to provide congregational care to the best of their ability. Please contact the church office and they will contact the care team volunteer on call.

## STAFF OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Naomi—August 5-9

Pastor Liz—August 9-12

## SABBATH REST

Pastor Jason—June 9-August 24

## Pastoral Team:

Jason Haldeman

jason@etowncob.org | 717-367-1000 ext. 2 | Mon-Thurs, 8:30 am—4:30 pm

Naomi Kraenbring

pastornaomi@etowncob.org | 717-367-1000 ext. 3 | Mon, Wed-Fri, 8:30 am—4:30 pm

Liz Bidgood Enders

pastorliz@etowncob.org | 717-367-1000 ext. 5 | Mon, Wed 8:30 am—4:30 pm, Thurs, am

## Support Staff:

Kim Glass, Music Coordinator/Accompanist | kim@etowncob.org | 717-367-1000 ext. 4

Rachel Bucher Swank, Music Coordinator | rachel@etowncob.org | 717-367-1000 ext. 4

Ron Bellamy, Memorial Bells Director | ringinron@gmail.com

Crystal Crater, Office Administrator and Marketing & Communications Coordinator

crystal@etowncob.org | 717-367-1000 ext. 0 | Mon-Fri, 8:30 am—4:30 pm

Brooke Bish, Administrative Assistant

brooke@etowncob.org | 717-367-1000 ext. 1 | Mon-Fri, 9 am—2 pm

Amy Zimmerman, Facilities Manager

amy@etowncob.org | 717-367-1000 ext. 6 | Mon-Fri, 8 am—3 pm

Please join us in praying for the  
**Lititz CoB**  
congregation for the week of  
**Aug 4th.**

## Church Office Holidays:

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](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.

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, Aug 4

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

**Special Church Council Mtg @ 11:45 am**, sanctuary & Zoom

**Jr/Sr High Youth 1st Sunday Hangout @ 12 pm**, rm 108

### Monday, Aug 5

**Witness Commission Mtg @ 6 pm**, Zoom

**Resources Commission Mtg @ 7 pm**, rm 108

### Tuesday, Aug 6

**Men's Coffee & Conversation @ 8 am**, Home of Sandy and Barry Garman

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

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

### Wednesday, Aug 7

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

### Thursday, Aug 8

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

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

### Friday, Aug 9

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

### Sunday, Aug 11

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

**Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am**, Mangia Mangia

**VBS Volunteer Mtg @ 11:45 am**, parlor

### Monday, Aug 12

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

### Tuesday, Aug 13

**Vacation Bible School @ 6 pm**, church grounds

### Wednesday, Aug 14

**Vacation Bible School @ 6 pm**, church grounds