



Announcements & Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 22-29, 2024

Worship Services

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

- **Sept 1-29**—Here I am

Faith Formation Hour

Every Sunday from 9:15-10:15 am

- **Children & Youth Faith Formation**—Ages 0—12th grade
- **Adult Faith Formation September 22**
 - **Discovery Class**, Kurt Sollenberger, Pavilion Presentation, rm 102 & livestream
 - **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.

- **September 22**—TJ Rockwell's
- **September 29**—Mangia Mangia

Faith Formation Leaders Needed!

The Christian Ed Commission is actively looking for leaders for nursery and children's Faith Formation programs this fall. We'd like to offer opportunities for all ages, but it takes a lot of volunteers to make that happen. If you feel called in this direction, please contact either Pastor Jason or Lynne Hockley.

Gifts Discernment Nominations Needed



The Gifts Discernment Committee (GDC) is asking for suggestions to fill the roles listed on the Nomination Form (including yourself!) which can be found by clicking or scanning the QR code. Paper copies are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please fill out and return them to the church office by **Mon, Sept 23**. Contact the church office with any questions.

Pizza with the Pastors

Are you new-ish to the Etown CoB congregation? Join others who have begun attending in the last year or so for Pizza with the Pastors, immediately following worship on **September 29th!**

Potluck Luncheon

Sun, Oct 6, after worship. All are welcome to join us for a time of food and fellowship. Please feel free to bring a hot or cold dish, desserts, etc. to share.

Inquirers Class

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, on Sunday mornings during the Faith Formation hour from **Oct 13 through Nov 24**. 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

Highlights...

- LGBTQIA Book Club—Sept 25
- Climate Crisis Action Committee Mtg—Sept 26
- Brethren Disaster Relief Auction—Sept 27-28
- Pizza with the Pastors—Sept 29
- Etown CoB Pictorial Directory—Due Oct 1
- Kingian Nonviolence Training Weekend—Oct 4-6
- Potluck Luncheon—Oct 6
- ANE District Conference—Oct 11-12
- Nov/Dec Newsletter Articles—Due Oct 14
- ANE Older Adult Coffee House—Oct 15
- Inquirers Class—Oct 13-Nov 24

join the congregation, we will receive new members on **Dec 8th**.

Sept-Oct Newsletter

Articles for the upcoming Nov/Dec *Along the Way* Newsletter are due **Mon, Oct 14**. Please send all articles to info@etowncob.org.

2025 Pledge Letters and Cards

Pledge letters and cards will be in the mail soon. Please return the cards to the church office or fill out the electronic form (click or scan the QR code) by **November 1st**.



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, Oct 1 @ 8 am, Garmans' 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.

Racial Justice Working Group

2nd Wednesday @ 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [JulieAnn Keith](#) with questions.

Memory Loss/Caregivers

Support Group

Thur, Oct 3 @ 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.

LGBTQIA Book Club

Wed, Sept 25 @ 6 pm, parlor. We will continue the discussion on the book **He/She/They** by Schuyler Bailar.

Climate Crisis Action Committee

Thur, Sept 26 @ 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for info.

Immigration Support Group

Tues, Oct 29 @ 7 pm, Zoom. All are welcome! Contact [Damon Wagner Fields](#) for info.

ATTENTION ALL GROUPS!

Please consider taking a group photo and submit to the church office to be placed in the Pictorial Directory. Also, if you attend an event, consider taking photos and submit those to the church office. Please label with the activity or group name and if possible, list the people from left to right who are in the photo. **Due by Oct 16.**

New Etown CoB Pictorial Directory

[Karen Hodges](#) has graciously volunteered to take family photos after church on the remaining Sundays in September. Meet her in the Parlor after the worship service to have your picture taken. She will then submit the photos to the church office.



Jr/Sr High Youth Events

- **Sept 29**—Pizza, White Cliffs and GiGi's
- **Oct 6**—Potluck Luncheon
- **Oct 19**—Youth Day at Camp Swatara, RSVP to Pastor Jason by Sept 30.
- **Nov 3**—1st Sunday Hangout
- **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

If you take a photo on your own, please note that high-resolution, horizontal photos work best. **All photos and updated contact 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 or call 717-367-1000.

Fifth Sunday Forum

Sun, Sept 29, Faith Formation Hour, Etown CoB fellowship hall. All Faith Formation classes are welcome to join us for a special Immigration Support Group guest speaker **Kate Good**, Executive Director, Parish Resource Center. She will be addressing immigration issues and PRC's commitment in providing services to the local immigrant community.

Kingian Nonviolence 16-Hour Training Weekend

Oct 4-6, Etown CoB fellowship hall. Etown CoB will be hosting and sponsoring a partnership with On Earth Peace for a weekend of Kingian



Nonviolence Training with certified trainers. Cost is \$35 per person. If \$35 is too much, you can pay what you can. See payment options on the registration page. Click or scan the QR code to register or contact the church office. The registration deadline is **Sept 29**.

Stroopies Tour, Lancaster Sweet Shoppe & Southern Market

Fri, Oct 25 @ 9 am, Etown CoB parking lot. Join us to learn about Stroopies and their story of a company that provides meaningful employment to resettle refugee women in Lancaster. Space is limited to 20 people. Sign-ups begin in Mid-September in Memorial Lobby. Contact Gina Strouse or the church office with questions. Click or scan the QR code for info.



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Sat, Oct 26 @ 5:30 pm, locations vary. All are welcome to join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Hosts will provide a main dish, and guests will provide a dessert, salad, or vegetable. Sign-ups will begin in Mid-September in Memorial Lobby. Contact Gina Strouse or the church office with questions.



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 on **Sat, Nov 23**. Please contact Sandy Brubaker, Karen Ungemach or Peggy Shaffer if you are able to donate items.

ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Older Adult Coffee House

Tues, Oct 15, 2-3:30 pm, Lancaster CoB. Savor coffee, tea and cookies and enjoy a special presentation *A Celebration of Music: Handbells* featuring Ron Bellamy. This event is FREE and NO registration required.

ON EARTH PEACE

Just Give 'Em the News

A Ted & Co TheaterWorks performance **Sat, Sept 28, at 7:30 pm**, via livestream. Join On Earth Peace for its 50th Anniversary celebration with a performance by Ted & Co with an original production. This is a family friendly event — kids are welcome! Tickets are required for this fundraising event. **GET TICKETS HERE!**

ETOWN COLLEGE

PEACE FELLOW LECTURE: Earthkeeping As Peacemaking

Tues, Oct 1 @ 7 pm, Susquehanna Rm, Myer Hall. David Radcliff, Director of New Community Project, will present his lecture, "Earthkeeping as Peacemaking" which centers on the confluence of peacemaking and environmental care. This event is free and open to the public. For more information visit <https://www.etown.edu/centers/global/peacefellow.aspx>

PA INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT (IPL)

PA IPL Annual Film Festival

Online the evenings of **Sept, 26, 27 & 28, @ 6 pm**. Trailers and descriptions of the three films can viewed at: <https://paipl.us/>

Worship Attendance

Sunday, September 15

In-Person: 196 Livestream: 47

Gifts Given

Cash, Checks & Square—September 3-9

General Fund: \$3,259.00

Designated Gifts: \$7.50

CROP: \$166.57

[event/pa-ipl-film-festival-2024/](https://www.pa-ipl.org/event/pa-ipl-film-festival-2024/). Register for films individually or as a group.

2024 Annual Interfaith Climate Convening

Sun, Sept 29, 1-6 pm, virtually. The theme "Planting Seeds for New Futures." Learn more: <https://paipl.us/event/2024-annual-interfaith-climate-convening/>. Registration is required. When registering use code **MEMBER24** for a special discounted rate.

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>

LOOKING AHEAD

- Fall Church Council Mtg—Nov 17
- Holiday Celebration—Nov 23
- Remembrance Sunday—Nov 24
- SEERV Items Sale—Nov 24, Dec 1 & 8
- 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.

ETOWN COB COMMUNITY CORNER

Paula Knudsen Burke Set to Receive an Award

On Thursday, November 14, at the PA News-Media Association 100th Anniversary gala at the Hershey Country Club, **Paula Knudsen Burke** will receive the Benjamin Franklin award for excellence. This award recognizes those who have performed outstanding service to their newspaper, to the news media in general, and the local community that reflects positively on the news media industry. You can see the full article on Lancaster Online.

STAFF VACATIONS

Crystal—Sept 21-Oct 6, office hours 9 am-4:30 pm during this time.

Please join us in praying for the
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congregation for the week of
September 22nd.

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 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.

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CALENDAR

Sunday, Sept 22

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am, TJ Rockwell's

Book Discussion with Pastor Naomi @ 1 pm, Zoom

Women's Coffee & Conversation @ 3 pm, fellowship hall

Tuesday, Sept 24

Women's Bible Study @ 10 am, Zoom

Yoga @ 6:30 pm, rm 101

Christian Nationalism Webinar @ 6:30 pm, online

Wednesday, Sept 25

Quilters @ 9:30 am, rm 230

Climate & Peace Webinar @ 11 am, online

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Prism @ 6:30 pm, rm 108

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Etown College Homecoming

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Just Give 'Em The News @ 7:30 pm, livestream

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Blessing of Our Pets @ 3:30 pm, portico