



Announcements & Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 15-22, 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 8**
 - **Discovery Class**, Paige McFarling, Lancaster County Food Hub, 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 15**—Lucky Ducks
- **September 22**—TJ Rockwell's

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!**

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

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

Highlights...

- Women's Coffee & Conversation—Sept 22
- 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
- Kingian Nonviolence Training Weekend—Oct 4-6
- Etown CoB Pictorial Directory—Due Oct 1
- ANE District Conference—Oct 11-12
- Inquirers Class—Oct 13-Nov 24

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.

If you take a photo on your own, please note that high-resolution, horizontal photos

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, Sept 12 @ 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.

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. Reservations requested. Click or scan the QR code to register or contact the church office.



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-dictionary-2025>. If you have any questions or need help, please contact the church office at info@etowncob.org or call 717-367-1000.

Jr/Sr High Youth Events

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

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 for this event 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.

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

LECTURE: Discovering Fianna Bucher Meyer

Thurs, Sept 19 @ 7 pm, Bucher Meetinghouse. Nancy L. Bieber will talk about discovering her grandmother, Fianna Bucher Meyer, while unearthing boxes of letters in an attic a century after Fianna's death and how her research uncovered more about Fianna's life. For more information visit [https://www. etown.edu/centers/young-center/events.aspx](https://www.etown.edu/centers/young-center/events.aspx)

SYMPOSIUM: What Does It Mean to Be Church? Anabaptist and Pietist Perspectives

Sat, Sept 21, 9 am-3 pm, Bucher Meetinghouse. Tony Walsh, Sam Funkhouser and Jeff Bach will lead this discussion of various Brethren and Mennonite groups of Plain or mainline identity to discuss their concepts of church and the similarities or differences they notice among various groups. For more information visit <https://www. etown.edu/centers/young-center/events.aspx>

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)

2024 Annual Interfaith Climate Convening

Sun, Sept 29, 1-6 pm, virtually. The theme "Planting Seeds for New Futures," is housed at the intersection of faith, food, sustainable agriculture and justice. Learn more: <https://paip.us/event/2024-annual-interfaith-climate-convening/>. Registration is required. When registering use code **MEMBER24** for a special discounted rate.

Worship Attendance

Sunday, September 8

In-Person: 177 Livestream: 52

Gifts Given

**Cash, Checks & Square—
September 3-9**

General Fund: \$1,128.00

Designated Gifts: \$41.50

CROP: \$68.25

Tenant R & S: \$6,606.90

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://paip.us/event/pa-ipl-film-festival-2024/>. Register for films individually or as a group.

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](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.

BRETHREN HOUSING ASSOCIATION (BHA)

Little Black Dress Soiree

Thurs, Oct 10 @ 5:30 pm,

Historic King Mansion, 2201 N

Front St, Harrisburg. Enjoy food,

fellowship and raise money to support single parent families experiencing homelessness in our community. Click or scan the QR code for tickets.



CHURCH OFFICE NOTES

Lost and Found

There is a lost and found in the Church Office. Missing an item? Stop by the office to see if your item has been turned in.

STAFF VACATIONS

Brooke—Sept 12-19

Crystal—Sept 21-Oct 6

Please join us in praying for the
Mechanic Grove CoB
congregation for the week of
September 15th.

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 15

Faith Formation Hour @ 9:15 am

Worship @ 10:30 am, sanctuary & livestream

Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am, Lucky Ducks

Book Discussion with Pastor Naomi @ 1 pm, Zoom

Monday, Sept 16

Christian Nationalism Webinar @ 6:30 pm, online

Resources Commission Mtg @ 7 pm, rm 108

Tuesday, Sept 17

Women's Bible Study @ 10 am, Zoom

Yoga @ 6:30 pm, rm 101

Immigration Support Committee Mtg @ 7 pm, Zoom

Wednesday, Sept 18

Quilters @ 9:30 am, rm 230

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

Thursday, Sept 19

Chair Yoga @ 10:30 am, rm 102

Memorial Bell Rehearsal @ 6:15 pm, choir rm

Lecture: Discovering Fianna Bucher Meyer @ 7 pm, Bucher Mtg House

Friday, Sept 20

Prism @ 6:30 pm, rm 108

Saturday, Sept 21

Symposium: What Does It Mean to Be Church? @ 9 am, Bucher Mtg House

Memorial to the Lost @ 11 am, Lititz CoB

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