



# Announcements & Upcoming Events

## JULY 14-21, 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
- Our 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

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.

- **July 14**—Amato's Pizza
- **July 21**—Lucky Ducks

### Kids' Club Help Needed!

Helpers are needed during Kids' Club, Sunday during morning service. Interested? Contact Lynne Hockley at 717-468-2632.

### Women's Bible Study Breakfast

**Tues, July 30 @ 9 am**, Gus's Keystone Restaurant. All women are welcome. RSVP to Peggy Shaffer by **July 28th**.

### Building Closed

**July 15 & 16.** Sewer line repair and trap replacement is scheduled. There will be no running water in the building. Staff will work virtually from home on both days.

### 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, landscape 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.

### Special Church Council Meeting

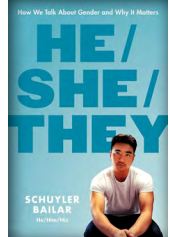
**Sun, Aug 4, directly after worship**, sanctuary & Zoom. This meeting is to put forth a vote to call Pastor Liz to the congregation as 2/3-time pastor, beginning Sept 1, 2024. The vote will include two pieces: to call Pastor Liz to ministry at Etown CoB and to approve the compensation package. There will also be a final report and recommendation from the Endowment Integrity Committee. Please join us for this important meeting.

### Highlights...

- Threads & Treads—July 20
- Special Church Council Mtg—Aug 4
- 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.

### Vacation Bible School

**Aug 13-16 @ 6 pm - 8:15 pm, Etown CoB.** "Seekers in Sneakers," is this year's theme! All children



## 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 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.

CANCELLED  
JULY 16

### 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 1**

@ 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

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

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

## BRETHREN VOLUNTEER SERVICES (BVS)

### Fall Orientation

**Sept 17-25**, Camp Brethren

Heights in Rodney, MI. Registration deadline **July 22nd**. Click or scan the QR code for more details or to register.



## CAMP SWATARA

### Summer Camp

You're invited to explore the program guide and find camps



## Jr/Sr High Youth Events

- **July 21**—Sickman's Mill Tubing, cost is \$15, leave from church at 1 pm and return around 5 pm. Contact Jake and Ally Bradley to RSVP or questions.
- **Aug 4**—1st Sunday Hangout

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.

## ANE District Women's Camp

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

All women are welcome to join in this weekend of worship, Bible study, singing, hiking, crafts, canoeing, swimming and more! This year's theme: Playground Rules with speaker Gail Koskia. Click or scan the QR Code for details and registration.



## 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. Auction proceeds benefit Family Camp at Camp Swatara. If you would like to donate items to the auction contact Sandy Hughes at 717-679-1995 or Ryan Arndt at 717-926-1939 to arrange item pick up.

## 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.

## COBYS

### On The Airwaves

Learn about the crisis shortage of foster parents. COBYS has participated in weekly interviews on WIOV to showcase foster families and people who were in foster care and their experience with COBYS. Click or scan the QR code to learn more.



### Back-2-School Drive

Help Support Foster Families through COBYS Back-2-School Drive. Click or scan the QR code for the Amazon Wish List for back-2-school items to be donated.



### 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.

## CHRIST CHURCH UCC

### Threads & Treads for Kids

Sat, July 20, 11 am-3 pm, Christ Church UCC, 247 S Market St, Elizabethtown. Come join in this family-friendly fundraising event which will feature food trucks, raffle items, BounceHouse, Dunk Tank, balloon art, face painting, music and more!

## 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. Some concert highlights are a Hymn sing with Bob Kettering on July 31, Handbell Festival on Aug 3 and the Susquehanna Chorale on Aug 18. 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

### Training and 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 7

In-Person: 140 Livestream: 49

### Gifts Given

#### Cash, Checks & Square— July 2-8

General Fund: \$16,839.50

Designated Gifts: \$5.00

CROP: \$120.05

Tenant R & S: \$1,143.00

## LOOKING AHEAD

- COBYS Bike & Hike—Sept 8
- Free Community Vocal Concert featuring Ana Santiago—Sept 13
- 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.

## ETOWN COB COMMUNITY CORNER

### A Passion for Science

**Ella Stricker**, student at EAHS and granddaughter of Barbara Ellis, won the Overall Grand Champion Award for her science project “Polyhydroxybutyrate (PHB) Production in Bacteria: A Sustainable Approach to Eco-Friendly Plastics” in the North Museum Science and Engineering Fair this spring. See the full article on the cover of the July 10th Merchandiser or on the bulletin board.

### STAFF VACATIONS

Brooke—July 11-14

Naomi—July 18-July 29, professional growth, Nepal

### SABBATH REST

Pastor Jason—June 9-August 24

Please join us in praying for the  
**Mohler CoB**  
congregation for the week of  
**July 14th.**

### 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.

### Pastoral Team:

Jason Haldeman

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Liz Bidgood Enders

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

### Support Staff:

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Ron Bellamy, Memorial Bells Director | [ringinron@gmail.com](mailto:ringinron@gmail.com)

Crystal Crater, Office Administrator and Marketing & Communications Coordinator

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

Brooke Bish, Administrative Assistant

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Amy Zimmerman, Facilities Manager

[amy@etowncob.org](mailto:amy@etowncob.org) | 717-367-1000 ext. 6 | Mon-Fri, 8 am—3 pm

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 14

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

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

**Monday, July 15**

**Building CLOSED**

**Tuesday, July 16**

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**Wednesday, July 17**

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

**Immigration Support Committee Mtg @ 7 pm**,

**Thursday, July 18**

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

**Friday, July 19**

**Food Truck Fridays @ 5 pm**, Spring Creek CoB, Hershey

**Saturday, July 20**

**Threads & Treads @ 11 am**, Christ Church UCC, Etown

### Sunday, July 21

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

**Lunch Bunch @ 11:45 am**, Lucky Ducks

**Jr/Sr High River Tubing @ 1 pm**, Sickman's Mill

**Tuesday, July 23**

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

**Wednesday, July 24**

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

**Finance Committee Mtg @ 7 pm**, rm 102 & Zoom

**Thursday, July 25**

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

**Saturday, July 27**

**Knitting/Fiber Arts Group @ 10 am**, Home of Becky & Jeff Eisenbise

**Sunday, July 28**

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

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