

## *Welcome Newcomers!*

We hope you sense God's presence and enjoy your time of worship with us today. We have a staffed nursery, Children's Church for ages 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade, which will be dismissed during the worship service, and Sunday school for all ages. If you need assistance in finding any of these areas, an usher or greeter will gladly help you. Please take time to sign in on the red attendance register in your row.

## *Contact Us*

### **Community Mennonite Fellowship**

2985 Broadway Road, Milton, PA 17847

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[www.cmfmilton.org](http://www.cmfmilton.org)

Sunday worship service: 9:15 AM    Sunday school: 10:45 AM

Our church office is open  
M-F, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

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## *Looking Ahead*

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| October 30  | Women's Breakfast at Country Cupboard           |
| November 7  | CMF Ministry Fair                               |
| November 11 | American Red Cross Blood Drive                  |
| November 17 | Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party |
| November 25 | Thanksgiving                                    |
| November 26 | Office Closed                                   |
| December 5  | Congregational Budget Meeting                   |
| December 5  | Advent Prayer Gathering                         |
| December 10 | Christmas Caroling                              |
| March 26    | CMF trip to the <i>Museum of the Bible</i>      |

## Shelby Abbott Sermon Notes:

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## Community Mennonite Fellowship

October 24, 2021



*Together,  
pressing in toward Christ;  
reaching out to the world.*



**Would you like to be prayed for today?** Every Sunday, after the sermon, an Elder is available at the front of the auditorium to anoint you with oil and pray for your needs. We encourage you to partake of this special time of prayer.

**This morning, we welcome guest speaker, Shelby Abbott,** author, radio host, campus minister, and conference speaker on staff with FamilyLife. Shelby has written the books: *Pressure Points: A Guide to Navigating Student Stress*, *DoubtLess: Because Faith is Hard*, and *What's the Point?: Asking the Right Questions about Living Together and Marriage*.

**Our morning seminar will consist of three sessions:**

“Trusting God in Seasons of Doubt”- - - - - Morning worship service  
 “Communicating the Gospel in Very Practical Ways”- - - - Sunday school  
 “Your Story - The Easiest Way to Share the Gospel!” - - - - Following fellowship meal



**Please stay for a Fellowship Meal** after Sunday school today. After the meal, Shelby Abbott will share the final session of our evangelism seminar.

**2022 Leadership:** Please pray for God's direction for CMF volunteer leadership positions for 2022. Affirmation ballots will be distributed to members next Sunday, October 31, and must be returned by November 21.

**Ladies, join us this Saturday, October 30, for a Women's Breakfast,** at Country Cupboard at 8:30 AM. This is a great time to invite visitors, newcomers, and friends. Please sign up in the lobby (under the bulletin board), so we know how many seats to reserve.

**Next Sunday is the last day to donate to our Evan Snack Drive.** Will you please help us bless workers at Evangelical Community Hospital? Our kids have made special encouraging tags for the snacks we're collecting, to help bring joy to their very busy days! Some suggested donations are INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED crackers, pretzels, chips, cookies, gum, candy, breakfast bars, granola bars, Rice Krispie treats, bottled water, and bottles of juice. Donations can be dropped off in the vestibule outside the church office (Youth entrance) this Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM- 3:00 PM; Wednesday night from 6:00-9:00 PM; or in the lobby next Sunday morning, **October 31**.

**What is your favorite worship song or hymn?** Please post your favorites on our interactive bulletin board near the coffee station in the lobby. Let's encourage one another with songs, hymns, and spiritual songs and worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth!

**Fall Ministry Quarterly Reports are posted on the bulletin board** in the lobby. See what's happening in the many areas of ministry at CMF.



**It's Shoebox Time!** Help us bring joy to kids around the world by joining CMF kids as they pack shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child on **Wednesday, November 17, from 6:00-7:30 PM** or packing your own shoebox(es) and bringing them **by Sunday, November 21**. We are also collecting the following items for our packing party: youth t-shirts/ socks, small pencil sharpeners, toothbrushes, balls, soap/washcloths, brushes/combs and hair ties. Donations can be placed in the lobby. Thank you!




**An American Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held at CMF on Thursday, **November 11**, from 12:45-5:00 PM. Schedule an appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Volunteers are needed to register donors and to serve refreshments. Food donations are also needed. Please sign up in the lobby. Thank you for giving the gift of life!

**Adult Sunday school classes:** On **November 14**, an additional fall adult Sunday school class will be offered in the sanctuary: a “Think Tank Group,” led by the Adult Ministries Team. Current men's and women's classes will continue to meet. The women's class, “Meet Me at the Well,” meets in Room 203. Our men's class, “7 Challenges Men Encounter,” meets in Rooms 201/ 202.



**Have you been watching our live Sunday service online?** Please sign in with enough information to differentiate from others with your same name, so we know who is worshipping with us. Initials are often confusing. Also, share prayer requests, comments, or encouragement on the chat feed. We want to connect with you as much as possible!

**Enjoying the Sunday morning coffee and snacks?** If you'd like to help with our Sunday morning Coffee Station, we could use baked items each week. Please sign up at the coffee table! 

**A mission team to Honduras is being formed for February 19-26.** We will be working alongside our Healthy Niños Honduras brothers and sisters, to help provide medical and dental care and much needed concrete floors in the remote mountain communities of Honduras. If interested, please see Regan Yoder or Jane Wirt.

**Please remember to check your church mailbox** and under the mailboxes for dishes and other miscellaneous items.

**Tithes and Offerings** can be given through CMF's website at <https://www.cmfmilton.org/donate/>, or mailed to 2985 Broadway Rd, Milton, PA 17847.

**Last Week's Offering:** \$8,519  
**Weekly Need to Meet Budget:** \$11,409

**Last Week's Attendance:** CMF Worship: 201 (140 in person, 61 online)  
 Sunday school: 93

**Your tithes and offerings help fund the ministries of CMF and many more beyond our walls, making an eternal difference.**

## Children's Ministry



**Christmas in November?!** Kids in Preschool (age 4 & up) through fifth grade - join us for an Operation Christmas Child themed Kid's Night on **Wednesday, November 3, from 6:00-7:30 PM!** We will work on special projects to prepare for our Shoebox Packing Party. Please let Amy Goodwin know if you plan to attend. Thank you!

**Shoebox Packing Party:** Join us in spreading Christmas joy for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child on **Wednesday, November 17, from 6:00-7:30 PM.** We'll pack up the supplies our Summer High Point kids collected along with any new donations, too!



## Youth and Young Adult Ministries

**“Embrace and Pursue Christ”**

**Ignite\* (Grades 6-8) and C4\* (Grades 9-12):**

**Ignite & C4 Wednesday Night Youth, October 20:** Ignite will be held from 6:00-8:00 PM and C4 from 7:00-9:00 PM. Bring a friend and your Bible and get ready, as the fun continues. *“Sweat More In Practice, So You Will Bleed Less In Battle. Be a Disciple.”*



**C4 Fall Camp Registration ends next week.** Sign up now! New for this year...special guest speaker: Eddie Hostetter—youth leader and teacher. Find out what it means when God “calls you to greatness.”

**C4 fall exploration: October 31** would be the perfect time to hit Rickett's Glenn hiking trails. Let's catch lunch on the way, at the legendary Robin's Cozy Nest. We'll leave after Sunday school.

“Our Online Newsletter always has more information about events, but you can contact me with questions anytime, at 570-238-2250 or at [jim@cmfmilton.org](mailto:jim@cmfmilton.org).”

~Jim Hostetter, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

**See youth event details at:**  
<https://newsletter.dymapps.com/featured/2142>

**Parents:** Not getting REMIND messages?  
 Text @cmfparents to the number 81010.



## Young Adults (Ages 18-25)



**Fall Gatherings:** Experience community with other young adults on Wednesday evenings. Join in worship with the Youth and study the Word. Contact Jim Hostetter for details