

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 – 1st 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.

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Community Mennonite Fellowship

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

Our church office is open
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Looking Ahead

- November 17 *Operation Christmas Child* Shoebox Packing Party
- November 24-26 Office Closed
- November 25 Thanksgiving Day
- December 5 Congregational Budget Meeting and Fellowship Meal
- December 5 Advent Prayer Gathering
- December 10 Christmas Caroling
- December 19 Family Sunday School & Fellowship Event
- December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

"The Heavens are Higher"

Isaiah 55:7-11

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What things about God do you find hard to understand?

What things do you find hard or maybe even impossible to forgive, whether in others or yourself?

When God says "my word will not return to me empty" what do you believe that means?

Do you have a way, and if so, how would you describe your way of conceptualizing the infinite?

God does reveal Himself to us through the Bible, but also through the Holy Spirit who lives in us. What way have you developed to recognize His voice?

Community Mennonite Fellowship

November 14, 2021



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



Prayer and anointing: After the sermon this morning, we will have a time of anointing with oil and prayer. If you have a prayer request or need, prayer team members will be available to pray with you following the anointing. We encourage you to partake of this special time of prayer.

2022 Leadership Voting: Affirmation ballots for 2022 volunteer ministry leaders must be returned to the Ballot Box on the Welcome Desk by **next Sunday, November 21**. If you're a member and did not receive a ballot, please see Ruth Robenolt.

Connect with an Elder: Elders will be in the Prayer Room **today** and invite you to interact with them—be encouraged, give feedback, or ask questions about the church. They will be available during Sunday school every third Sunday, the week before each elders meeting.

A new 'Think Tank' Sunday school class begins today, in the sanctuary. The first class will feature 'Men's and Women's Ministries.' Bring your ideas for groups, activities, retreats, fellowship events, outreach, etc., for discussion led by the Adult Ministries Team. Can't attend? 'Tag' your ideas to a gift box on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Men's and women's adult Sunday school classes also 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.



Tag, you're it! The Milton Giving Tree is here! Stop by the bulletin board in the lobby to choose a tag to purchase a gift for children in our community. Instructions are on the table. Choose as many as you like! Thank you for your participation and generosity.

It's the last week for shoeboxes! Help bring joy to kids around the world by joining CMF kids as they pack shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child **this Wednesday, November 17**, from 6:00-7:30 PM, or pack your own shoebox(es) and bringing them to CMF by **next Sunday, November 21**. Donations can be placed in the lobby.

Opportunities to serve! In light of last Sunday's Ministry Fair, we have posted many opportunities for you to serve here *at* Community, as well as *in* our community. Please take a good look at our bulletin board **on the elevator wall** in the hallway to the gym.



Fall Adult Sunday School Classes

Room #	Name of Class	Teachers
201/202	<i>7 Challenges Men Encounter (A class for men)</i>	Eric Ludovico
203/204	<i>Meet Me at the Well (A class for women)</i>	Jean Springer
Sanctuary	Think Tank Group	Adult Ministries Team



Join us for a Fellowship Meal and Congregational Meeting on Sunday, **December 5**, after Sunday school, to review the proposed 2022 CMF Budget. Please bring two dishes—a main dish and either a side salad or dessert to share.



Home for Christmas: The 1943 song, "I'll Be Home for Christmas," has remained a favorite in our highly mobile society. For many, Christmas is about home, family, familiarity, and tradition. How do these values align with the way we observe the significance of Christmas? Come, this Advent season, to explore what it means to be *Home for Christmas*.

Christmas ConNects—Can you help? Christmas is right around the corner and we'd love to have some activities where adults and kids ConNect! If you'd like to help a small group of kids make a homemade gift for their loved ones, please contact Amy Goodwin at 570-490-6217 to set up a date and time. These gatherings are fun and a great way to get to know our kids better!

Advent Prayer Gathering: You are invited to an Advent Prayer Gathering, "Making Space for God," at CMF on **December 5, from 6:00-8:00 PM**. Join us as we make space for God this Advent season, through Scriptures, singing, and prayer.

Children's Ministry



Shoebox Packing Party this Wednesday! Help us spread Christmas joy through Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child **this Wednesday, November 17**, from 6:00-7:30 PM in Room 201/202. We'll pack supplies collected during summer High Point, along with new donations. If you'd like to bring a snack for everyone to share, please contact Amy Goodwin.

Thankful Buckets and Baskets: Our Sunday school kids received Thankful Buckets and Baskets to fill with notes of things they are thankful for through the month of November. Families are encouraged to do this together and read the notes on Thanksgiving Day, as Shelby Abbott suggested during our evangelism seminar. If your family did not receive a bucket or basket, please contact Amy Goodwin, at 570-490-6217.



Christmas ConNects: Christmas is right around the corner and we anticipate ConNect classes where CMF adults and teens help our kids create homemade gifts to share with loved ones this Christmas! Classes will be announced via *Remind*, so be on the lookout. To teach a ConNect class, or to learn more, contact Amy Goodwin, at 570-490-6217. The gatherings are fun and a great way for our adults, teens, and kids to get to know each other better!

Caroling, Caroling! Join us at 5:45 PM on **Friday, December 10**, to 'dress up' in Victorian caroling costumes before heading out to share the joy of Jesus in song with those that may need some Christmas cheer. Following the singing, we will return to the church for refreshments. **It is important that you sign up in the lobby**, so we can prepare enough costumes (capets, hats and scarves).

You are invited to a "Family Sunday School and Fellowship" on **Sunday, December 19** (in place of regular Sunday school programs that day). Materials will be provided for your family to participate in a Christmas devotional with crafts, and of course, snacks to follow.

On Sunday, December 26, there will be no Sunday school, to allow more time for families to visit during the Christmas holiday.

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

"Embrace and Pursue Christ"

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



Ignite & C4 Wednesday Night Youth: 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 at Kanesatake: C4 will return from Fall Camp later today. Please pray for safety and that God's work at Camp will continue long after we return.



Ignite & C4: Several December events are in the works including two Lock-Ins. Check out these tentative events Online and offer feedback soon.

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)



College Students: We are looking to connect as a group again when you are home on Christmas break. Let Jim Hostetter know the weeks you will be home and the night of the week that may work. Opportunities exist over Thanksgiving break, as well.



Last Week's Offering: \$9,381
Weekly Need to Meet Budget: \$11,409

