

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

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Looking Ahead

November 24-26 Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
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
December 26 Christmas Sunday—No Sunday school
January 17 American Red Cross Blood Drive
March 26 CMF trip to the *Museum of the Bible*

"Don't Get Tired"

Galatians 6:7-10

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What are circumstances in which you might be inclined to rely on a moral technicality to justify your actions (especially when you know you're pushing the envelope)?

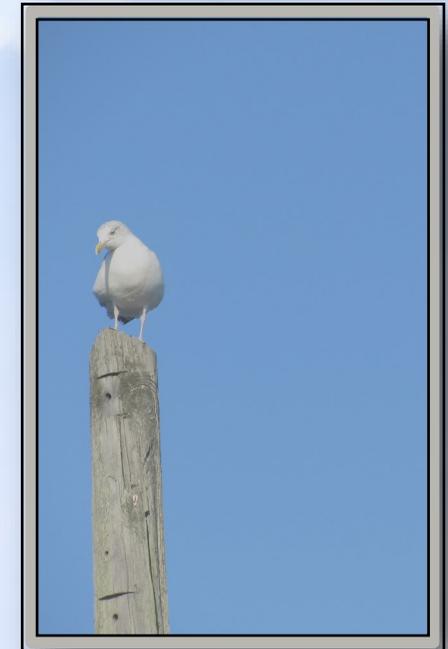
How do you handle waiting?

How do you press through the difficult to digest parts of the Bible?

How do you redemptively, emotionally handle the "stigma" of doing what is right in a culture that does not agree with your stance?

Community Mennonite Fellowship

November 21, 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.

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

An adult 'Think Tank' Sunday school class is held in the sanctuary. Today's class will feature 'Small Group Ministries.' If you would like to host, facilitate, or simply participate in a small group, please join us today! Bring your ideas for small groups, activities, retreats, fellowship events, outreach, etc., for discussion led by the Adult Ministries Team. Unable to attend today? 'Tag' your ideas to a gift box on the bulletin board in the lobby (by the mailboxes and Welcome Desk).

Men's and women's adult Sunday school classes also continue to meet. For women, "Meet Me at the Well," meets in Room 203, and for men, "7 Challenges Men Encounter," meets in Rooms 201/ 202.

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.

Opportunities to serve! In light of our recent Ministry Fair, many opportunities for you to serve here *at Community*, have been posted, as well as ways you can serve *in* our community. Take a look at our bulletin board **on the elevator wall** in the hallway to the gym.

Have you noticed the photo gallery and artwork in the lobby? A big "Thank you!" to our photographers and artists for sharing their gifts! A special thanks to Annette Hutt, Clorice Summers, Cristie Fritz, and Emma Pick for contributing. Stay tuned for more next month!

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



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*.

Tag, you're it! The Milton Giving Tree is here! Stop by the large 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.

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.

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 who 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 (capes, hats and scarves).

You are invited to a "Family Sunday School" 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 will be provided!

Children's Ministry



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. If your family did not receive a bucket or basket, please see Amy Goodwin today.



Christmas ConNects: Christmas is just around the corner and we anticipate ConNect classes where CMF adults and teens help our kids create home-made 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!

Thank you for participating in our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes offering. We'll deliver the shoeboxes to the drop-off center tomorrow and will share how many boxes and how many funds were gathered. What a joyous opportunity! Thanks for participating!

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.*"

Ignite "Camp-Games" Event: You asked for it, we brought it! We will play the "Box Game," Ground Basketball, and more camp-favorite games. We join in the fellowship meal after church and then make our way to the Refuge and gym. December 5.

December Events: Several December events are in the works, including a C4 Lock-In. Check out these tentative events online and offer feedback soon on dates and times.

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 return home for Christmas break. Let Jim Hostetter know the weeks you will be home and the night of the week that may work.

College Freshmen: The Youth Group would like to bless you with a "sunshine box" of snacks and goodies for your first finals week, as a way of saying, "You got this!" Contact Jim to arrange for your box pickup over Thanksgiving break.

Last Week's Offering: \$5,082
Weekly Need to Meet Budget: \$11,409



Last Week's Attendance:
CMF Worship: 223 (45 online;178 in person) Sunday School: 125