

## *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**

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

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## *Looking Ahead*

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| 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 <i>Museum of the Bible</i>        |

## **"Give Thanks for Deliverance"**

2 Corinthians 1:8-11

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Acts records four of Paul's journeys including his voyage to Rome. How many and what kinds of struggle or persecution can you recall Paul enduring (without looking)?

Have you ever had what you thought was a negative experience that you later reflected on how God's hand might have been involved?

Reflect on how you cope with pressure that seems unendurable.

Have you ever had an experience that seemed like it could be explained no other way than by supernatural intervention?

What can you develop to help you remember to give thanks even when times are difficult?

# Community Mennonite Fellowship

November 28, 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.



**The Harvest Offering**, an opportunity to say “Thank you” to God for his provision through the year and to bless those less fortunate, will be collected **next Sunday, December 5**. Please write “Harvest Offering” on your offering envelope, along with the amount; or put a check, payable to CMF and earmarked for *Harvest Offering*, in the offering basket.

**Advent begins today.** Advent Devotionals are available for adults, teens, and children in the lobby, to help prepare us spiritually for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Stop by and pick up one of each for your family today!

**Congregational Affirmation:** 2022 volunteer ministry candidates have been overwhelmingly affirmed by member ballot. Thank you, leaders, for your willingness to serve with the gifts God has given you. And many thanks to the 51 members who returned their ballots.

**Our ‘Think Tank’ Sunday school class will meet in Room 203 today!** Today’s class will feature ‘Ministry to Marriages.’ 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. Bring your spouse!

**The men’s adult Sunday school class also continues today.** The class, “7 Challenges Men Encounter,” meets in Rooms 201/ 202.

**Would you like to lead a Sunday school discussion?** Please join us for our Think Tank class next Sunday, December 5, in Room 203, or chat with JoAnne Geiger or Eric and Rachel Ludovico.

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

**Next Sunday evening, December 5, an Advent Prayer Gathering.** “Making Space for God,” will be held at CMF from **6:00-8:00 PM**. Join us as we make space for God this Advent season, through Scriptures, singing, and prayer.

**Opportunities to serve!** In light of our recent 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.



**Home for Christmas:** 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*.



**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! Please return purchased gifts by December 12.

**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. Afterward, we will return to the church for refreshments. **It is important to sign up in the lobby**, so we can prepare enough costumes (cap, 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!

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

**A big “Thank you!”** for bringing joy to kids around the world with our Samaritan’s Purse *Operation Christmas Child* event. We packed and sent 154 boxes! Contributions for shipping would be helpful. Each box requires \$9.00 to ship. Make checks out to CMF and put them in the offering plate! Or place in Amy Goodwin’s mailbox.

## Children’s Ministry



**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!

**A Giant Shoebox “Thank You!”** Thanks, kids, for all you did to help with the Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! From collecting school supplies and toys at summer High Point, to putting together sewing and playdough kits, to wrapping soap and washcloths, and finally, packing up a ton of boxes, you all did an amazing job! Now let’s continue to pray for the children who will receive these special gifts and learn about God’s love!

**The Susquehanna Valley Chorale will present *Candlelight Christmas*,** December 11 at 2:30 AND 7:30 PM, and December 12 at 2:30 PM, at Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury. Visit [www.svcmusic.org](http://www.svcmusic.org) for details.

**New Small Groups will be starting in January!** Would you like to participate in, facilitate/lead or host a small group? What a great way to get to know people, grow together and deepen your walk with Jesus! Please reach out to JoAnne Geiger or email or call the office. We are excited to have you ‘plug in!’

## *Youth and Young Adult Ministries*

**“Embrace and Pursue Christ”**

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

**Ignite & C4 Youth will not meet this week—Happy Thanksgiving!**

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



**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 if you didn’t pick yours up already.

**The “Grad Panel” is back:** recent grads, you have an opportunity to teach and share with those younger than you. We are holding our annual “Grad Panel” at Youth Group on December 15. Contact Jim to express your interest.

**Last Week’s Offering:** \$6,177

**Weekly Need to Meet Budget:** \$11,409

**Last Week’s Attendance:**

CMF Worship: (45 online; 165 in person) Sunday School: 59

