



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.

Contact Us

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



- December 19 Family Sunday School & Fellowship Event
- December 24-27 Church Office Closed
- December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- December 26 Christmas Sunday—No Sunday school
- January 16 Commissioning service for 2022 leaders
- January 17 American Red Cross Blood Drive
- February Rod-Building Class
- March 26 CMF trip to the *Museum of the Bible*, Washington, DC

"The Lost Son"

Luke 15:11-32

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What did you do when you wanted to find yourself or reinvent yourself?

Do you remember the day you "came to yourself" and repented and returned to God?

When was the last time you personally knew someone who newly came to Jesus?

What habits do you cultivate that prevent you from fully participating in the rejoicing of the father over the repentant sinner?



Community Mennonite Fellowship

December 12, 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.

Advent Devotionals are still available for adults, teens, and children in the lobby, to help prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Stop and pick up one for you, your family, and a friend, today!

Ballots to vote on the 2022 Budget are still available for members who were not at last week's congregational meeting. The meeting also addressed several changes to our Constitution. The Elders and A-Team are still considering suggestions, so ballots have not been distributed for those changes. The meeting was recorded (audio only) and minutes are available. Please contact the church office if interested in either of these resources. Ballots must be returned to the church office or the Ballot Box on the Welcome Desk by December 26.



Home for Christmas: The 1943 song, "I'll Be Home for Christmas," remains 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*.

The Milton Giving Tree: "Thank you!" to those participating in our Milton Giving Tree outreach. **Please return your gifts to the table in the lobby this week.** We will be deliver them on December 20.

Next Sunday, December 19, join us for a "Family Sunday School," 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!



CMF's Christmas Eve candle light service will be held on **Friday, December 24**, at 6:30 PM. Please join us for this special time of worship to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Note: childcare will not be provided, but the nursery will be open for parents to use.

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

Community Christmas Sing-Along: St. Andrews United Methodist Church will host a Community Sing Along **next Sunday, December 19**, at 6:00 PM, with light refreshments afterward. All are invited to attend!

The 'Think Tank' Sunday school class will meet in Room 203 today!

Today's class will feature **'Ministry to Families.'** Bring ideas for groups, activities, retreats, fellowship events, outreach, etc., for discussion led by the Adult Ministries Team. Bring your spouse with you! Can't attend? 'Tag' your ideas to a gift box on the bulletin board in the lobby.

New Winter Adult Sunday School classes will begin on January 2.

Two classes will be offered:

- "The Book of Colossians," led by Josh Blank
- "The Book of Genesis (Continued)" by Jim Schompert.

Please sign up for the class of your choice in the lobby, to help us prepare accordingly.



Winter Cancellations: In case of inclement weather, check CMF's website or WGRC's [website: wgrc.com](http://wgrc.com), for possible cancellation of services. (Weather-related announcements are not announced on-air.)

New Small Groups will be starting in February! 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/ call the church office. We are excited to have you 'plug in!'

Join us for a 4-week small group: The "Know Your Number" Workshop will consist of 4 classes to discover your Enneagram type and excellent basic knowledge of the *Enneagram*. Classes will meet Thursdays, January 6-27, from 6:30-8:30 PM in Room 203. Katie Bomberger of GuideSpring will lead the class. There is a \$40 fee and the class is limited to 8 people. Please sign up in the lobby as soon as possible. Make checks payable to CMF and put in JoAnne Geiger's mailbox.

A fishing rod building class will begin in the New Year. If interested, contact Larry Seibert, at 570-568-0248, no later than January 9, so supplies and components can be ordered in time to start in February.



tithes & offerings

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

Last Week's Offering: \$13,496
Harvest Offering: \$2,900
 Weekly need to meet budget: \$11,409

Last Week's Attendance: **Worship:** 227 (173 at CMF; 54 online)
Sunday school: 100

Children's Ministry

It's time for Advent! Kids, if you have not grabbed an Advent devotional and paper chain, please pick one up in the lobby today. Adults, we have plenty this year, so please feel free to grab one for other kiddos (grandchildren, neighbors, etc).



ConNect **Tis the Season for Christmas ConNects!** Big "Thanks!" to Carrie Beachy and Julie Tyson for leading Christmas ConNects Wednesday evening! Also, a big "Thank you!" to Addy Hunter, Allie Zaktansky, Holly Hollenbach, and Emma Pick for teaching our ConNect classes this afternoon! Parents, we may offer more classes, so watch for *Remind* messages with more information.

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

"Embrace and Pursue Christ"

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



Ignite & C4 Wednesday Youth: Ignite will meet from 6:00-8:00 PM and C4 from 7:00-9:00 PM. This is the last "normal" Wednesday Youth of 2021. Don't miss it!

Ignite and C4 Christmas Youth Night: On **December 22**, our annual **Grad Panel** will take place from 6:00-7:00 PM. Hear from recent grads about college, work, and life. This will be followed by our **Youth Christmas Party!**



December Lock-In: School is out - let's stay up! C4, come hang out **December 29** and don't go home! We'll sleep over at the church.

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're looking to connect as a group again when you return home for Christmas break. Please let Jim Hostetter know what will work for you.



The "Grad Panel" is back: Recent grads, this is an opportunity to teach and share with those younger than you, on **December 22** from 6:00-7:00 PM. Then join in the Christmas party afterwards.



Grad Reunion: A chance for all CMF Grads to join together for an evening of fun, food, and catching up (open to grads 18-29). Current date is **December 23**.