



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

Our church office is open
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Looking Ahead



- 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
- January 29 Comedy and Laughter Nifht
- February 26 Women's Retreat
- February Rod-Building Class
- March 26 CMF trip to the *Museum of the Bible*, Washington, DC

"Home to Nazareth" Matthew 2:19-23

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When you think of Jesus' family living in Egypt, what kind of life do you think they had?

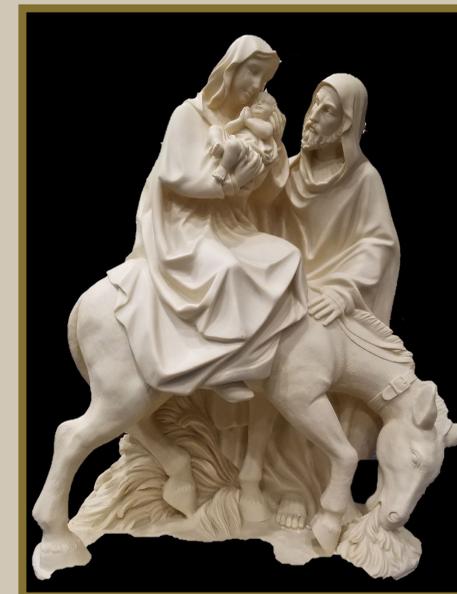
These days, caution and faith have created a common-place tension in people's lives. Without oversimplifying the problem, how have you navigated that tension?

Have you ever had to change your plans because God had something different for you?

God sometimes intervenes in our lives in unexpected ways. How has that happened in your life?



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



Wishing you a blessed and
MERRY CHRISTMAS



Would you like to be prayed for today? After the sermon, an elder will come to the front of the auditorium to anoint you with oil and to pray for your needs.

Today, after the worship service, join us for a Family Sunday School in place of our usual Sunday school programs. Materials will be available for your family (for kids from 1-92) to participate in a Christmas devotional with crafts and, of course, snacks will be provided!

“Journey Through the Bible Passports,” for the New Year, are available in the lobby. Pastor Tim will explain more about the passports during a ministry focus this morning. Pick up a copy for each of your family members today!

Ballots to vote on the 2022 Budget are still available for members. Our recent congregational meeting also addressed several changes to our Constitution that the Elders and A-Team are still considering, so ballots have not been distributed for those changes. The meeting was recorded (audio only) and minutes are available. Contact the office if interested in these resources. Ballots must be returned to the church office or to the Ballot Box on the Welcome Desk by **next Sunday, December 26.**



CMF's Christmas Eve candle light service will be held **this 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.

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

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.

On January 16, a commissioning service will be held during the morning service for new and returning CMF leaders. Please pray for our leaders who faithfully use their gifts to bless and serve our congregation.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at CMF on Monday, **January 17.** Food donations and volunteers to register donors and to serve refreshments will be needed. Sign-up sheets will be out soon.

If you're a newcomer to CMF and want to learn more about CMF, a “Newcomers’ Lunch” is tentatively being planned for late January, during which you can meet other newcomers and interact with the pastor and ministry leaders. Watch for details or contact JoAnne Geiger, if interested.

New Small Groups 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 sign up in the lobby and/or reach out to JoAnne Geiger.

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 570-850-8946, by January 9, so supplies and components can be ordered in time to start in February.

Save the Date—“Comedy and Laughter Night”: On January 29, from 6:00-8:00 PM, join us for a night of comedy and laughter, featuring Dave Jones of WGRC and our own CMF comedians...a night filled with clean fun and laughter for the whole family.

Comedians needed for a “Comedy and Laughter Night.” Do you have a comedian hidden inside of you? If you have a knack at telling jokes or sharing funny stories, poems or songs, or even better, a skit, we invite you to share your gift with us on Saturday, January 29, from 6:00-8:00 PM. 3 Important guidelines: Content must clean, for everyone, and of course, funny! See Eric Ludovico if you have some comedy to share, or contact him at ericquercus@yahoo.com.

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



“Thanks! We enjoyed the Christmas Carolers and the fruit basket.”
~Ray & Martha Zimmerman

“Thank you, Pastor Tim and company, for Christmas caroling on my front porch. You sang like the angels!” ~ Charlotte Sarkany

Last Week's Offering: \$10,830
Weekly Need to Meet Budget: \$11,409

Last Week's Attendance:
CMF Worship: 225 (28 online; 197 in person) Sunday School: 92

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).

Tis the Season for Christmas ConNects! Big “Thanks!” to all who have helped with our holiday ConNect classes! Parents, we may possibly 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 Christmas Youth Night: On Wednesday, **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** in the Refuge. **Please bring holiday food to share.**



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.

C4 will be skiing in January! Ski cheaper with our group rate. Look online for details.

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 and young adults age 18-29 to join together for an evening of fun, food, and catching up (open to grads 18-29). Date is **December 23.**