

## 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

Our church office is open  
M-F, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

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## Looking Ahead

March 16	<i>Soup &amp; the Word Luncheon</i>
March 26	<i>Bus Trip, Museum of the Bible</i>
March 27	<i>Lenten Prayer Gathering</i>
April 3	<i>Youth Sunday</i>
April 8-9	<i>Enneagram Workshop</i>
April 10	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
April 14	<i>Maundy Thursday Service</i>
April 17	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
April 24	<i>Congregational Meeting</i>

## "Before Abraham Was, I Am"

John 8:48-59

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What claims or teachings of Jesus do you find it hard to connect with?

Which of Jesus' "I Am" statements has special resonance for you?

If you believe Jesus is God, what prompts you to believe it?

Have you believed in Jesus and all His outlandish, unrealistic claims?

# Community Mennonite Fellowship

## March 13, 2022



*The Road to the Cross – Lent 2022*

*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.

**Pastor's Bible Study for Lent:** Pastor Tim is leading a Bible Study on The Crucifixion at 9:00 AM, on **Thursdays, through March 31**. You are invited to attend. The sessions meet in Room 201 and will normally last no more than an hour. Participants, please wear a mask.

**Lenten Cross Project:** If you did not receive a wooden cross last week, you may be able to pick up one in the lobby at the Lenten Devotional table. More have been ordered and are on their way. Please take time to reflect on what the cross means to you and creatively communicate that on your cross and bring it back by Palm Sunday.

**All are invited to Soup and the Word Lenten Luncheons,** held at First Presbyterian Church, 47 Walnut Street, Milton, each **Wednesday, through April 13**, from 12:00-1:00 PM. The free meals, provided by the Milton Ministerium, are followed by a short meditation by a local pastor. Pastor Tim will be sharing the message on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**30 Hour Famine: This Friday and Saturday,** C4 Youth will fast for 30 hours to raise money to fight world hunger. Contact teens personally to learn how you can sponsor them. Next Sunday, any left over quarts of homemade soup from breaking the fast will be available for sale.

**Child Abuse Clearances and Training:** If interested in helping with Children's or Youth Ministries at CMF but do not have clearances, please plan to attend one of the following training options:

- Sundays, **March 20 and 27**, during Sunday school, in Room 203
- Thursday, **March 24**, from 7:00-9:00 PM, in Room 306

If you have current clearances but need to update your training, you can also take advantage of these options. Please let Jan Seibert know if you plan to attend, at [janiceseibert@hotmail.com](mailto:janiceseibert@hotmail.com).

**Everence Financial Consultant, Michael Lakner, AWMA, will be** visiting our area **March 17-19** and will be available to meet with you to discuss your financial needs. To schedule an appointment with him, please contact your Everence Advocates, Mike & Sally Biddinger, at [mimibiddinger@gmail.com](mailto:mimibiddinger@gmail.com).

**Join us for an adult Sunday school class today:**

Room #	Name of Class	Teachers
201/202	<i>Vanishing Grace</i>	Larry Seibert
306	Holiness: Living the Christian Life in the Modern World	Joshua Knapp



**A Lenten Prayer Gathering will be held on Sunday, March 27,** from 6:30-8:00 PM, at CMF, in Room 201. Join us as we spend the evening inviting Jesus to fill the cup of our life, getting rid of clutter, to allow Jesus to fill us anew. See Lois Miller for any questions.



**Youth Sunday and Chicken-N-Waffle Meal:** On **April 3**, the Youth will lead the entire Sunday morning worship service. Join us for this special service which will be followed by a Chicken-N-Waffle fundraiser meal after Sunday school.

**Join us for a Maundy Thursday service on April 14,** the evening before Good Friday. The event will begin at 6:30 PM, with a meal of soup and bread, followed by communion. Please sign up on the easel in the lobby, to help us know for how many to prepare.

**Little Lambs Preschool Open Enrollment:** Applications are being accepted for the 2022-2023 school year. Please share this information with families interested in preschool for 3 to 5 year-olds. Information and applications can be found on the Little Lambs Preschool website: [www.littlelambsmilton.com](http://www.littlelambsmilton.com), or contact Jan Seibert at 570-238-1267.

**Lenten devotionals are available in the lobby,** to help prepare our hearts for Easter, to reflect on Jesus' suffering and sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection. Grab some for your family today!

**Ladies, join us for Priscilla Shirer's Bible Study, "Elijah,"** on Tuesday mornings, 9:00-11:00 AM (childcare provided) or Wednesday nights, at 6:30 PM, at CMF in Room 306. See Becky Saber for questions.

**Can you bless some ladies?** The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study is looking for help watching the children from 9:00-11:00 AM. This is a paid position. If interested, please text Becky Saber, at 570-412-1661, as soon as possible, if you have your clearances.

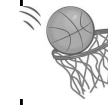
**Enneagram Workshop!** Do you know your Enneagram Personality Number? Yes? Now what? Katie Bomberger of GuideSpring will lead a workshop on what's next! This involves awareness about ourselves and within our relationships, how to move from the 'false self' to the 'true self' Christ created us to be! Set aside Friday, **April 8**, from 7:00-9:00 PM and Saturday, **April 9**, from 9:00 AM-noon for an Enneagram Workshop. Light snacks and lunch will be served. Watch for details.

**Interested in facilitating/ teaching Adult Sunday School?** Lead a 6-week or a 12-week session on a topical study or a book of the Bible. Some possible themes of interest: Marriage, Family and Parenting, and Sharing Your Story. Please contact JoAnne Geiger.

**In case of inclement weather,** check CMF's website: [cmfmilton.org](http://cmfmilton.org) or WGRC's website: [wgrc.com](http://wgrc.com), for possible cancellation of services.

**Last Week's Attendance:** Worship 246 (210 in person, 36 online)  
Sunday school 133  
**Last Week's Tithes & Offerings:** \$12,331  
Weekly Need: \$10,160

## Children's Ministry



**March Madness Kid's Night:** Join us on Wednesday, **March 23**, from 6:00-7:30 PM for devotions, a snack, and lots of gym time! Please RSVP to Amy Goodwin, at 570-490-6217, by next Sunday, March 20, if you can come.

**Spring Kid's Nights - Ideas, Anyone?** We're trying to put together a few theme nights for Wednesday evenings (or other nights) this spring. If you have any fun ideas or would like to help out (teens and adults), please contact Amy Goodwin, at 570-490-6217.

## Youth and Young Adult Ministries

### "Embrace and Pursue Christ"

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

**Ignite & C4 Wednesday Youth:** Worship, games, friendship, and food. Ignite, from 6:00-8:00 PM, and C4, from 7:00-9:00 PM. **"WSDM" – gain discernment in an age without.**

**30-Hour Famine:** C4 will go hungry for 30 straight hours, this Friday to Saturday, **March 18-19**. Youth, sign up online to begin your fundraising for world hunger (funds go to World Vision). Adults, you can sponsor a youth for each hour they fast. An overnight event will be held during the Famine. Get ready for the fun and hunger! We will share a meal together at the end. Details online.

**Youth Baptism:** Each year, we look forward to the Youth Baptism at Yoder's pond and it's that time again. Youth of any age and young adults, if you love Jesus and have not been baptized, this may be the time to go for it! **See Jim Hostetter this week,** because we will start the Baptism Class next Sunday, **March 20**.

### See youth event details at:

<https://newsletter.dymapps.com/featured/2142>

Parents: Not getting REMIND messages?  
Text @cmfparents to the number 81010.



## Young Adults

**Young Adult Baptism:** Young adults, you are invited to get baptized during this year's annual Youth Baptism service. A 5-week class will start next week, **March 20**, during Sunday school, so contact Jim Hostetter this week to discuss your interest.



**Young Adult Sunday Morning Connection:** Talk to Chris Long or Jim Hostetter about upcoming Sunday morning opportunities and how you can join in.

**Interested in connecting with other young adults through the week?** See Mike Yoder or Jim Hostetter about weekly Wednesday gatherings.



This week, our CMF Personnel Committee will provide three focus group opportunities to discuss the Director of Congregational Ministries position. We encourage your participation in sharing further insights. During these meetings, we will review the results of the recent survey and discuss ideas and suggestions that individuals have regarding the position.

Meetings will be held at CMF in Room 202.

Dates and times are as follows:

- \* Tuesday, **March 15**, at 1:00 PM
- \* Wednesday, **March 16**, at 6:30 PM
- \* Sunday, **March 20**, in the sanctuary, during the Sunday school hour

A congregational meeting for further discussion of the Director of Congregational Ministries position is being tentatively planned for April 24, after the morning worship service. More details will be available as plans are finalized.