

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 – 5th 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

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

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Looking Ahead

November 24 Happy Thanksgiving!
November 25 Church Office Closed
November 27 First Sunday of Advent
December 4 Youth Fundraiser Meal
December 4 Advent Prayer Gathering, 6:30 PM
December 9 Christmas Caroling
December 14 Make & Give Workshop
December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
January 15 Women's Tuesday AM Bible Study Begins
February 18-25 Healthy Niños Honduras Mission Trip

"Our Whole Duty"

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

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When you hear the words, "fear God," how do you react internally?

We often think about God's love, but when we think about His justice how does that affect our view of Him?

What are a couple of your favorite "Thou Shalts" in the Bible?

God made you because He wanted you around...it gave Him pleasure to have you here!

When you think of being judged by God, in whatever capacity, what is the first thing about your life that comes to mind?



Put a penny in your pocket.



November 20, 2022



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



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 pray for your needs. We encourage you to partake of this special time of prayer.

Harvest Offerings will be collected today and next Sunday. Please consider giving above your normal tithe as an act of thanksgiving to God! The offering will help Gator Wilderness Camp in Florida, as they had significant damage during Hurricane Ian. More information is on the Welcome Desk.

Search Committee Update: The application deadline for our two part-time positions, a Spiritual and Family Discipleship Director and a Ministry and Outreach Coordinator, is **extended to November 30**. Job descriptions are on our website or paper copies are under the bulletin board in the lobby. For consideration, send a letter of intent and resume to: positions@cmfmilton.org. Please share these openings with others. We also ask that you to pray for this process.

It's time for a new CMF Directory! Next Sunday and the following two Sundays (December 4 & 11), volunteer photographers will take informal pictures for the 2023-2025 CMF Directory. Time slots are available before church and before and after Sunday school. Please sign up in the lobby for the time that works best for you.

Advent begins next Sunday. Various Adult Advent devotionals and extra 2022 Advent bookmarks, with scripture readings for each day, are on the Advent table in the lobby. Please help yourself!

The Giving Tree is here! Grab a child's tag today and help a family in need give gifts to their children. Pick a tag (or several) from the tree or display in the lobby, read the child's wants and needs, and buy a gift. Then, return the UNWRAPPED items in a gift bag to the tree in the lobby with the tag attached **by Sunday, December 11**.

Our Youth invite you to a meal after church on December 4. They will serve a homemade meal after Sunday school. Mark your calendar for this delicious event as the youth raise money for the high school Belize mission trip and junior high summer camp. There will be an opportunity to give toward the trips, but no set price or expectation for the meal. "Please join us and enjoy!" -CMF Youth

Join us today for an adult Sunday school class:		
Room #	Name of Class	Teachers
Rooms 201/202	<i>The Book of Genesis</i>	Jim Schompert
Rooms 203/204	<i>Praying the Scriptures for Your Life</i>	Lois Miller & Rachel Wilkins
Room 305	Young Adults	Facilitated by Chris Long

You're invited to an Advent Prayer Gathering. "Joy to the World." on **December 4, in Room 201/202, from 6:30-8:00 PM.** Share in a time of rejoicing and reflection on the hope we have in Christ through familiar carols, scriptures, and prayer time.

Christmas Caroling! On **Friday, December 9**, at 5:30 PM, join the gang for an evening of fun as we don Victorian costumes and spread Christmas cheer! We will meet at the church to dress and group up, then carpool to folks in need of joy this season! We will finish on a Milton street corner for a group carol...and perhaps a warm drink! **Please sign up in the lobby** so we can plan accordingly. 🎵

Make & Give Workshop: On Wednesday, **December 14**, from 6:30-8:30 PM, Women's Ministry will host an outreach for you to bring an adult friend and make free gifts together—a *hand-painted clay magnet set, a braided bracelet of colorful vintage handkerchiefs, and/ or a decoupage cookie plate*. At the end, we'll watch *The Chosen* Christmas episode. **Sign up in the lobby** to ensure ample supplies.

A fishing rod building class will begin in the New Year. If interested, contact Larry Seibert, at 570-850-8946, **by December 31**, so supplies and components can be ordered in time to start in late January or early February.

Connections, our new mentorship program: Interested in being mentored by another person or couple? Or would you like to mentor? Find a request form at the Welcome Desk or at www.cmfmilton.org. Place completed paper requests in Shelly Feerrar's church mailbox.

Thank you for all the cards (more than 200), notes, calls, texts, emails, meals and visits. Most importantly, thank you for your prayers! We saw Him at work in many ways. We feel so loved and supported! What an overwhelming encouragement. It brings tears to my eyes to think about how many of you have walked through this valley with us over the past six months. May God bless you! ~Larry and Jan

Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, and flowers and special thanks to Pastor Tim for visiting my daughter at the hospital and for speaking at her funeral. It meant the world to me. ~Jean Hoffman

"Thank you!" to everyone who helped with Operation Christmas Child by donating supplies, helping at the Packing Party, packing your own shoeboxes, or giving toward shipping costs! Your contributions will bring joy to kids all over the world and the opportunity to hear the gospel message. Donations toward shipping costs can still be put in Erv Blank's church mailbox.

"Thank you!" to all who participated in the congregational meeting last Sunday, where ballots for affirming changes to the CMF Constitution were distributed. Members absent from the meeting can see Ruth Robenolt for ballots. **Ballots are due by December 4.** See Josh Blank with any questions. The 2023 Budget will be affirmed by ballot in early December.

Children's Ministry



Advent Blocks: Each of our Children's Ministry families will receive a set of Advent blocks to use at home during the Advent season. The blocks were created as "tangible reminders in our homes to help our families turn their attention to God and to one another." We hope you will use these year after year to focus your hearts and minds on Jesus! Families can pick up their set of blocks, marked with their name, in the lobby starting today. Please contact Amy Goodwin, at 570-490-6217, if you can't find your blocks, or to learn how to purchase a set.



Christmas ConNect Classes Coming Soon! After Thanksgiving, we will be offering craft classes for kids to make homemade gifts for loved ones. A schedule will be sent through our *Remind* app and email to sign up. Volunteers are still needed to help. If interested, please contact Amy Goodwin.

Youth Ministry

"Embrace and Pursue Christ"

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



"Wednesday Night Youth"— November 23 is Thanksgiving Youth! Friends, food, fun, Truth: it's what we do every Wednesday. Details online.

Belize 2023: C4 and parents, stay tuned for an opportunity to chat about the upcoming Youth Mission Trip.

Youth Fundraiser Meal: On **December 4**, the youth group (C4 & Ignite) will cook up a meal to raise funds for Summer Camp and the mission trip to Belize. Mark your calendars and be ready to jump in. Note: A few parents are needed for a meal leader team - please contact Jim, if willing.

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 Sunday Morning Connection: Meet in **Room 305** today. See Chris Long or Jim Hostetter for details.

Wednesday Group-Time: Great things are happening! Talk to Max Kennel, Mike Yoder, or Jim Hostetter for times and location.

Last Week's Attendance: Worship: 193 (160 CMF; 33 online) Sunday school: 91
Last Week's Offering: \$10,926