

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

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M-F, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

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Looking Ahead

- December 4 Youth Fundraiser Meal
- December 4 Advent Prayer Gathering, 6:30 PM
- December 9 Christmas Caroling, 5:30 PM
- December 14 Make & Give Workshop, 6:30-8:30 PM
- December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:30 PM
- January 17 Women's Tuesday AM Bible Study Begins
- February 18-25 Healthy Niños Honduras Mission Trip

Bishop Dale Rintelman
"Endurance"

Matthew 10:19-23, John 15:18-21, Philippians 2:5-7
Hebrews 3:6, 1 Jn 1:1-10
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Am I letting God in?

What disturbance or trial has God sent my way?

Am I showing Jesus to the most difficult person in my life?

What am I afraid of?



November 27, 2022



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





We're so happy you are worshipping with us today!

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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.

This morning, we welcome our bishop, Dale Rintelman, as he shares God's Word with us today.

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. 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!

A Harvest Offering will be collected today. 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! Today and the next 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.

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**.

Youth Belizean Taco Fundraiser Meal: Put a little spice in your life! On **December 4**, the Youth will serve up delicious tacos, beans and rice, taco salad, and more. There will be sharing about past and future trips and maybe even some talents shared from the stage. Support the Youth as they earn funds towards the trip.

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," next Sunday, **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.

Ballots for affirming changes to the CMF Constitution are due next Sunday, December 4. Members absent from the November 13th congregational meeting can see Ruth Robenolt for ballots. See Josh Blank with any questions. The 2023 Budget will be affirmed by ballot in early December.



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.

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



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.

Ladies! Let's rally together and have Women's Ministry meeting on Saturday, January 7, at 9:00 AM, with coffee and donuts. Please contact Rachel Ludovico if you can make it!

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.

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



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. Please contact Amy Goodwin, at 570-490-6217, if you can't find your blocks, or to learn how to purchase a set.

Youth Ministry

"Embrace and Pursue Christ"

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

"Wednesday Night Youth"— November 30 is a Leader Team Meeting, so there is no official youth meeting. An extra opportunity for C4 and possibly Ignite may exist. Check online **for update**.

Belize 2023: C4 and parents, our parent/ participant information meeting about the Belize Mission Trip is Wednesday November 30, from 5:30-6:30 PM, in the Refuge.

Youth Belizean Taco Fundraiser Meal: On **December 4**, the youth group (C4 & Ignite) will cook up tacos and more to raise funds for Summer Camp and the mission trip to Belize. Mark your calendars and be ready to jump in. We will need some students to share about Summer Camp and our Belize mission trip.

See youth event details at:
<https://newsletter.dymapps.com/featured/2142>

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



Young Adults

CONNECT! **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.

December Young Adult Reunion: Let's get together while many of us are in the area for Christmas. Stay tuned for exact date.

Last Week's Attendance: Worship: 241 (218 CMF; 23 online) Sunday school: 116
Last Week's Offering: \$10,521