

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.

Contact Us

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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

December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service,
6:30 PM

December 23 Office Closed

December 25 Christmas Worship Service, 9:15 AM

December 26 Office Closed

December 30 Office Closed

January 2 Office Closed

January 10 Women's Tuesday AM Bible Study Begins

January 17 Congregational meeting, regarding the
search process, 6:30 PM

February 18-25 Healthy Niños Honduras Mission Trip

"A Horn of Salvation" Luke 1:67-80

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When you think of songs in the Bible, besides the Psalms, what comes to mind?

Peace, joy, love, and hope are the traditional virtues associated with Christmas. What would you add?

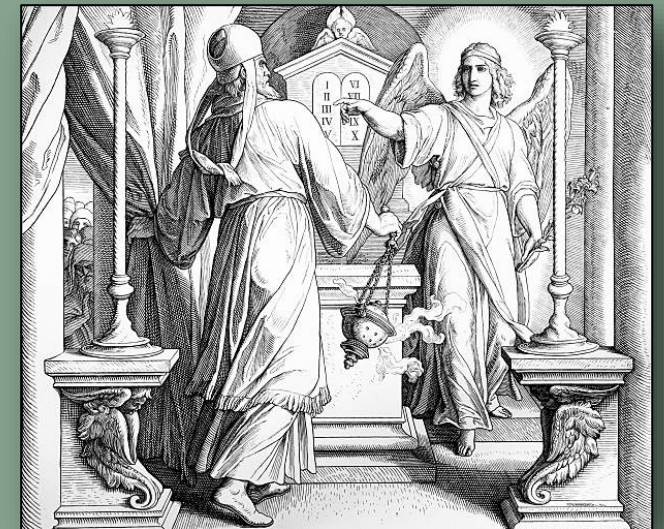
In hindsight, we know Jesus did not fulfill the military expectations surrounding Messiah, he reserved that for his second coming. What expectations do people have of Jesus and His church that you think are off base?

What do you think inhibits people from sharing their faith?

How can you share the real meaning of Christmas (and thus your faith) this year in simple and joyous ways?



December 18, 2022



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



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

Opportunity for Prayer: 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 is the Last day for Directory Pictures! Our Church Directory is a much-used tool to get to know people who attend our church. The picture by your name helps match names with faces. To have your picture taken today, please see Lois Miller, Sue Hertzler, or Kevin Langdon.

Directory Information Cards: Please update or verify the contact information is correct and return to Tammy Trate's mailbox **by December 28**. Contact the church office if you want your information in the directory but did not get an information card.

Offering envelopes have been placed in church mailboxes. The envelopes are for your convenience and help keep giving confidential. They also make it easier to track tax receipts. If you received envelopes in your mailbox but don't want them, please return to Erv Blank's church mailbox. If you did not receive envelopes but want them, please contact Erv at finance@cmfmilton.org.



CMF's Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held this Saturday, **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.

2023 Budget: Ballots to affirm the 2023 Budget were placed in mailboxes *for all members* and need to be returned **by January 1**. The proposed budget is available online through the QR code or at the Welcome Desk. See Josh Blank or Ervin Blank with any questions.



All ladies! Let's meet to discuss Women's Ministry ideas on Saturday, **January 7**, at 9:00 AM, with coffee and donuts. Please contact Rachel Ludovico if you can make it!



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

Winter Adult Sunday school classes will begin on January 8. Descriptions of the new classes were placed in mailboxes last week and extra copies are on the sign-up table in the lobby. Please sign up for the class of your choice, to help us prepare accordingly. Classes offered January 8-February 12 include:

- **Resolving Everyday Conflict**, Led by Pamela Jablonski
- **The Book of Genesis, Continued**, Led by Jim Schompert
- **No More Excuses** (A Men's Class), Led by Norman Hoy & Jay Miller

Ladies, mark your calendar for Tuesday morning Bible Study! On Tuesday, **January 10**, from 9:00-11:00 AM, we will start a 10-week Bible Study on 1, 2, and 3 John. "Abide," the brand new 2023 study by Jen Wilkin, will help us discover the apostle John's words that challenge us to recall our great salvation and abide in the truth.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Mark your calendar for our next American Red Cross Blood Drive on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, **January 16**. Help save lives! Schedule your donation appointment at www.redcrossblood.org today.

If you're a newcomer to CMF and want to learn more about us, a "Newcomers' Lunch" is being planned for early February during which you can meet other newcomers and interact with the pastor and ministry leaders. Watch for details or contact Rachel Ludovico.

A mission trip with Healthy Niños Honduras is planned for **February 18-25**. To learn more, contact Jane Wirt.

Everence offers college scholarships for Everence members and their children. Applications accepted **January 1—February 28**. Visit everence.com/scholarships for more information.

Winter Cancellations: In case of inclement weather, check **CMF's website** or **WGRC's website: wgrc.com**, for possible cancellation.

Thank You!

"Thank you, Carolers, for the joy you brought to me. Kids, thank you for the basket with no candy—my teeth are getting old!"
Love, Charlotte Sarkany

"We would like to thank the young people who came caroling and delivered a fruit basket. Also, we want to thank you all for your prayers, cards, and encouragements during Merrill's ongoing health challenges."
~Dory and Merrill Moyer

A big "Thank You!" to those who donated gifts for Giving Tree! You have made a difference for local families to experience the giving nature of the loving followers of Christ.

"Thank you!" to all who helped with the Make and Give Workshop on Wednesday! Passing the joy of learning a craft and then giving it away grows a generous spirit and can bring fruit in others' lives.

Children's Ministry

Christmas Sunday is almost here! On Christmas Day, we will not have Children's Church or Sunday school, so families can stay together to worship. Kids will get a packet of activities to use during the service.



Advent Blocks: We hope you're enjoying your Advent Blocks at home! If anyone has pictures of your kids using the blocks or feedback to share, please contact Amy Goodwin, at 570-490-6217.

Youth Ministry

"Embrace and Pursue Christ"

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

"Wednesday Night Youth"—Special Christmas Edition. Slightly altered schedule. **Ignite's Christmas Party & C4's Grad Panel Event.** See details online.

Belize 2023: Those planning to go to Belize (and any Ignite/C4 youth) can get early copies of the **Pot Pie** sales sheets to sell early to family and friends over Christmas break. They will be available at Youth on Wednesday.



C4 Christmas Lock-In: December 28, overnigher here at the church. (Note: There will be NO Ignite this night.)

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: We've been making adjustments. See Chris Long or Jim Hostetter for details.

Wednesday Group-Time: Connect with others on Wednesdays. See 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. Evening of **December 22**, food and connection in the Refuge. Want a special dinner? Jim can cook a turkey if you want to bring sides! Connect with Jim Hostetter to share your interest.



Last Week's Attendance: Worship: 202 (172 CMF; 30 online)

Sunday school: 100

Last Week's Offering: \$12,875