

## *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 – 5<sup>th</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*

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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 26 Office Closed  
December 30 Office Closed  
January 2 Office Closed  
January 7 Women's Ministry Ideas Meeting  
January 10 Women's Tuesday AM Bible Study Begins  
January 16 American Red Cross Blood Drive  
January 17 Congregational meeting, regarding the search process, 6:30 PM  
January 18 Adult Ministries Planning Meeting  
January 25 Women's Wednesday PM Bible Study  
February 18-25 Healthy Niños Honduras Mission Trip

"On Joy"  
Luke 2:8-11

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What is the difference between joy and happiness?

Is it a hurdle for you to think you can be full of joy even when you're unhappy?

What substitutes for the real joy that only comes from God tempt you at Christmas?

*Wishing you a blessed and*  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

From the fullness of his grace we have all received  
one blessing after another. JOHN 1:16



December 25, 2022



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

# A Holy and Blessed Christmas



**Pastor Tim and Dawn wish you all the blessings** of the season: peace, joy, hope, and love in Jesus. May the wonder of His coming fill your hearts and days with all the good only He can bring.

**Today, there will be no Children's Church or Sunday school,** to allow families to worship and celebrate the birth of our Savior together.



**Our church office will be closed December 30-January 2.** During this time, please refer any pastoral care needs to Pastoral Care Directors: Pamela Jablonski or Reba Yoder, or to one of the Elders: Ken Bergey, Norman Hoy, or Barry Nolt.

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

**2023 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](mailto:finance@cmfmilton.org).

**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 next Sunday, 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!*



**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

**Our Wednesday night Women's Bible Study group** will start the same study as our Tuesday morning group! You can participate in *Abide: A Study of 1, 2 & 3 John*, by Jen Wilkins, on Tuesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 AM, starting **January 10,** or Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 PM, starting **January 25.** In this study, you'll discover the apostle John's words that challenge us to recall our great salvation and abide in the truth. Please sign up in the lobby!

**On January 15, we will welcome new 2023 team leaders** with a Commissioning Fellowship Meal. Come meet and eat with those the Lord has chosen to lead here at our church.



**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](http://www.redcrossblood.org) today.



**A congregational meeting is tentatively being planned** for Tuesday, **January 17,** at 6:30 PM, to discuss next steps in the search process for our Congregational Ministries positions. Please mark your calendar and watch for more information.

**Interested in planning and helping with Adult Ministries?** Join us for a planning meeting **January 18,** at 7:00 PM. It takes a village to plan and make our various ministry events successful! Contact John Peachey, Eric Ludovico, or Rachel Ludovico to learn more.

**If you're a newcomer to CMF and want to learn more about us,** a "Newcomers' Lunch" is planned for **February 5,** after Sunday school. During the luncheon, you can meet other newcomers and interact with the pastor and ministry leaders. Watch for details or contact Rachel Ludovico.

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

*Thank You!*

**"Thank you** for the prayers, cards, flowers, and phone calls. Doug and I also appreciated the carolers who treated us and gave us a fruit basket. We feel the prayers. God has been so faithful to us, and we see His hand in all this process. I am pondering all of it in my heart. Merry Christmas!"  
~Donna and Doug Bridge

## Children's Ministry

**Merry Christmas!** Today, we will not have Children's Church or Sunday school, so families can stay together to worship. Activity packets of activities are available for kids 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"—December 28 is C4 Lock-In,** an overnigher here at the church.

\*Note: There will be NO Ignite this week.

**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 Wednesdays.

"Our Online Newsletter always has more information about events, but you can contact me with questions anytime, at 570-238-2250 or at [jim@cmfmilton.org](mailto:jim@cmfmilton.org)."

~Jim Hostetter, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

**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. Talk to Max Kennel, Mike Yoder, or Jim Hostetter for times and location.

**Volleyball:** Who wants to play some volleyball? Let Jim know of your interest and we can get some games together over break.



**Last Week's Attendance:** Worship: 232 (196 CMF; 36 online)

Sunday school: 106

**Last Week's Offering:** \$14,390.00