

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

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

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Looking Ahead

March 1	Soup and The Word, 1st Presbyterian
March 4	Men's Breakfast at CMF
March 12	Lenten Prayer Gathering
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Green Game Gathering
March 19	Youth Sunday
March 20-28	Threads for Honduras Mission Trip (Tentative)
March 26	Movie Night: <i>Amazing Grace</i>
April 7	Good Friday Service—Jews for Jesus
April 16	Fellowship Meal
April 29	Women's Retreat at CMF

"Good People Will Suffer"

Job 10:1-3

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We know God is just. And yet He does things that seem unfair. What do you think is the difference between fairness and justice?

As unfair as it seems, good people will suffer, and it is no reflection on their goodness.

Who are the good people you know who have suffered significantly? Did any of them inspire a crisis of faith in you?

Sometimes it's easy to rationalize suffering persecution, but what about just plain pain, illness, and emotional distress like depression? Does this kind of suffering on behalf of Christians make sense to you?

What is the difference between questioning God in doubt and questioning God in faith?



February 19, 2023



*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? Every Sunday, after the sermon, an Elder is available at 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.



Fellowship Brunch: After this morning's worship service, we hope you will stay to share a Fellowship Brunch with us (no Sunday school today). **Volunteers are needed to help tear down the chairs and set up tables after the worship service.** Your help would be very appreciated. Thank you!

Secret Sisters, please place your gifts in the special spot in the lobby for our reveal time before or during the Fellowship Brunch. Thank you to all who participated. Twenty sisters got to know each other better through this sweet secrecy.

My Coins Count starts today! We will collect money through **March 19** to help MCC's (Mennonite Central Committee) educational efforts for at-risk children around the world. You can help by bringing your spare change, dollars, or checks made out to CMF and earmarked, "My Coins Count," and placing them in our collection containers in the lobby or in Erv Blank's mailbox. Thank you for help with this important project!

The church office will be closed this Friday. If you have an emergency or a prayer need, please contact your elder or Pastoral Care Directors, Pam Jablonski or Reba Yoder.

Next week, new Adult Sunday school classes will begin, with three classes being offered:

- **Reaching Out to the World—the Forum,** facilitated by Pastor Tim Darling
- **Truthfilled,** by Ruth Chou Simons, led by Emily Ayers and Rachel Ludovico
- **Tony Evans: No Excuses** (A men's class), continued, led by Norman Hoy and Jay Miller

Please sign up for the class of your choice in the foyer today.

All are invited to Soup and the Word Lenten Lunches, held at First Presbyterian Church, 47 Walnut Street, Milton, each Wednesday, **March 1 through April 5,** from 12:00-1:00 PM. The free meals, provided by the Milton Ministerium, are followed by a short meditation by a local pastor. On **March 29,** Jim Hostetter will share the message and CMF will serve the meal. If you would like to volunteer to help serve that day, please contact Rachel Ludovico.

Little Lambs Preschool will hold an Open House on Thursday, **March 2,** from 6:00-7:30 PM. Please help us get the word out to families who may be interested in sending their 3 or 4 year-old children to our preschool, starting in September 2023.

Men's Breakfast: Men, join us Saturday, **March 4, at 7:15 AM** in Room 201 for a great time in the Lord! Sign up in the lobby with items to bring. Please sign up to come even if you cannot donate—we want to have you there! Guys of all ages are invited!

Join us for a Lenten Prayer Gathering, "Jesus, the Bread of Life," on Sunday, March 12, in Room 201, from 6:30-8:00 PM. Gather with us as we prayerfully ponder scriptures related to bread. If you have questions, contact Lois Miler at 570-713-7181.

The search committee is continuing to accept applications for the Spiritual Family and Discipleship Pastor or Director position until **March 14.** The committee has started to screen applications received to date and will schedule initial interviews soon. Please continue to pray for wisdom and guidance through the process.

A St. Patrick's Day Green Game Gathering at Community! Wear Green, bring and play some Games, and Gather for fellowship and snacks on Friday night, **March 17,** at 6:30 PM. All kinds of games for all kinds of ages for all kinds of fun! Mark your calendar!

A Threads for Honduras mission trip is tentatively planned for **March 20-28.** Contact Reba Yoder, at 570-713-7508, to learn more.

Good Friday Service: This year, we will not have a Maundy Thursday Service but a Good Friday service instead. Stewart Weinisch, of *Jews for Jesus*, will share a meaningful presentation of Christ and the Passover with us on Good Friday, **April 7,** at 6:30 PM.

Our Women's Retreat, a Lifeway Women's Simulcast, will be held on Saturday, **April 29,** from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM. More information to come, but lots of helpers (men, women, and youth alike) are needed. See Rachel Ludovico or Julie Tyson if interested.

The Everence Sharing Fund provided \$1,000 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Mike and Sally Biddinger serve as the Everence advocates for our congregation. Please contact them for more information.

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Thank you! A mission team of 17 is serving in Honduras with Healthy Ninos through **February 25.** The donations you collected are so needed and appreciated. Thank you for your prayers and support!

30 Hour Fast: "Thank you!" to all who supported C4 Youth as we fasted last weekend. We grew closer to God, raised money to fight hunger, served an urgent Milton Developmental Services meal and cooked lots of homemade soup. Extra soup is available today in the church freezer for \$10/quart, self-serve." Blessings, Jim Hostetter

"Thank you!" to all who helped with the meals for Milton Developmental Services last week! We provided dinner to 42 residents on Wednesday and Friday, and raised money for their pantry.

Another special "Thank you!" to the Youth who provided a soup lunch to the residents on Saturday, February 11.

Children's Ministry



My Coins Count kicks off today! Kids, let's help other kids around the world to be able to get a good education, just like you! We'll be collecting money for MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) in the lobby and the WOW Room until March 19. There will be some fun incentives involved if we pull together and raise enough money, so let's get saving!

Youth Ministry

"Embrace and Pursue Christ"

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



"Wednesday Night Youth:" Normal times this week. "Ash Wednesday Edition."

Belize 2023: TODAY is our first Team Meeting. After brunch is over, come on down to the Refuge for a noon start time. Registration is still open for additional C4 students, but only a limited number of spots remain. Register to reserve your spot and join the team.

"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."

~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: Guys are joining the men's group for this Sunday school session. See Chris Long or Jim Hostetter with questions.

Wednesday Group-Time: Connect with others on Wednesdays. Talk to Max Kennel, Mike Yoder, or Jim Hostetter for times and location.



Skiing Update: Due to warm weather, there is a good chance we will be unable to make this trip this year. Let's try again next winter.

Last Week's Attendance: CMF Worship: 205 (182 CMF; 23 online) Sunday school: 109
Last Week's Offering: \$10,939

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