

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
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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

"Reasons Beyond Your Grasp"

Job 1-2

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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 26, 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.

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

Today, new Adult Sunday school classes will begin, with three classes being offered. Join us today, even if you did not sign up!
**Note room changes:*

- NEW! **Reaching Out to the World--The Forum**, facilitated by Pastor Tim Darling, Room 201/202
- NEW! **Truthfilled**, by Ruth Chou Simons, (A women's class) led by Emily Ayers and Rachel Ludovico, Room 203
- **No More Excuses**, by Tony Evans (A men's class), continued, led by Norman Hoy and Jay Miller, Room 306
- **Resolving Everyday Conflict** (continued), led by Pam Jablonski, Room 305
- **Genesis** continued, led by Jim Schompert, Sanctuary

Soup and the Word Lenten Lunches begin this week. All are invited to attend the free meals at First Presbyterian Church, 47 Walnut Street, Milton, Wednesdays, **through April 5**, from 12:00-1:00 PM. The meals are provided by the Milton Ministerium and 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 this Thursday night, **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 this 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.

CMF Personnel Update: The search committee is continuing to accept applications for the Spiritual Family and Discipleship Pastor or Director position until the **March 14** deadline. The committee has started to screen applications received to date and will be scheduling initial interviews soon. 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. All ages, including children, are welcome!

Lenten Movie Evening: Amazing Grace will be shown at CMF on Sunday, **March 26**, at 6:30 PM. Let's gather here at the church to enjoy the movie, Amazing Grace. It's the story of passion and perseverance to end the British slave trade where John Newton, a reformed slave ship captain who penned the beloved hymn Amazing Grace, inspired urgency to see the cause through. Popcorn provided. Please bring a favorite snack or soda.

Good Friday Service, Jews for Jesus: 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. At this one-day, live-streamed event, we'll give God time from our busy schedules to hear His voice, spend a day centering our hearts on His Word, and engage with women who, like you, believe God's Word changes lives. Hear from Jen Wilkin, Jennifer Rothschild, Kristi McLelland, Elizabeth Woodson, Jada Edwards, and more! **Special early registration for our church women opens March 5 online and in the lobby.** Tickets are \$35, and include a continental breakfast and full lunch.

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.

Thank you so much to those who helped to cook, package, and serve the meals for the Milton Developmental Services residents on Wednesday, February 15 and Friday, February 17. The residents greatly appreciated it!

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:" Join friends for fun, learning, and praising God. Ignite 6-7:30pm, C4 7-8:30pm.

Youth Sunday & "Paul's Pulled Pork Meal". On April 19 the Youth will lead Sunday Morning Service and serve up a meal after Sunday School to raise funds for Summer Youth Trips.

"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.

Youth Sunday. We get to guide the Sunday Morning Service and serve up a Pulled Pork Meal on April 19th. Help will also be needed on April 18th for food prep. Invite friends and family to the service and the meal. Proceeds from the meal go towards our Summer Youth Trips. (C4 & Ignite)

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.

Last Week's Attendance: CMF Worship: 214 (204 CMF; 10 online) Brunch 133
Last Week's Offering: \$8,303

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