

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

August 17	Zesty Zeniors Hiawatha Outing
August 19	Milton Island Love INC Walk/Run
August 20	Welcome Reception for Nigel
August 25	Ice Cream Social at Central Oak Heights
August 27	Men's Fireside Chat, 7 PM, at Chris Long's Home
September 23	Barn Party at Steve and Lynette Lapp's
September 24	Men's Fireside Chat, 7:00 PM, at John Hartman's Home
November 10	American Red Cross Blood Drive

"Obedience as Marketing"

Deuteronomy 4:5-9

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What is your own practical definition of wisdom? How do you know if a person is wise, or if you are being wise ... making wise choices?

If you were to ask your family, "How has God worked in our lives?" what would they say?

What part of the Bible do you know best? What part do you know about least?

What about your life of faith do you think people most readily notice?

What is a moment in your family's experiences when you can say with confidence, "God showed up"?

For the Children:



Immediately following the offering, we offer Children's Church for age 3-5th grade.



August 13, 2023



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



Welcome

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



Prayer and anointing: After the sermon this morning, we will have a time of anointing with oil and prayer. If you have a prayer request or need, prayer team members will be available to pray with you following the anointing. We encourage you to partake of this special time of prayer.

Next Sunday, August 20, help us welcome Nigel Fulmore-Smith, our new Spiritual Family and Discipleship Pastor. Help bless him with:

- Gift cards to local stores and restaurants and notes of welcome
- Schedule informal gatherings—families or small groups can meet with Nigel together.
- Yummy snacks and refreshments in the foyer after the morning worship service.

See the flyer on the table in the lobby or contact the church office for more details.

Zesty Zeniors invite those 55 or older to join them on the Hiawatha Paddlewheel Riverboat on Thursday, August 17, at 2:30 PM. The cost is \$10 per person. Pay at the snack bar when you arrive. Ice cream and snacks will be provided. Please sign up at the table in the lobby. And remember to invite friends!

The 11th Annual Milton Island Love INC 5K Run/ Walk will be held **this Saturday, August 19**, at the Milton State Park Island. Day-of-registration for the cross-country-style course is \$25 for students 18 and under, \$30 per adult, or \$45 per family. To learn more, call 570-742-3561 or email: juliet.loveinc@gmail.com.



An Ice Cream Social will be held on Friday, August 25, at 6:30 PM, at the north pavilion at **Central Oak Heights**. Bring your favorite ice cream topping, a lawn chair, and frisbee or other sports equipment to work off the calories afterward! Please sign up at the table in the lobby to help us plan how much ice cream is needed.

Men's Ministry will host two more fireside chats this summer. Men, we look forward to seeing you at the campfire the last Sunday of the summer months, through September, for open-hearted conversations about what's happening in our lives. Our next fireside chat will be held **August 27 at 7:00 PM, at Chris Long's home.** Flyers with details are on the Welcome Desk.



Join us today for our summer adult Sunday school

Room #	Name of Class	Teacher
Room 201/202	<i>The End of the Beginning and the Time In-Between</i>	Pastor Tim Darling

New Adult Sunday school classes will begin on September 3.

We hope you will join us for Sunday school! New class descriptions are in mailboxes today. Please sign up for the class of your choice in the lobby so adequate study materials can be ordered.

Three classes will be offered from September 3-October 8:

- *"Emotionally Healthy Relationships: Discipleship that Deeply Changes Your Relationships with Others,"* a video series led by Jen Bittner
- *"Reflections,"* a class for women age 55-95, to reflect on their spiritual journeys past, present, and future, led by Joy Mertz
- *"Matthew Out Loud,"* will be a simple out-loud reading and reflection of the Gospel of Matthew.

We hope you will join us as we study God's Word together in Sunday school.

Seeking beta group members: We're testing out a different way to share information for adults and families at CMF. *Remind* is a text-based notification program already used by our youth and children's ministries. You can join the beta *Remind* group by texting "@cmfRemind" to 81010. You can sign up and just receive a text message or download the app to have more options.



Unhindered Steps Conference: Teen girls are in a mental health crisis. The battle over the darkness of depression and anxiety belongs to our Mighty God. His light overcomes the darkness. Teen girls and the adults who support them are invited to a conference and workshop on **September 16, from 8:30 AM-3:00 PM**, at the Lewisburg Alliance Church, to hear a faith-based perspective regarding mental and emotional well-being. Local therapists, counselors, organizations, and youth leaders will provide resources and tools to connect our teens with Christ-following adults who can support them. There will also be a breakout session for participating adults to be better equipped to walk alongside their teen girls. More info is available at the table in the lobby or to learn more, contact Erin Geiswhite, at erin@unhinderedsteps.com.



Women's Fall Bible Study: *When You Pray* is a seven-week women's Bible study focusing on prayers in the Bible that can inspire and help us in our own conversations with God. Six different Bible teachers will help us examine prayers of praise, lament, thanksgiving, and intercession. Examples of both individual and corporate prayers are included. May our hearts be united with Christ and may we grow in our faith as we draw near to God in prayer. Please plan to join us as we begin this study on **Tuesday, September 19**, from 9:00-11:00 AM. A sign-up sheet will be available next week.

Expectations Women's Center Volunteer Training: Do you desire to be a part of a LIFE-changing ministry? Expectations Women's Center will offer training sessions for anyone interested in serving as a volunteer, **beginning September 19**. Pick up a flyer on the Welcome Desk.

Children's Ministry



"Back to School Time" is almost here! If you're a "kid" headed to school (preschool all the way through college), be sure to grab a school supply in the lobby, reminding you to "draw near to God" as you head back to the classroom!

Move-It-Up Day will be Sunday, September 3! Kids will move up to their new grade level classes in Children's Church and Sunday school on this day, and sixth graders will move up to Ignite.



Youth Ministry

"Embrace and Pursue Christ"

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

"Summer-Youth" We are on summer mode for a short time longer. Kick-Off starts in a few weeks.



Fall Kick-off is September 6—Youth every Wednesday! Bring friends! 😊

Youth Sunday School: September 3rd is when all classes move to the new grades for the 2023/2024 School Year.

"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, Pastor 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

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

Tithes and Offerings can be given through CMF's website at <https://www.cmfmilton.org/donate/>, or mailed to 2985 Broadway Rd, Milton, PA 17847.

Last Week's Offering: \$12,551

Last Week's Attendance: CMF Worship: 224 (189 in person, 35 online)
Sunday school: 126