

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 25	Ice Cream Social at Central Oak Heights
August 27	Men's Fireside Chat, 7 PM, at Chris Long's Home
September 3	New Adult Sunday school classes begin
September 19	Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study Begins
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

"Lazarus Comes Out of the Grave"

John 11

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Practically speaking, how do you deal with the idea of miracles?

What are the elements of your life in which you are most intentional about bringing God glory?

Have you ever thought you were not good enough for God to love or help?



For the Children:

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



August 20, 2023



The Raising of Lazarus, by Vincent Van Gogh

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





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.

This morning, we welcome Nigel Fulmore-Smith, our new Spiritual Family and Discipleship Pastor. Introduce yourself while enjoying yummy snacks in the foyer between the worship service and Sunday school. Also, you can still schedule an informal gathering with Nigel and your family or small group. See the sign-up sheet in the lobby. Specific dates are not needed in order to sign up.



An Ice Cream Social will be held this 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, be part of our next fireside chat! Men's Ministry will host two more fireside chats this summer. We look forward to seeing you at the campfire the last Sundays of August and September, for open-hearted conversations. Our next fireside chat will be held **August 27 at 7:00 PM, at Chris Long's home.**

New Adult Sunday school classes will begin on September 3. Come learn and fellowship with us in Sunday school! Please sign up for the class of your choice in the lobby so adequate 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 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. Scripture Journals of the Book of Matthew will be available.

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

 **Join us today for our summer adult Sunday school class:**

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

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, whose 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.



Zesty Zeniors Gathering: If you are 55 or older, join Zesty Zeniors for a free meal at CMF on Thursday, **September 21** at noon. Bring a hearty appetite as Joyful Harmony Small Group with Chef Mike cooks for you. Please sign up in the lobby.

Hymn Sing: On Sunday, September 24, at 2:30 PM, the Joyful Harmony Small Group will host a hymn sing at Watsontown Rehab. Please join us! Contact Ruth Robenolt with questions.

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.



Are you part of CMF's "All-Church" email list? Our weekly Prayer Update and important reminders are sent through this list. If we have missed you, please contact Tammy at the church office to learn more: 570-742-7315.

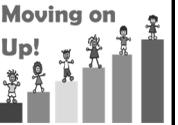
Children's Ministry



"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.

Ignite Fall Camp: Mark your calendars for October 6-8. Registration opens in a few weeks.

Our online newsletter has more information about events or contact Jim Hostetter at 570-238-2250 or jim@cmfmilton.org for questions.

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: \$9,012

Last Week's Attendance: CMF Worship: 230 (213 in person, 17 online) Sunday school: 112