

## *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*

September 10 Nomination forms due  
September 16 Milton Harvest Festival  
September 19 Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study Begins  
September 21 Zesty Zeniors Lunch  
September 23 Barn Party at Steve and Lynette Lapp's  
September 24 Hymn Sing at Watsonstown Rehab  
September 24 Men's Fireside Chat, 7:00 PM, at John Hartman's Home  
November 10 American Red Cross Blood Drive

## Norman Hoy Sermon Notes

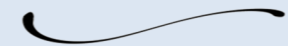
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September 3 2023





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



### For the Children:

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

 **Welcome!** We are so happy to have you with us today! . . . . .

 **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.



**Nomination forms for 2024 volunteer leadership positions** were placed in mailboxes last week, and extras are on the Welcome Desk. Please prayerfully consider and submit names of people to fill current open leadership positions. For consideration, completed forms must be returned to the "Nomination Forms" box on the Welcome Desk or to the church office **by next Sunday, September 10.**

**New Adult Sunday school classes begin today!** Come learn and fellowship together in Sunday school!

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

- "Emotionally Healthy Relationships: Discipleship that Deeply Changes Your Relationships with Others," led by Jen Bittner, Room 201/202
- "Reflections," a class for women age 55-95, to reflect on spiritual journeys past, present, and future, led by Joy Mertz, Room 203
- "Matthew Out Loud," will be a simple out-loud reading and reflection of the Gospel of Matthew. Scripture Journals of the Book of Matthew are available. Room 305

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

**A Milton Harvest Festival Mission Opportunity, September 16!** If you would like to volunteer to be at a table and serve food or help kids, please email Nigel Fulmore-Smith at [nigel@cmfmilton.org](mailto:nigel@cmfmilton.org), or sign up in the lobby!



**Women's Fall Bible Study:** "When You Pray" is a seven-week Bible study focusing on prayers in the Bible that can inspire and help us in our conversations with God. Six different Bible teachers will help us examine prayers of praise, lament, thanksgiving, and intercession. Examples of 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 attend as we begin on **Tuesday, September 19**, from 9:00-11:00 AM. Please sign up in the lobby to ensure we have enough books.

**Zesty Zeniors Lunch:** 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.

**Barn Party!!!** CMF Fall Barn Party, **Saturday, September 23, 2023, 6:30-8:30 PM**


**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.

**Last men's fireside chat of summer 2023—September 24!** Men, we hope to see you at the campfire September 24 at **7:00 PM**, at **John Hartman's home.**

**Seeking beta group members:** We're testing 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.

## Children's Ministry

**Children's Sign-In Table:** Starting today, parents must sign their kiddos in at the Children's Ministry Table by the gym doors as they arrive. Children and their parents will receive dual-numbered bracelets to be checked as kids leave the gym. We realize this adds a "step" to your Sunday morning routine, but we care about your kids and want to keep them safe. Thank you for your help!

**Moving on Up!**  **Today is Move-It-Up Day!** Kids will move up to their new grade level classes in Children's Church and Sunday school today, and sixth graders will move up to Ignite. Our classes will be:

**Children's Church:**

- Preschool/ Kindergarten—Room 206 (in the gym)
- First/Second Grade—Room 207 (in the gym)
- CC Boom (Third through Fifth Grade)—Room 306 (upstairs)

**Sunday School:**

- Preschool through Second Grade—Room 207 with Amy Goodwin
- Third through Fifth Grade—Room 307 with Becky Saber

**Today is Library Sunday!** Preschool through second grade Sunday school kids will listen to a story and have an opportunity to check out a book and/or DVD. Older kids are invited to visit the library before or after Sunday school, too. Items checked out can be returned anytime to the cart inside the door and new items can be signed out anytime someone is at the desk. There are lots of great reading materials for kids and adults to enjoy!



## Young Adults

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

## Local Community Ministry:

**GuideSpring will hold their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet**, "Restoration Along the Journey," on Tuesday, **September 12** at 6:00 PM, at the Birchwood Venue, 571 Industrial Park Road, Milton. Contact LaVonne Yoder at 570-428-3293 to register or to learn more.

**Unhindered Steps Conference:** Teen girls are in a mental health crisis—a battle over the darkness of depression and anxiety. Teen girls and adults who support them are invited to a conference and workshop on **September 16**, from 8:30 AM-3:00 PM, at 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 to support them. There will also be a breakout session for participating adults to be better equipped to walk alongside their teen girls. See the table in the lobby or contact Erin Geiswhite, at [erin@unhinderedsteps.com](mailto:erin@unhinderedsteps.com).

**Expectations Women's Center Volunteer Training:** Do you want 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, **starting September 19**. Pick up a flyer on the Welcome Desk.

## Youth Ministry

**"Embrace and Pursue Christ"**

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

**Fall Kick-off this Wednesday, September 6!** Bring friends and be ready for God to work. This starts up our weekly Wednesday Night Youth Event. Lots of fun, friends, and important conversations. Ignite 6:00-7:30 PM; C4 7:00-8:30 PM.

**Youth Sunday School "Move it Up":** Today is when all classes move to the new grades for the 2023/2024 School Year.

**Unhindered mental health conference:** "for teen girls and those who support them" Details online or see information table in lobby. Scholarship money is available to get you there at no cost to you! See Jim.

**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](mailto:jim@cmfmilton.org) for questions.

**See youth event details at:**

<https://newsletter.dymapps.com/featured/2142>

**Parents:** Not getting REMIND messages? Text [@cmfparents](mailto:@cmfparents) to the number 81010.



**Last Week's Offering:** \$8,299

**Last Week's Attendance:** CMF Worship: 260 (230 in person, 30 online)  
Sunday school: 93