

## *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 16 Milton Harvest Festival  
September 19 Women's Morning Bible Study Begins  
September 20 Women's Evening Bible Study Begins  
September 21 Zesty Seniors 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  
October 15 Fellowship Meal  
November 10 American Red Cross Blood Drive

Larry Seibert  
*Lifted up by Community, Held by God*  
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September 10, 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're happy you are worshipping with us today!

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**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.



NOMINATIONS

**Nominations for 2024 volunteer leaders are due today.** Extra forms 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 today or to the office early tomorrow morning.

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

**Two Women's Fall Bible Studies will be beginning soon:**

- **Tuesday mornings, beginning September 19:** "When You Pray" is a seven-week Bible study focusing on prayers in the Bible that inspire and help us converse with God. Six different Bible teachers will help us examine prayers of praise, lament, thanksgiving, and intercession. We hope you will join us Tuesdays, from 9:00-11:00 AM. Please sign up in the lobby.
- **Wednesday nights, beginning September 20:** "Jonah, Navigating a Life Interrupted," by Priscilla Shirer is a seven-week study. Dive into Jonah and discover that what you see as an interruption may truly be God's diving invitation to a life so much bigger than you can imagine! Join us every other Wednesday night, at 6:30 PM. Please sign up in the lobby.

**Are you enjoying the snacks in the lobby every week?** It's a great time to grab a cup of coffee and a tasty treat while visiting with an old friend or someone new. Additional volunteers are needed to help provide these snacks. If interested, please sign up in the lobby or contact Mike & Sally Biddinger at 570-847-1143 or Alesia Foster at 570-412-4023.

**Join us today for an adult Sunday school class:**

Room #	Name of Class	Teachers
Rooms 201/202	<i>Emotionally Healthy Relationships</i>	Jen Bittner
Room 203	<i>Reflections</i>	Joy Mertz
Room 305	<i>Matthew Out-Loud</i>	Various Readers

**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 so we know for how many to prepare.



**Join us for a Fall Barn Party on Saturday, September 23, from 6:30-8:30 PM** at Steve and Lynette Lapp's farm near Watsonstown. Activities will include a wagon ride, square dancing, and games for the children. Please bring a friend and also a snack to share with everyone. Drinks will be provided. If you plan to attend, please sign up at the table in the lobby.

**Hymn Sing:** On Sunday, **September 24**, at 2:30 PM, the Joyful Harmony Small Group will host a hymn sing at Watsonstown Rehab. Come sing with 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.



**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, contact the church office to learn more: [office@cmfmilton.org](mailto:office@cmfmilton.org).

**Sunday sermon information:** If you want to review the message or have information from the Power Point slides, email Pastor Tim.

*Local Community Ministry:*

**GuideSpring will hold their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet**, "Restoration Along the Journey," this Tuesday, **September 12** at 6:00 PM, at the Birchwood Venue, 571 Industrial Park Road, Milton. Contact LaVonne Yoder at [lavonne.yoder@guidespring.org](mailto:lavonne.yoder@guidespring.org) or 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:** Want to be 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.

*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!

*Youth Ministry*

**"Embrace and Pursue Christ"**

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

**Wednesday Youth:** Every Wednesday! Bring friends and be ready for God to work in you and others. Lots of fun, friends, and important conversations. Ignite 6:00-7:30 PM; C4 7:00-8:30 PM.

**Youth Sunday school "Influencers" series starts today:** Who are your influencers? Do you have influence? What is influence for? Join today for a 3-week series. Please be in the Refuge by 11:00 AM.

**Fall Barn Party:** Youth (Ignite, C4, Young Adults) are joining the **September 23** Barn Party sponsored by CMF. Square dancing, food, hay rides, flannel shirts, and more fall fun. Bring a snack to share. Let Jim know if you may need a ride. Details at our Online Newsletter.



**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 to the number 81010.



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*Young Adults*

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

**Last Week's Offering:** \$7,964

**Last Week's Attendance:** CMF Worship: 245 (221 in person, 24 online)  
Sunday school: 79