

## 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.

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Sunday worship service: 9:15 AM    Sunday school: 10:45 AM

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## Looking Ahead

September 24 Men's Fireside Chat, 7:00 PM,  
at John Hartman's Home  
October 15 Fellowship Meal  
October 19 Zesty Zeniors Fall Festival  
November 10 American Red Cross Blood  
Drive

## "The Birds of the Air"

Genesis 1:27-30; Job 12:7-10; Matthew 6:26; Genesis 7:20-23;  
Hosea 4:1-3; Ezekiel 38:20; Luke 8:5 & 12; 1 Samuel 17:44  
& 46; Revelation 19:17; Jeremiah 4:23-26; Psalm 104:10-13;  
Hosea 2:18; Luke 13:19

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How do you reconcile the truth of Scripture concerning creation, miracles, eternity, etc. with what we learn from secular science?

How does your Divine mandate to participate in the stewardship of creation take shape in your life?

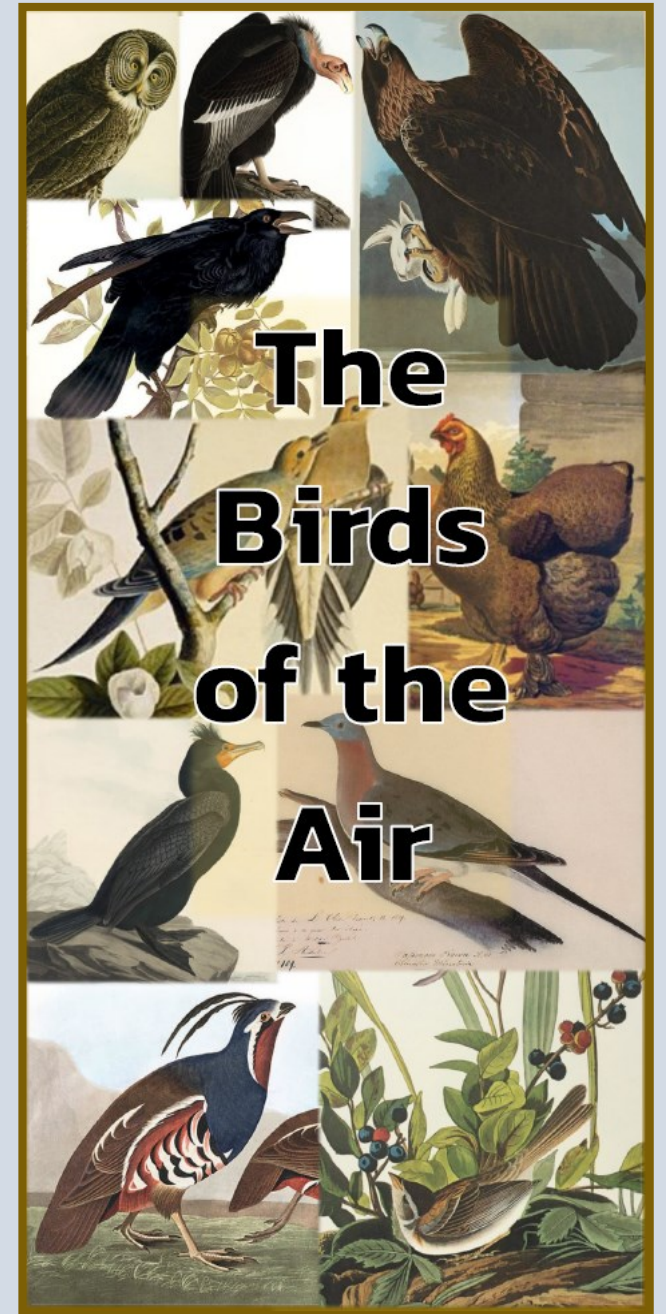
Do you see evidence of the judgement of God on sin in the world around you or in your own circles?

How do you find refuge in God?



### For the Children:

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



# Welcome

## WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE



**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.

**Today, Pastor Tim will begin a fall series, "The Birds of the Air."** What is God saying through our avian companions on the earth? What do they symbolize? What can we learn from them? What can we learn by watching the birds of the Bible?

**Today's Hymn Sing has been canceled,** but we plan to reschedule. We hope you will join us next time we sing at Watsontown Rehab.



**Tonight is the last men's fireside chat of summer 2023!** Men, we hope to see you at the campfire tonight at 7:00 PM, at John Hartman's home.

### You can still join a Women's Fall Bible Study!

- **Tuesday mornings:** "When You Pray" is a seven-week Bible study focusing on prayers in the Bible that inspire and help us converse with God. Tuesdays, from 9:00-11:00 AM. Contact Cheryl Wyble to learn more.
- **Wednesday nights (every other week):** "Jonah, Navigating a Life Interrupted," by Priscilla Shirer, is a seven-session study. Dive into Jonah and discover that interruptions may be God's invitation to a life much bigger than you can imagine! Every other Wednesday night, at 6:30 PM. See Clorice Summers or Jen Bittner for questions.



### 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

**Interested in becoming a greeter or an usher?** Do you have a passion for welcoming people or hospitality? Please contact Nigel Fulmore-Smith at 843-992-4592, or [nigel@cmfmilton.org](mailto:nigel@cmfmilton.org), for more information.

**New Adult Sunday school classes will begin October 22.** Help us prepare by signing up for the class of your choice in the lobby:

- "The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy," Led by Larry Seibert
- "Nurturing Faith," led by Ron Mertz
- "Letting Go and Letting God Lead," led by Nancy Magargle

**High Point Help Needed:** We'll soon start our fall session of *High Point* on Wednesday evenings, **October 11 through November 8**, from 6:00-7:30 PM! We still need volunteers to be group leaders, to organize games, lead crafts, provide snacks, and run registration. If you are able to help, even if only for one night, please sign up at the *High Point* table in the lobby, or contact Amy Goodwin at 570-490-6217. Thanks!

**Zesty Zeniors Fall Festival, October 19:** If you or your spouse are 55 or older, join the Zesty Zeniors for a Fall Festival on **October 19** at 2:00 PM, at the old school house, 186 Beaver Run Road, Turbotville. The event will include Zany Bingo with zuper prizes, zesty fall snacks, and a zipping, zooming, zigzag daylight "hayride" through the countryside at 4:00 PM. Please sign up in the foyer.

**Sunday sermon information:** If you would like to review Sunday's message or would like to have the information from the Power Point slides, please email pastor Tim and he will send them to you.

**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.

## Young Adults

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

**Interested in a Winter Retreat?** Be part of the conversation, see Max Kennel or Jim Hostetter with your ideas.

Last Week's Offering: \$8,573

Last Week's Attendance: CMF Worship: 240 (204 in person, 36 online)  
Sunday school: 109

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## Children's Ministry



**Children's Check-In:** Parents, please check in your kiddos (age 3 through second grade) at the table by the gym doors. Kids in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade do not need to check in. Check-in has moved closer to the gym. Children and parents will receive dual-numbered bracelets to be checked when kids leave the gym. Although this adds a "step" to your Sunday routine, we care about your kids and want to keep them safe. Thank you for your help!



**High Point Heads-Up!** Our fall session of *High Point* will run Wednesday nights, **October 11 through November 8**, from 6:00-7:30 PM. Kids age four through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, sign up in the lobby or text Amy Goodwin, at 570-490-6217, to join in the fun. We can't wait to see you there!

## 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. **NOTE:** Next week (October 4) we will host special guest Jared Knorr to share his testimony of God at work. Join us for this special opportunity next week!

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

**Ignite Fall Camp October 6-8:** Register now for one of the best Ignite events of the year! Get your FREE T-shirt if you register by September 27. Go Online for details and links.

✓ **"Youth Permission Form 2023/2024" is available now.** Please fill one of these out asap for your teen for the 2023/2024 Youth season. Available Online, in Refuge, and by Library.

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>

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