

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

October 15 Fellowship Meal
October 19 Zesty Zeniors Fall Festival
November 10 American Red Cross Blood Drive



Sparrows: When You're Feeling Small

Psalm 84:3-4, Exodus 16, Hosea 11:10-11, Luke 12:6-7,
Matthew 10:29, 1 Samuel 26:20
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At church, in school, at work, even within your family,
what can make you feel like you just don't fit in?

How does it affect that impression to know that almost
everyone feels the same way?

What is the most significant, practical reminder to you
that God loves you and that you are precious to Him?



A sparrow devotional card is available. Scan for
an online version. Hard copies are on the lobby
table under the flock.



For the Children:

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



October 1, 2023



*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.

Pastor Tim is continuing his 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?

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.

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

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, for more information.

Hymn sing: On Tuesday, October 10, at 6:30 PM, the Joyful Harmony small group will have a hymn sing at Heritage Springs Memory Care Center in Lewisburg, Come sing with us! Contact Elaine Swartzentruber with any questions.

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.

thank you!

Pastor Tim and Dawn would like to thank the congregation for all the well wishes, inquiries, care, cards, visits, meals, and especially the prayers during Tim's recent surgery. God has been gracious, and Tim is healing well. We are giving God thanks.

Martha Zimmerman wishes to thank her church family for the healing prayers, flowers, cards, visits while in hospitals and Buffalo Valley Rehab and words of encouragement. I covet your continued prayers of healing as I continue this journey to restored health and leaning to walk again. God Bless.

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: \$7,208
 Last Week's Attendance: CMF Worship: 261 (227 in person, 34 online)

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 WORSHIPPING GOD THROUGH GIVING

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 3rd through 5th grade do not need to check in. Children and parents will receive dual-numbered bracelets to be checked when kids leave the gym. Although this adds a "step" to your routine, we care about your kids and want to keep them safe.

Fall High Point is Almost Here! Kids age four through fifth grade- join us as we "travel" to Israel to learn about Obedience on Wednesday nights, **October 11 through November 8**, from **6:00-7:30 PM**. Each night we will watch a skit, hear a Bible story, play games, and more! 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!

Today is Library Sunday! Kids in Preschool through second grade Sunday school class will listen to a story and have the opportunity to check out a book and/or DVD. Older kids are invited to visit the library before or after Sunday school, too.

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. **SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY:** This week is first "Testimony Night" of 2023. We will host special guest Jared Knorr and friends from Bucknell to share testimonies of God at work.

Ignite Fall Camp, October 6-8: Pray for Ignite (grades 6-8) and leaders, as we go to Fall Camp at Camp Kanasatake. The theme is, "As You Wish- Listen and Obey."

✓**"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 the Library.

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>

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