

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
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Looking Ahead

October 15 Fellowship Meal
October 19 Zesty Zeniors Fall Festival
October 22 New Adult Sunday school begins
November 10 American Red Cross Blood Drive
November 12 Ministerium Thanksgiving Service



Nigel Fulmore-Smith
"You Can't Play Football
Without the Right Equipment"
Luke 15:11-31
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When have you felt alone?

What community do you need to seek out?



For the Children:

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

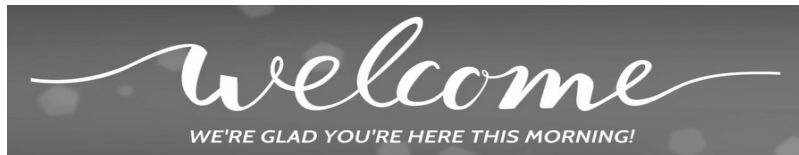


October 8, 2023



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





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.

This morning, Nigel will be preaching about the importance of community in our everyday lives. The title of his message is, "You Can't Play Football Without the Right Equipment."

Next Sunday, Pastor Tim will continue 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?

All are invited to a Fellowship Meal next Sunday, October 15, after church. To ensure we have enough food, please bring two dishes—a main dish and either a salad or dessert—enough to feed your family with extra to share with visitors who stay. We welcome your help in setting up and cleaning up after the meal. Just come to the kitchen if you can help.

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

- **Tuesday mornings:** "When You Pray," Tuesdays, from 9:00-11:00 AM. Contact Cheryl Wyble to learn more.
- **Every other Wednesday night:** "Jonah, Navigating a Life Interrupted," by Priscilla Shirer, 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 tasty treat while visiting with an old or new friend. Additional volunteers are needed to 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

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

- "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

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: Next 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 to learn more.

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.

Gator Wilderness Camp School will hold a fundraiser banquet at 6:30 PM, on **October 31**, at Buffalo Community Church in Lewisburg. You must RSVP to Gator Camp at 941-639-7722, by October 21. Details are posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Quarterly Ministry Reports are posted for your review. These reports give a brief review of what various CMF ministries have been doing the past three months. Find these reports, along with the most recent Elder Team and Administrative Team minutes, on the community bulletin board in the lobby.

Last Week's Offering: \$9,813
 Last Week's Attendance: CMF Worship: 255 (222 in person, 33 online)
 Sunday school: 80

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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 starts this Wednesday! 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!

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.



Ignite Fall Camp: Pray for Ignite, as they return from Fall Camp later today. Our hope is that we all return more equipped to hear God and put it into action... "As You Wish- Listen and Obey."

C4 Fall Camp is just around the corner: so much fun jammed into a weekend away! **November 10-12**, you can experience life-changing worship, sessions, and connection. Registration is open.

"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>

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.