

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.

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

- November 5 Harvest Offering
- November 5 Church Game Day in the Refuge
- November 10 American Red Cross Blood Drive
- November 12 Newcomer's Lunch (RSVP by Nov 5)
- November 12 Ministerium Thanksgiving Service
- November 15 Women's Ministry Evening
- November 16 Zesty Zeniors Game Day
- November 19 Congregational Meeting & Fellowship Meal



"Pigeons: God's Accommodating Desire"

Genesis 15, Leviticus 5:6-11, Leviticus 12:6-8,
Luke 2:22-24

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What is your basic reaction to animal sacrifice?

I remember when I discovered the idea of grain offerings. How does a bloodless offering strike you, knowing God ordained it?

How do economic considerations inform the way you assess your own spirituality?

God loves you and wants you, has done everything to gain you. What does that mean to you?



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



October 29, 2023



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



WELCOME

This morning, we celebrate “Pastor Appreciation Day!” We are so grateful for our pastors and staff who help lead us in our faith journeys. Please take a moment to thank Pastor Tim, Pastor Jim, Pastor Nigel, and Amy for their leadership. Also, a big “Thank you!” to our many volunteer leaders who help make ministry at CMF possible.

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.

Are you a Greeter, a Welcome Desk Host, or an Usher? Tonight, at 6:00 PM, we will meet at the church about vision casting for the Welcome Ministry! If interested in joining, give Nigel Fulmore-Smith a call at 843-992-4592 or email him at nigel@cmfmilton.org.

Our Annual Harvest Offering will be collected next Sunday, November 5. This special offering is given as a “thank you” for all God has provided for us throughout the year by giving to those who have been less fortunate or struck by hardship in the mission field. This year, please consider giving over and above your regular weekly offering to bless the ministry of Golden Rule Love INC.

Church Game Day: Next Sunday, November 5, we are hosting a church wide board game day at 1:00 PM in the Youth Room. Bring your own games or play some of the ones we have to offer. Pizza will be provided. For more info, please email nigel@cmfmilton.org. To help us know how much pizza to provide, please sign up in the lobby.

If you’re a newcomer to CMF and want to learn more about us, please ask about our “Newcomers’ Lunch” on **November 12**. Meet other newcomers and interact with the pastor and ministry leaders. If interested, contact Nigel by **November 5** at nigel@cmfmilton.org or 570-742-7315.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at CMF on Friday, **November 10**, from 12:30-5:30 PM. Schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Volunteers are needed to register donors, food donations and servers are needed. If you can help, please sign up in the lobby.

Join us today for an adult Sunday school class:		
Room #	Name of Class	Teachers
Rooms 201/202	<i>The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God’s Mercy</i>	Larry Seibert
Room 203	<i>Letting Go and Letting God Lead</i>	Nancy Magargle

It’s Shoebox Time! Please help us collect items to help children around the world through Samaritan’s Purse’s Operation Christmas Child. Donations of toothbrushes, combs/ brushes, hair ties, crayons, markers, pencils/ sharpeners, small toys/ balls/ stuffed animals, soccer balls, pumps, and more can be placed in the lobby through **November 12**. We will pack these items into shoeboxes at a **Packing Party on Friday, November 17, at 6:30 PM**. We hope you will join us!

A Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Milton Ministerium, will be held **November 12**, at St. Andrews Methodist Church. Several from CMF will be participating.

Women’s Ministry Night: Ladies, come together for an evening to focus on prayer, Wednesday, **November 15**, from 6:30-8:30 PM, in Room 201/202. We will discuss different facets of prayer and ways to polish the time we spend talking with God. We will also make a prayer bead keychain, wristlet, or bookmark, and enjoy refreshments. Please sign up in the lobby, so we know for how many to prepare.


Zesty Seniors Game Day: If you or your spouse are 55 or older, join us for Game Day on **November 16**, from 1:00-4:00 PM, in Rooms 201/202. Please bring a snack and games to share. Drinks will be provided. See you then!!

Congregational Meeting and Fellowship Meal: On Sunday, **November 19**, join us for a fellowship meal followed by a congregational meeting. 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. More details on the meeting and the 2024 budget will be coming next Sunday.

In coming weeks, Affirmation Ballots for 2024 leadership positions and the 2024 CMF Budget will be placed in member’s mailboxes. Please pray for guidance in these areas, as we seek God’s direction.

“Listen & Obey” T-Shirts: Student-designed, pink with white print, logo on back...For the first time ever, this year’s Youth T-shirt is being made available to everybody, for a limited time only at a cost of \$15. **You must sign up by midnight tonight.** (Note: teens who sign up for Fall Camp by tonight will get one for free, so they do NOT need to sign up here as well.) Sign up by going to the Youth Online Calendar- see Youth section on website or info-link.

Our deepest sympathy to friends and family of Lisa Derr. Please pray for peace and comfort for Lisa’s children and family.



Young Adults

Wednesday Group-Time: Connect with others on Wednesdays, at 6:45 PM, in Room 305. See Max Kennel, Mike Yoder, or Jim Hostetter to learn more.

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.



It’s not too late to join us for Fall High Point! Kids age four through fifth grade - join us for our third week as we “travel” to Israel to learn about Obedience, **Wednesday nights, 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. (Note: a special “Testimony Night” is coming up, November 8, with Bill Morrow of FCA.)



C4 Fall Camp is very soon: So much fun jammed into a weekend away! **November 10-12**, experience life-changing worship, sessions, and connection. Register by midnight tonight to get your free T-shirt.

“Youth Permission Form 2023/2024.” Parents, please fill one of these out asap for your teen for the 2023/2024 Youth season. Available Online, in Refuge, and by the library. Required before going to camp.

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.



Last Week’s Offering: \$9,233
Last Week’s Attendance: CMF Worship: 233 (208 in person, 25 online)
Sunday school: 153