

## 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

November 23 Thanksgiving Day  
November 24 Office Closed  
November 26 Leadership Affirmation Ballots Due  
December 2 Holiday Book Fair  
December 3 First Sunday of Advent  
December 5 Men's Wing Night  
December 9 Christmas Caroling



## "Eagles"

Psalm 103:2-5

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Have the consequences of your sinful actions ever followed remarkably quickly on the sin?

What in your past did you too quickly spend valuable resources on, the value of which has since flown away?

If you're listening for God's voice after prayer, how do you determine when you hear from Him?

How much time do you have the strength to spend at a single stretch in devotional quiet?



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



November 19, 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.

**Congregational Meeting and Fellowship Meal today:** We hope you will stay after Sunday school today to join us for a fellowship meal followed by a congregational meeting.

Points of discussion at the meeting will include the 2024 budget (extra copies are on the Welcome Desk), a possible playground, and thoughts on church membership. Childcare will be provided during the meeting. See Josh Blank with any questions.

**Affirmation Ballots for 2024 leadership positions** were distributed to members last week and are due in the ballot box on the Welcome Desk or to the church office **by next Sunday, November 26**. Please pray for guidance as we seek God's direction.

**Today is Shoebox Sunday!** This morning, all filled shoeboxes are due so we can deliver them to the collection site. Thank you for your help with this very important project!

**ConNect with our kids this Christmas!** Each Christmas, we try to offer workshops led by adults and/or teens from our church to help our kids make homemade Christmas gifts for their families. If you'd like to lead a workshop, or have an idea to share, please contact Amy Goodwin this week, at 570-490-6217. It's a fun way to connect with our CMF kiddos!

**Two new winter adult Sunday school classes will be offered** beginning December 3. "Redemptive Compassion" will be led by Julie Tyson, and "Ruth: Faithfulness in Famine" will be led by Norman and Dorothy Hoy. Please sign up for the class of your choice today. Flyers with class descriptions are on the table in the lobby, by the sign-up sheets. Signing up will help us plan and order sufficient materials.

<b>Join us today for an adult Sunday school class:</b>		
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

**Men's Wing Night is coming back!** Men, join us at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, **December 5**, at the Watson Inn. For more information, please contact Nigel Fulmore-Smith at [nigel@cmfmilton.org](mailto:nigel@cmfmilton.org).

**Christmas Caroling:** We will have a church-wide Christmas Caroling session together on **December 9**, at 6:00 PM. Hats, capes, and scarves will be provided by Joy Mertz. Bundle up and bring your best singing voices and Christmas spirit! Let's share the love and joy of Jesus with our brothers and sisters who are unable to get out to celebrate the Christmas season. We will then meet back at the church, to return costumes and share a hot drink and Christmas cookies. Please sign up in the lobby so we can plan and prepare accordingly.


**Zesty Zeniors Christmas Caroling:** If you or your spouse are 55 or over, join us at 1:30 PM on **December 21**, at the church, from where we will leave to carol at two area nursing homes. After caroling, we will return to the church for hot chocolate and cookies. Please sign up in the lobby, to let us know you will be coming.

**Need Reminders?** To keep up-to-date with announcements throughout the week, connect with *Remind* by texting "@cmfremind" to 81010.

**"Thank You!"** to all who helped with our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project for Samaritan's Purse! If you'd still like to donate toward postage for the boxes we put together at Friday's Packing Party, please put it in Erv Blank's mailbox, marked "OCC Shoeboxes." Stay tuned next week to hear how many shoeboxes CMF donated!

**Winter Cancellations:** In case of inclement weather, check CMF's website or WGRC's website: [wgrc.com](http://wgrc.com), for possible cancellation.

### 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.

**Grad Reunion:** Keep an eye out for an upcoming grad get-together during December break.

**Grad Panel:** Last year's Grads are invited to sit on the "Youth Grad Panel Event," December 20. Share what you've learned about college, work, and pursuing God after High School.

**Last Week's Offering:** \$12,986  
Harvest Offering: \$2,220  
**Last Week's Attendance:** CMF Worship: 201 (187 in person, 14 online)  
Sunday school: 75

## 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. 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.



**Christmas ConNect Workshops:** This Christmas season, we hope to have workshops led by adults and/or teens from our church to help our kids make homemade gifts for their families. Keep an eye on *Remind* for more information, and please let Amy Goodwin know, at 570-490-6217, if you have any ideas!

## 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. We DO have Youth this week even though Thanksgiving is the next day.

**Note:** On November 29, there will be a Youth Leaders Planning meeting. This means there is no official youth that evening, BUT there are still opportunities for C4 to meet up. Go Online to read how this works. Ignite, you will have the night off.

**Christmas Parties, Grad Panel, and C4 Lock-In:**

Check out all the December fun by going Online.



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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