

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

December 2	Holiday Book Fair
December 3	First Sunday of Advent
December 5	Men's Wing Night
December 9	Christmas Caroling
December 24	Morning Christmas Worship Service
December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 25-26	Office Closed
January 1-2	Office Closed

"The Outcast"

Luke 17:11-19

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What disadvantages do you live with everyday? What kind of distance do they create between you and others?

Have you ever thought about how you would have reacted to Jesus had you met him in person?

Have you ever experienced a special advantage (something you would not have otherwise experienced) after giving thanks to God or even to another person?



November 26, 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.

Affirmation Ballots for 2024 leadership positions are due today. Please place in the ballot box on the Welcome Desk in the lobby. Please pray for guidance as we seek God's direction in leadership.

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

A Huge Operation Christmas Child "Thank You!" to everyone who packed their own shoeboxes, brought supplies for our Packing Party, or donated postage to mail the boxes we packed. Our church collected a total of 88 boxes, which means we will reach 88 kids around the world with the love of Jesus!

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!

Holiday Book Fair: Join us on Saturday, **December 2**, for a Holiday Book Fair at CMF from 1:00-3:00 PM. Local Christian authors will be selling books, including Nancy Magargle, Erin Geiswhite, and Becca Wierwille! We will also have refreshments, a giveaway, and more! For more information, please contact Nigel at nigel@cmfmilton.org or Becca at beccawierwille@gmail.com.

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

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.

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! Afterward, we will 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.

 **Congratulations to Keith and Emily Ayers** on the birth of their new baby, Oren Lamar Ayers, born November 7, 2023. Oren weighed in at 9 lb 1 oz, and was 20 inches long. Congratulations also to big sister and brother, Emma and Cullen!

 **Thank You:** Ron Robenolt wants to thank you for the beautiful flowers, prayers and visits while hospitalized last week. CMF is a caring 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.

Christmas Party - Grad Reunion: Catch up with all your friends and meet new ones at this year's big Christmas Break get-together held in the Refuge at CMF, on **December 21**, at 7:00 PM, until whenever.

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

New opportunity: All Young Adults are welcomed to come hang out to watch the Grad Panel and afterwards to hang out with C4 for "Late-night Youth."

Last Week's Offering: \$8,345
Last Week's Attendance: CMF Worship: 253 (223 in person, 30 online)
Sunday school: 133

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.

Next Week is Library Sunday! Kids in Preschool through second grade Sunday school 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. If you have books or videos checked out, please try to bring them next week, or they can be returned to the cart inside the Library door anytime.



 **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:

Note: This Wednesday, **November 29**, there will be a Youth Leaders' Planning Meeting. There will be no official youth that evening, BUT there are still opportunities for C4 to meet up at the Refuge. 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 for questions.

See youth event details at:
<https://newsletter.dymapps.com/featured/2142>

Parents: Not getting REMIND messages?
Text @cmfparents to the number 81010.

