

## 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.

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## Looking Ahead

November 12 Ministerium Thanksgiving Service  
November 15 Women's Ministry Evening  
November 16 Zesty Zeniors Game Day  
November 19 Congregational Meeting &  
Fellowship Meal  
November 23 Thanksgiving Day  
November 24 Office Closed  
December 3 First Sunday of Advent



## "Doves: Our All-Powerful, Vulnerable God"

Isaiah 60:8-9

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What is your experience with doves? Do you like them?  
Why?

When you hear a dove, how do you relate to the sound?  
What kind of sound is it?

How vulnerable are you to the people you love?

In light of Jesus' love and His gift of salvation, what  
must the pain of God be like in response to sin?



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



November 12, 2023



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



# Welcome

## WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

**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.

**Newcomer's Lunch Today:** If you're a new guest to CMF and want to learn more about us, please ask about our "Newcomers' Lunch." It's a great time to meet other newcomers and interact with the pastor and ministry leaders. If interested, see Nigel today!



### It's Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Time!

**Due today-** donations of toothbrushes, combs/ brushes, hair ties, crayons, markers, pencils/ sharpeners, small toys, balls, stuffed animals, soccer balls and/or pumps, etc. Please place in tub in the lobby.

**November 17- Packing Party at 6:00 PM,** in Rooms 201/202. Join us to assist kids or pack boxes on your own.

**November 19- Shoebox Sunday-** all filled shoeboxes are due so we can deliver them to the collection site.

Check out our table in the lobby or contact Amy Goodwin, at 570-490-6217, for more information. Thank you for your help with this very important project!

**Tonight, at 6:00 PM, a Thanksgiving Service,** sponsored by the Milton Ministerium, will be held at St. Andrews Methodist Church. We hope you will join us.

**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. See the flyer in your church mailbox this morning or on the table in the lobby. Please sign up for the class of your choice today. Signing up will help us plan and order sufficient materials.

### 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



**Women's Ministry Night:** Ladies, come together for an evening to focus on prayer, this 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 Zeniors Game Day:** If you or your spouse are 55 or older, join us for Game Day **this Thursday, November 16, from 1:00-4:00 PM,** in Room 201/202. Please bring a snack and games to share. Drinks will be provided. See you then!!

**Congregational Meeting and Fellowship Meal: Next Sunday, November 19,** join us for a fellowship meal after Sunday school, 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.

Points of discussion at the meeting will include the 2024 budget (distributed last week), 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 November 26.** Please pray for guidance as we seek God's direction.

**Why sign in?** Signing in on an attendance pad allows us to minister to people who come in and out of our doors and to show care and concern on a deeper level. Please take a moment to sign in this morning!

**Golden Rule Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ)** is always seeking volunteers to serve others through transportation, errands, care and concern outreach, yardwork, and office volunteers. Please consider this opportunity. Contact Love Inc at 570-742-3561 to learn how you can help.

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**Last Week's Offering:** \$10,970.50  
**Last Week's Attendance:** CMF Worship: 253 (221 in person, 32 online)  
Sunday school: 158

## 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.

**A Huge "Thank You!"** to everyone who helped with Fall High Point over the past five weeks! The kids and I are so grateful to each person involved, helping our kids draw closer to God and learn more about obedience. You are a blessing!

## 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. Attention: For those who will be around the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, we will still have Youth this night.



**C4 Fall Camp:** C4 will return from Fall Camp later today. Please pray for safety and God's ongoing work as students learn to "Listen & Obey" God.

**"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 the 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.



## 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.