

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
M-F, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

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Looking Ahead

December 21	Zesty Zenior Christmas Caroling
December 24	Morning Christmas Worship Service
December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 25-26	Office Closed
December 31	2024 Budget Ballots Due
January 1-2	Office Closed



Sermon Notes

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An electronic version of Pastor Tim's Advent devotional is available. Scan for an online version. Hard copies are on the lobby table along the wall by the bulletin board.

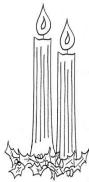


December 10, 2023



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





Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Adult Advent devotionals, written by Pastor Tim, are still available in the lobby. Please help yourself. Children are encouraged to use the *goodkind* Advent blocks they received last year. However, for an additional activity for your children, extra “old” children’s devotionals are also on the Advent table in the lobby.

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.

The Giving Tree is here! Grab a child’s tag today and help a family in need give gifts to their children. Pick a tag (or several) from the display in the lobby, read the child’s wants and needs, and buy a gift. Then, return the UNWRAPPED items in a gift bag to the tree in the lobby with the tag attached **by Sunday, December 17.** Contact Amy Goodwin for any questions or to learn more. Note—additional tags have been added since last Sunday.



Ballots for the 2024 CMF Budget are in members mailboxes today. Ballots are due no later than **December 31.** See Josh Blank or Ervin Blank with any questions. (No large outdoor play structure for children is being pursued for 2024.)

Zesty Zeniors Christmas Caroling: If you or your spouse are 55 or over, join us at the church at 1:30 PM on **December 21**, 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.

Join us at 9:15 AM, Sunday, December 24, to celebrate the birth of our Savior. There will be no Sunday school that day, to allow more time for families to visit during the Christmas holiday.

Join us today for an adult Sunday school class:

Room #	Name of Class	Teachers
Rooms 201/202	<i>Ruth: Faithfulness in Famine</i>	Norman & Dorothy Hoy
Room 203	<i>Letting Go and Letting God Lead</i>	Nancy Magargle
Room 305	<i>Redemptive Compassion</i>	Julie Tyson



Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held on Sunday, **December 24**, at 6:30 PM. Please join us for this special time of worship to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Note: Childcare will not be provided, but the nursery will be open for parents to use.



Church offices will be closed December 25-26. The office will also be closed January 1-2 for the New Year holiday. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact a CMF elder: Ken Bergey, Norman Hoy, Barry Nolt, Chris Long, or Rod Yoder; or Pastoral Care: Pamela Jablonski or Reba Yoder.

A fishing rod building class will begin in the New Year. If interested, contact Larry Seibert, at 570-850-8946, **by December 31**, so supplies and components can be ordered in time to start in early February.

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

Super Sunday School is coming! Watch for details of exciting new Sunday school classes in the New Year for adults and youth combined. Teens and adults together. Multiple generations sharing and learning God’s Word together...join the excitement!



Thank you: Charlotte Sarkany would like to thank the family of CMF for your ministry to her. Thank you for your love and for your faithful encouragement and support.

Thank you: Fred and Linda Dreese would like to say, “Thank you!” for all of your prayers, for your visits, and for those who brought food. Please continue to pray for Fred and Linda.

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, Thursday, **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.”

Children’s Ministry



Advent Blocks- We hope everyone is enjoying using their Advent Blocks to keep Jesus at the center of the Christmas season! If you’d like, email or text a picture of your kids or family using the blocks to Amy Goodwin, at amy@cmfmilton.org or 570-490-6217, so we can post it on our Children’s Ministry Board.



Children’s Check-In: Parents, please check in your kiddos (age 3 through second grade) at the table by the gym doors. 3rd through 5th grade kids 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.

Youth Ministry

“Embrace and Pursue Christ”

Ignite* (Grades 6-8) and C4* (Grades 9-12):

Wednesday Youth: Lots of unique, fun things going on this month. Check it out:

- 13th - Ignite Small Group. C4 Christmas Party. Christmas worship. Normal times.
- 20th - Ignite Christmas Party 6:00-7:15 PM. C4 Grad Panel 7:30-9:00 PM.
- 27th - C4 Lock-In (overnighter at the church). Ignite, see the note Online and get back to Jim.

Pot Pie Event: The best fundraiser ever is just around the corner! Go online to catch the latest and be ready to do great things.

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: \$11,713
Last Week’s Attendance: CMF Worship: 256 (227 in person, 29 online)
Sunday school: 144

