



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

Community Mennonite Fellowship

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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 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 25-26	Office Closed
December 31	2024 Budget Ballots Due
January 1-2	Office Closed
January 13	Men's Breakfast
January 14	Pick-Up Basketball
January 14	Hymn Sing at Milton
	Rehab
January 15	Blood Drive



Jim Hostetter "Love and Be Loved" John 3:16, 1 John 3:16

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Love is _____, unbelievably _____,
and the world chases it but, they never find their
_____ fulfilled.

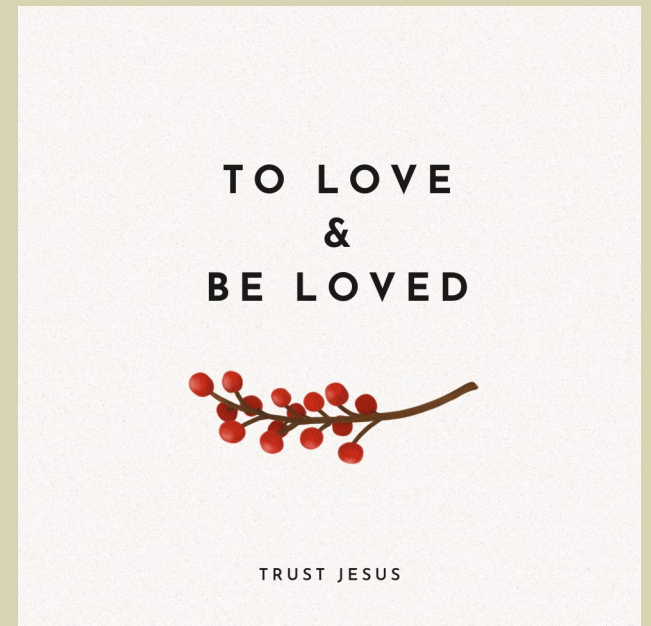
Love matures in the _____ of _____.

Forgiveness is a _____ through which _____
can be redeeming.

We should embrace _____ that embody
the true plan for redemption: it always starts by
_____.



December 24, 2023



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



Pastor Tim and Dawn wish you all the blessings of the season: peace, joy, hope, and love in Jesus. May the wonder of His coming fill your hearts and days with all the good only He can bring.

Today, there will be no Sunday school, to allow more time for families to celebrate the birth of our Savior together.

Would you like to be prayed for today? After the sermon, an Elder will be 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.

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held tonight, at 6:30 PM. 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.

Words to Live By 2024: Do you have a life verse? A favorite scripture or passage that brings encouragement, comfort, or wisdom? In 2024, we will explore these scriptures. To include your own selection, complete a purple form on a Welcome Table in the lobby and return to Pastor Tim's mailbox or follow the QR code to share.



2024 Offering envelopes were recently placed in church mailboxes. The envelopes are for your convenience to keep giving confidential and also make it easier to track tax receipts. If you received envelopes but don't want them, please return to Erv Blank's church mailbox. If you did not receive envelopes but want them, please contact Erv at finance@cmfmilton.org.

Church offices will be closed December 25-26 and January 1-2. 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.

Ballots for the 2024 CMF Budget were placed in members' mailboxes last week and are due no later than **December 31**. See Josh Blank or Ervin Blank with any questions. (An outdoor play structure for children is not being pursued for 2024.)

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

A Men's Breakfast will be held at CMF, on Saturday, January 13, at 8:00 AM. A sign-up sheet to bring food is in the lobby. To RSVP or for any questions, please email Nigel at nigel@cmfmilton.org.

Pick-Up Basketball: Join us for Pick-Up Basketball in the gym on **January 14, at 12:30 PM**. Men, and women are invited for a fun basketball afternoon.

Hymn Sing: On **January 14, at 3:00 PM**, all are invited to join the Zesty Zeniors for a Hymn Sing at Milton Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, Mahoning Street, Milton.

Super Sunday School, with intergenerational classes, is coming! From **January 21-February 25**, we will have five AMAZING classes that will help you grow spiritually, emotionally, and within the community! A separate Youth Sunday School will not happen during this session because the youth are invited and encouraged to be part of this opportunity. Please sign up in the lobby. For any questions, please call Nigel at 570-742-7315.

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

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at CMF on **Monday, January 15, from 12:30-5:30 PM**. Register to donate at www.redcrossblood.org. Food donations and volunteers to register blood donors are needed. Please sign up in the lobby.

Send Encouragement: A New Year can be exciting, full of new beginnings. It can also be full of new challenges and big decisions. This New Year, we would love to reach out and support our young people as they navigate new challenges at college or in the work field. If you have a young adult, age 18-24, and would love them to receive encouraging cards from January through May, please send their name and address to Cheryl Shaffer at cherylshaffer01@yahoo.com OR to hear how you can send encouragement, please send your contact info to Cheryl Shaffer at the email address above.

Thank You!

Thank you! "Thank you to the carolers and the fruit basket you shared with us! You are truly a blessing!" Love in Christ, Donna and Doug Bridge

Thank you for the beautiful Christmas flowers left anonymously on the office desk Sunday. The staff has all been enjoying them! ~Tammy

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. 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.

No CC BOOM today! Kids in third through fifth grade can enjoy sitting with their families today. Merry Christmas, CC Boom Gang!

To receive Children's Ministry Remind messages, text "@cmfkidmin" to 81010.

Youth Ministry

"Embrace and Pursue Christ"

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

Wednesday Youth: December 27 - C4 Lock-In (overnighter at the church).

January Events: New opportunities for January are in the works. Check it out Online and give Jim feedback about the dates, since some are currently tentative.

Pot Pie Event: The best fundraiser of the year! We will cook up big batches of this amazing soup on **February 2 and 3**. Mark your calendars! And start selling now since all orders are by pre-order only. We always sell out!

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: \$8,237

Last Week's Attendance: CMF Worship: 285 (250 in person, 35 online)
Sunday school: 153

