



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 31(Today)	2024 Budget Ballots Due
January 1-2	Office Closed
January 7	Game Day
January 13	Men's Breakfast
January 14	Pick-Up Basketball
January 14	Hymn Sing at Milton
	Rehab
January 15	Blood Drive



"The Name"

Luke 2:21

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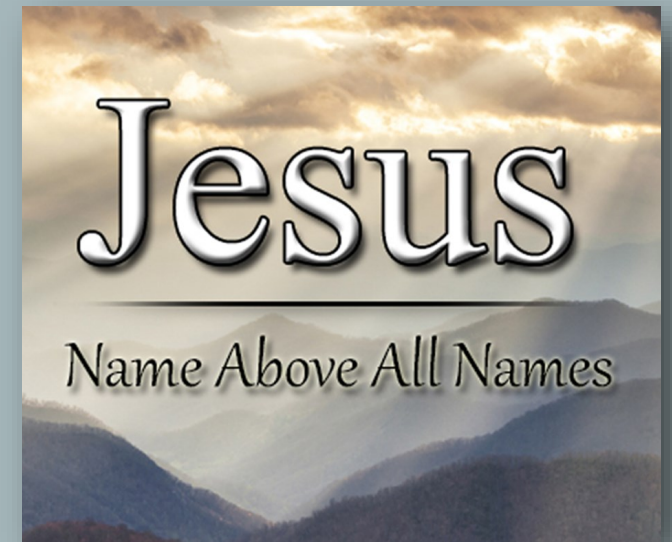
When you think of Jesus being fully God, how readily do you interchange what you know about the two identities?

How readily and faithfully do you come to Jesus to confess and receive forgiveness when you fail?

If you coined a personal name for Jesus that represents what He means in your life, what would that name be?



December 31, 2023



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



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024!



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.



Ballots for the 2024 CMF Budget are due today. See Josh Blank or Ervin Blank with any questions. (An outdoor play structure for children is not being pursued for 2024.)

Church offices will be closed 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 directors: Pamela Jablonski or Reba Yoder.

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.



Offering Envelopes **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.

The January-March issue of Shalom News is in mailboxes today. If you prefer an e-Version of the magazine, please email the office.



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

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

Church Game Day: January 7, at 1:00 PM, in the Refuge (Youth Room). Bring your own board games or play any of the those provided! Everyone is invited to come. To sign up, please email Nigel Filmore-Smith at nigel@cmfmilton.org.

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.

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.

Winter Cancellations: In case of inclement weather, check CMF's website or WGRC's website: 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.

Children's Ministry



Today is Library Sunday! Preschool-2nd grade will attend a story time during Sunday school and can choose a book and/or video. Grades 3-5 don't go to the library as a class, but are invited to visit before or after Sunday school. There are many great books and DVD's in our church library to choose from! We hope you visit soon!

Children's Check-In: Parents, please check in children age 3 through second grade at the table by the gym doors. Children and parents will receive dual-numbered bracelets to be checked when kids leave the gym. We care about your kids and want to keep them safe.

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: January 3 – Ignite and C4, it's a great start to the New Year! See you at Youth!

Ignite Laser Tag/ Trampoline Event: Mega-sized, indoor trampolines and indoor Laser Tag course. A perfect combo! Our tentative event date is **January 12.** Please look Online for up-to-date details.

C4 Dodge Ball Night: Spend the night crushing each other with soft, squishy dodgeballs...or watch others. It's a night of dodgeball fun **January 19 or 20.** Go Online for up-to-date details.

Pot Pie Event: The best fundraiser of the year! We will cook big batches of this amazing soup on **February 2 and 3.** Mark your calendars! And start selling now since all orders are by preorder only. We always sell out! You can get your order sheet from Jim at any Youth Event.

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: \$13,841

Last Week's Attendance: CMF Worship: 301 (271 in person, 30 online)