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 $3-5^{\rm th}$ 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

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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

March 6	Soup and the Word, 12:00-1:00 PM
March 7	Little Lambs Open House, 6:00-7:30 PM
March 16	Men's Breakfast at CMF, 7:00 AM
March 17	New Small Group Begins, 6:00 PM
March 22-23	Women's Retreat
March 24	Palm Sunday
March 25	Lenten Prayer Gathering, 6:00-7:30 PM
March 28	Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 PM
March 30	Easter Egg Hunt, 11:00 AM
March 31	Easter Services, 6:15 AM & 9:00 AM
M ay 12	Mother's Day & Grad Sunday
October 5-6	Marriage Event with David Musser

"The Good, Good God" Psalm 40:1-5

What kinds of things in your life have left you feeling mired down, like you were in a pit?

What does "crying out to God" look like for you?

If not actual music, what, for you, constitutes a "song of praise" to God?

Make a list of the good things God has done for you. Do as much as you can to make it complete:



March 3, 2024



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





Would you like to be prayed for today? An Elder will be available at the front of the auditorium after the sermon to anoint you with oil and pray for you. We encourage you to partake of this time of prayer.

Weekly Soup and the Word Lenten Luncheons will continue to be held Wednesdays at First Presbyterian Church, 47 Walnut Street, Milton, through March 27, from 12:00-1:00 PM. The free meals, provided by the Milton Ministerium, are followed by a short message. On March 20, CMF will provide the meal and Pastor Nigel will share the message. To volunteer to help serve and/ or clean up, see Nigel Fulmore-Smith.

A Little Lambs Preschool Open House will be held this Thursday, March 7, from 6:00-7:30 PM. Help us get the word out to family and friends who may be interested (3, 4, 5-year-old children)! Contact Judy Nolt with questions, at littlelambsmilton@gmail.com.

Men's Breakfast on March 16 at 7:00 AM in Room 201/202. Sign up in the lobby to bring suggested food items. For more information, please see Nigel Fulmore-Smith.

Find healing from your hurts, habits, and hang-ups - Join us Sunday nights, at 6:00 PM, for an 8-week small group starting March 17. To sign up or for more information, please email Nigel Fulmore-Smith at nigel@cmfmilton.org.

Zesty Zeniors, Reach Out to Help Others, on March 21, from 1:00 -3:00 PM. Help fill cloth bags with hygiene items to be distributed by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) to displaced individuals. Bring a snack to share and plan to stay and visit or play a game afterward. See Reba Yoder or Dorothy Hoy for questions. Not over age 55, but want to contribute? See Reba or Dorothy to learn how you can fill a bag for MCC.

Women's Lock-In: This year's Women's Retreat will be held at CMF, March 22-23. The free event is for every woman, age 18 and older. Join us as Lydia Blank takes us into Ephesians to learn about our identity and community in Christ. Come and go as needed—the event is designed to fit into your schedule. Please sign up in the lobby.

Join us for an Adult Sunday school class!			
Sunday School Class:	Teachers:	Room #:	
Overview of Isaiah	Josh Blank	201	
Women of the Bible Speak	Annette Hutt	203	
Nurturing Faith	Ron Mertz	305	

Pray with us during a Lenten Prayer Gathering, on March 25, the day after Palm Sunday. We will focus on Palm Sunday and enter the scriptures in prayer. This event will be held in Room 201, from 6:00-7:30 PM. For more information, contact Nigel at nigel@cmfmilton.org, or Lois Miller at jaylois@verizon.net.

Ladies, you're invited to a six-week Tuesday morning Bible study, from 9:00–11:00 AM, starting on March 26 through every Tuesday in April. Beth Moore's *Chasing Vines*, explores the ways God delights in watching things grow. The vineyard holds the secret to an abundant and meaningful life. Tracing the metaphor through scripture, we will uncover how each part of our lives, even the rockiest soil, can be used by God to make a difference for His Kingdom.

Join us for a family-friendly Maundy Thursday service on March 28, the evening before Good Friday. The event will begin at 6:30 PM, with a meal of soup and bread, followed by communion and foot-washing for all who would like to participate (kids too!).

Celebrate Easter by bringing your kids to an Easter Egg Hunt on March 30 at 11:00 AM. Children aged 3 to 5th grade are invited! If you would like to donate eggs, there will be a place to do so in the lobby. For more information, please see Amy Goodwin.

Easter Event Donations- We are in need of filled plastic eggs for our Easter Event on March 30th. Eggs can be filled with treats, stickers, small toys, etc. Please place filled eggs in the tub by the gym doors by Sunday, March 24th. If you'd like to lend a hand at the event, please contact Amy Goodwin. Thank You!

Worship with us as we celebrate Jesus resurrection, Easter Sunday, March 31: Weather permitting, an Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the Lapp Farm, 1975 Enterline Road, Watsontown, at 6:15 AM. Bring a chair and dress warmly!

~A normally scheduled service will be held at the church at 9:15 AM. Easter is a great time to invite others to worship with us, to celebrate the love of Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection. There will be no Sunday school on Easter, but there will be Children's Church for preschool through second grade. No CC Boom (3-5th grades).

Have you ever dreamed of serving Jesus in the Middle East? Here is your opportunity! Steve Jablonski will lead a medical mission team with Global Health Outreach to the Middle East, June 7 to June 16. You do not need a medical background to participate. Contact Steve, at sqipale.com, to learn more.

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.

Young Adult Retreat: Mark the date for May 17-19!

Chíldren's Ministry

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 help keep them safe.

A Big High Point Thank You! This past Wednesday night was our last Winter High Point. We are so grateful for all the kids who participated and especially for our amazing volunteers who made it all possible!

"Eggs-tra" Special Easter Event: We will have a special kids' event at 11:00 AM, on Saturday, March 30. Donations of filled eggs are needed and can be placed in the tub by the gym doors. Helpers are also needed, so f you'd like to lend a hand, please contact Amy Goodwin. Thanks!

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: March 6. It's Wednesday Youth! Bring friends.

Think SUMMER! C4 Gator Camp and Ignite Summer Camp: Registrations are open and filling. Go Online for details, descriptions, and links to register.

Baptism: You have an opportunity to join the upcoming baptism at the Yoder Pond. Ready to declare your faith in Jesus? See Jim Hostetter.

"Our Online Newsletter always has more information about events, but you can contact me with questions anytime, at 570-238-2250 or at jim@cmfmilton.org."

~Jim Hostetter, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

See youth event details at:

https://newsletter.dymapps.com/featured/2142

<u>Parents:</u> Not getting REMIND messages? Text @cmfparents to the number 81010.



Last Week's Offering: \$7,721

Last Week's Attendance: CMF Worship: 278 (248 in person, 30 online)

Sunday school hour: 125